

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers
Board of Directors Meeting 12-16-06**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am at Diamonds Restaurant (formerly Shakey's Restaurant) in Springfield, IL. Board members present included Clause Miller, Roy Morrell, Penny Hamell, Jennifer Miller, Dave Frueh and Jodie Boen. Absent board members were Chris Fleming and Bernard Swank. Guests were Katelyn Hamell and Dave Thomas.

Dave F. motioned to accept the November minutes, 2nd by Jen and motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report (Penny)

Starting balance	\$3313.30
Additions	\$ 242.00
Subtractions	\$ 484.73
Ending balance	\$3070.57

We received the \$150 check from ABGA for the Pontiac show. We are waiting on checks from Hubbard Feeds and Farm Credit Services for the Highland show.

It was discussed that future sponsors must pay in advance for their sponsorship.

Jen motioned to accept the Financial Report, Dave F. 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 10am at Diamonds Restaurant (formerly Shakey's Restaruant) in Springfield, IL. The tentative schedule is as follows:

9am	Set up registration table/nametags/etc
10am	Welcome & preview the day
10:15am	Paulette Wahnoutka of Tri-Quest Boer Goats in Missouri – Management, with Q & A
11:30 am	Brief talks and/or handouts by Matt Bunger of the Illinois Grassland Conservation Initiative; Mark Hoge of WIU about the Buck Test; Deb Stocker of 4H; Jim Craft of FFA; Barb Adams of the State Fair and Jen Miller on Drug Residues. Presentation of IMGP Jackpot Wether Winners.
Noon	Lunch – Buffet \$8 per person During lunch, members will introduce themselves.
1pm	Marvin Shurley, American Meat Goat Association – Future of the Industry
2:15pm	Chuck Hartke, Secretary, Illinois Department of Agriculture – Future of the Illinois Goat Industry
2:30pm	Thank you to sponsors – ADM; Bellflower Feeds; Hubbard Feeds; Farm Credit Services of Highland, IL; Kellerman Feed and Supply. Business Meeting: Introduce directors, Treasurer's report, Secretary's year

in review, presentation of candidates for the 3 open Director positions, election of new officers, collect surveys.

Expected costs are mileage, hotel and \$150 speaking fee for Paulette and travel/hotel for Marvin.

We will provide name tags & have membership forms available.

Jen will contact Vicky to invite the Midwest Goat Producers, will have the meeting posted on SheepNet (Dick Cobb) and will contact 4H/FFA to let members know.

Penny motioned to allow Roy to spend up to \$200 to advertise the Annual Meeting, Dave F. 2nd and motion carried unanimously.

Penny motioned to have election ballots made in advance with names of candidates listed with room for write-in candidates. To date, Beth Ellerbrock and McKinley Rodgers have submitted resumes. Roy 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Membership & Dues for 2007

Cost for publishing and mailing newsletters = \$1.86/copy @ 6 issues/year = \$11.16 per household. We have 79 members and over half receive internet newsletter. Dave F. motioned to keep the dues at \$35 per year per household, with no prorating for parts of the year, and dues payable at the beginning of the calendar year. Motion 2nd by Jodie and motion passed unanimously.

Clause will send out 2007 dues invoices with an invitation to the Annual Meeting.

A revised IMGP pamphlet will be created and include benefits of being an IMGP member. Jen volunteered her husband Andy to create the pamphlets.

Spring Fling Show

Roy has contacted sites in Western Illinois. However, many facilities require us to do set-up and take-down. With few volunteers, that is difficult to do. He will pursue other sites like Arthur, ISU and Gordyville and see what their requirements and fees are.

Production/Wether Sale

After much discussion, Penny motioned that the Production/Wether sale scheduled for March 31, 2007 be cancelled. Jodie 2nd and motion passed unanimously. The new ABGA program for production sale sponsorship of \$300 was discussed.

2007 Schedule of Events – all inclusive, not just IMGP events

Meat Goat Clinic, Henry/Stark Co. Extension	March 10
Buck Test Drop Off, Macomb, IL	March
Premier 10 Show/Sale, Richmond, IN	March 30
Dahnke's sale	April 1

Tri-State Genetics Sale, IN	April 12 & 13
Bi-State Sheep and Meat Goat Seminar	April 27
IMGP Spring Fling	April or May
Henry Co. Fair Boer Goat Show	June 22 & 23
Heart of Illinois Fair, Peoria, IL	July 13 – 21
IMGP Pontiac, IL show	July 21 & 22
Buck Test finish	July
Highland, IL show	July 28 & 29
State Fair	
DuQuoin	Labor Day weekend
Highland, IL show	September 21 & 22

Production Committee (Jen)

Mark Hoge/WIU are still interested in hosting the Buck Test. Concern was raised about having a buck sale at the conclusion of the test. Jen will contact Mark about hosting a test only and not having a sale afterwards. Jen will also contact Beth Ellerbrock about being able to FAMACHA score the goats throughout the test.

Jen will contact James Theuri (Kankakee Extension) about the previously proposed Teleconference.

Jen and Andy Miller are certified to teach FAMACHA. Possible sites include Taylorville and Mt. Vernon.

A Chicago cheese importer is planning on setting up a 1,000 – 10,000 head goat dairy in the Arthur area. Jen has been in touch with Trent Rushing of ADM to stay abreast of the situation and how the goat dairy's "by-products" of goat kids may enable IMGP to get into a slaughter goat pipeline to Chicago.

There was a Meat Goat Focus Group Phone Conference held December 11 to gather ideas for future Meat Goat Marketing Seminars put on by Extension. Over 30 families participated.

New Business

Dennis Bellville of Astoria, IL donated a 2 year old Dell printer/copier/scanner to IMGP. Jen will send a thank-you letter. (address: 109 W. Washington)

Dave F. motioned that IMGP compensate Dennis Sparks for announcing our shows \$100 per show day plus mileage and hotel expenses. Penny 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will be decided immediately after the Annual Meeting.