

Illinois Meat Goat Producers Board Meeting 2-10-07

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am at Diamond's Restaurant in Springfield, IL. Those board members present included Clause Miller, Dave Frueh, Jennifer Miller, Vicky Wetzel, Mike Taylor and Burt Walker. Absent were Roy Morrell and Chris Fleming. Also present was Penny Hamell.

Old Business

The minutes of the December board meeting were read by Jen Miller. There were no additions or corrections and the minutes were approved as read.

The Financial report was given by Penny Hamell.

Previous Balance	\$2881.78
Income	+2919.00
Expenses	- 634.52
Ending Balance	\$5166.26

Dave motioned to accept the Financial report, Vicky 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

We are still waiting on the check from Hubbard Feeds for the Highland Show. Dave has sent Hubbard Feeds an invoice. It was recommended that the incoming treasurer get a debit card for IMG P use.

James Theuri of the Kankakee U of I Extension office is still working on setting up a meat goat conference.

New Business

Election of Officers

Clause Miller submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors. With two years remaining in his term, the Board decided to fill the vacancy. Beth Ellerbrock was nominated by Dave, 2nd by Vicky and Beth accepted by telephone.

President – Jen Miller
Vice President – Jodie Boen
Secretary – Beth Ellerbrock
Treasurer – Dave Frueh

Website

Vicky will update the website and may use a new software program. She will also look into password protection for “members only” areas of the website.

Clause motioned to compensate Vicky for her website work with 10 free entries to IMG P sponsored shows. Dave 2nd and motion carried unanimously.

Merchandise

Penny agreed to continue managing the sales of IMGP merchandise. Jodie motioned to allow Penny to spend up to \$300 to build an inventory of merchandise. 2nd by Burt and motion carried unanimously.

Insurance

We will renew our \$2 million dollar policy for IMGP through Country Companies.

Spring Fling

It was decided that the IMGP Spring Fling will be held in Fairfield, IL on May 5&6, 2007. It costs \$400 to rent the facilities and we can hire FFA to clean up.

IMGP sponsored shows

This year, the three IMGP sponsored shows are Spring Fling May 5 & 6 in Fairfield, IL; the Pontiac, IL show on July 21 & 22; and the Highland, IL show on September 29 & 30. From here forward, IMGP will have the Spring Fling the first weekend in May, the Pontiac show the third weekend in July and the Highland show the last weekend in September.

Entry fees for IMGP shows

After discussion, Vicky motioned to charge \$15 per entry, per show, per day (including pen fees); and to allow a \$5 discount per IMGP membership, per show day; and to use \$1 of every entry fee to fund a student scholarship, details that will be decided later; and that this will be standard to all IMGP sponsored shows. Clause 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Scholarship suggestions recommended not limiting the award to students that show, since there are many students that manage goats, but don't show them; for example, the FFA recordkeeping award.

Show Committee

The show committee heads are Vicky, Dave and Dave Thomas. They will work on show rules and determine what ribbons (flats and rosettes) for the meat goat classes.

IMGP pamphlets

Jen will check on costs to print our new pamphlet as a tri-fold that also opens up to 22" x 17" with the names and addresses of all IMGP members listed. Vicky will work on setting up the proof. An idea for 2008 is to list a calendar of events in the pamphlet.

Cookbook

IKGA will sell us copies of their cookbook *The Epicurean Goat: A Collection of Goat Meat Recipes*, to IMGP for \$7 each, including shipping. Dave motioned to purchase 50 copies, Mike 2nd and motion carried unanimously.

Buck Test

As of February 9, there is only one entrant in the Buck Test. Jen will contact Mark Hoge to see if he can still host the Test with a small number of entrants. Also, Jen will see if we can post the test on the IKGA website or chatgroup.

Miscellaneous

- Beth will be in charge of the IMGP newsletter.
- Demonstration ideas include fitting for show and foot trimming using a grinder.
- Jen will update membership applications/renewal forms for use at shows.
- Dave offered the idea of IMGP purchasing two scales for weighing goats at IMGP shows. One could be housed in Northern Illinois and the other in Southern Illinois. There were concerns about how to protect the scales if they were stored at a fairgrounds and how to prevent the scales from being borrowed and damaged by other parties. Further discussion was tabled until more logistics could be figured out.
- Nan Walker was volunteered by Burt Walker to manage the IMGP photo album.
- Second reminders went out to members that have not yet renewed their membership.
- The Illinois State Fair will have a Land of Lincoln Boer Goat Junior Show. Nan Walker worked with the Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeder's Association to have the Boer goats accepted.
- Clause will keep the IMGP PA system until further notice.
- Teleconference phone number is 641-297-5400. Organization access # is *717626. Party access # is 13079
- It was suggested that IMGP have goat meat available at the State Fair. There was concern about food safety regulations. It may be possible to contract out a vendor to sell goat meat products. Further discussion was tabled, and will be considered for 2008.
- Beth will email minutes to all IMGP members once the Final Draft is approved.
- Please send board meeting topics to Jen prior to the next meeting. They will be compiled and a board meeting agenda will be emailed to all board members before the meeting.
- Jen will contact Andrew Larson of the U of I about setting up a field trip to Chicago processors/retailers/wholesalers to help set up a market for IMGP goats.
- A USDA certified processing plant will be built north of Mattoon this summer. This plant will also be certified to process organic and natural animals, and they plan on custom, retail and wholesale meats. Jen will contact them about how IMGP can help provide them with goats.
- Penny offered to host the next in-person board meeting in Taylorville, IL at the Extension office or a restaurant. She would like to have an informational goat meeting for the public prior to the board meeting and then any interested people could stay for the board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm. The next board meeting will be by teleconference on March 17 at 7am.