

Illinois Meat Goat Producers Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2007

The phone teleconference was called to order at 8:06pm. Directors present included Jen Miller, Vicky Wetzel, Chris Fleming, Burt Walker, Beth Ellerbrock, Jodie Boen and District Representative McKinley Rogers. Absent were Dave Freuh, Roy Morrell and Mike Taylor.

Secretary's Report (Beth)

Minutes of the April meeting were read by Beth. No additions or corrections were made and the minutes were accepted as read.

Financial Report (Dave)

There was no report due to Dave's absence. Jen received an update from Dave via email:

- No response from Hubbard, so they must pay old bill before sponsoring another show at Highland.
- Fairfield Show: Judges, fairgrounds, FFA (cleanup), ribbons, rosettes, ads and plaques are all paid; not aware of any other outstanding bills; waiting for entry fees from Vicky.
- Received new memberships that were sent to Penny by mistake.

Advertising and Promotion Committee (Burt)

- Burt talked with the ABGA about receiving points for the IMGP/WIU 2007 Buck Test. Mark will need to verify tattoos and registration papers at goat pick-up. Vicky asked if points can be given although the test is all ready under way. Goats come off test in June 16. Jen will send Mark an e-mail about checking the tattoos, etc to make it ABGA (must have ABGA papers if older than 3 months). Jen will e-mail all participants to let them know.
- Paperwork was sent off to ABGA regarding the funding for the Farm Progress Show. Burt states that he will be available for 3 days at the Farm Progress show. Jen will do Tuesday and Thursday. All livestock and set-up must be done by Monday August 27 at 7pm and cannot be removed until after the show. IMGP will also give a 30 minute talk/Q&A session once a day, each day of the show. Chris motioned to table discussion of the entry fee until the next meeting, Jodie seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Website (Vicky)

- Vicky will upload the new site at the end of June when our current plan runs out. She will link to the WIU Buck Test site.
- Jen recommended adding more links for our reference page – members can email Vicky recommended links
- Calendar of events: please send info to Vicky and Beth for inclusion on the website and in the newsletter.

Newsletter (Beth)

- Beth had a computer crash, all of the newsletter was lost. The newsletter will be restored with the help of Nan Walker. Will add the Fairfield show results.
- Jen brought up the compensation for Beth for doing the newsletter. Beth declined due to increased help.

Show Committee (Vicky)

- Fairfield Show: 21 farms, three non-IMGP members. Made \$769.20

Income		Expenses	
Entry fees	2017.00	Awards (blades)	493.00
Showmaster sponsor	500.00	Carter	619.96
ABGA	450.00	Carwell	552.84
		Grounds	150.00
		Dennis Sparks	175.00
		FFA cleanup	100.00
		More cleanup	100.00

*three years of ribbons were purchased for \$1300

- Dave Thomas called Vicky after the phone conference regarding the Pontiac Show - everything is now changed. There is \$1500 from sponsors, \$1250 of sponsorship money will be split between Grand and Reserve in Open Wether Show- \$1000/\$250. Friday night will be supper & Junior activities. Saturday will be an ABGA show, Junior ABGA show, followed by open jackpot wether show. Sunday - ABGA show only. It was discussed that the Pontiac show cannot lose money. Judges coming from TX, 3 nights of hotel, tickets over \$500 a piece. Vicky wants to know if we have filed for a not for profit... Dave has the info on the number. Since Pontiac is in its 5th year, we get \$0 from ABGA. Talked about premiums: commercial gets only ribbons, Chris wanted to know if does are included in the wether show. They decided it will be wethers only. Burt brought up the fact there may not be enough pens.... could it be a show and go? Chris says that he thinks that there would be enough wethers to make up the prize money; concern would be for the pens. Jodie states that she does not believe that they will lose money. Chris would like to have the money spread out among 5 places. Chris will call and discuss this with Dave Thomas. Burt said there were 89 market goats at Cambridge last year. Dave has an ad on boergoats.com. Beth brought up having all IMG P shows run somewhat the same. Vicky will talk to Dave regarding the prize money. looking for a consensus for the money. Chris motioned to use \$1250 of Sponsor money for jackpot wether show, seconded by Burt & motion carried unanimously.
- We will have guidelines for 2008 IMG P sponsored shows.
- in March meeting Dave F was to get 5-6 judges names to Board for selection/approval for Highland show
- Sandwich Fair will be calling McKinley regarding 2008 fair
- Jodie-- State Fair printer Midwest Goat Producers gave \$250. Jodie motioned for IMG P to fund the \$400 needed. Vicky questioned whether the scale is in the Junior livestock barn or the one we used last year and whether the scale is fixed or mobile. Jodie thinks it is mobile. Vicky seconds. No further discussion. Motion

carried unanimously. Vicky will send check to Dave Freuh for the Midwest Goat Producers portion.

- McKinley-- no call back from Ag Mag at this time. There is a Farm Bureau Extension meeting in late May regarding this.

Production (Jen)

- Fall seminar - hosting an AI clinic. Options: Superior Semen Works, Rosethyme Farms from New York, Dr. Shipley at the U of I. Beth states Superior Semen Works is very basic. Jackie Edwards also does AI classes. Jen will contact her for more info.
- June 2nd meat goat marketing seminar in Lexington, IL by U of I Extension
- Jen planning on sending an e-mail to all regarding the 2008 Buck Test -- May 31-Aug 29th. Birthdates: Jan 9 to March 9th. We will be sending an e-mail regarding what is a buck test. Auction vs pen sale after the '08 test was discussed. Possibly have a seminar in with this. Chris stated that Mark would like to have this really take off so he will support it in any way. It was decided that a pen sale would be best.

New Business

Burt- 1) regarding production - located a market in Cambridge, IL and will keep us updated on it 2) scholarship fund - \$1 per entry of IMGP shows to go to the fund.

Jodie- Would like us to find a livestock lawyer willing to work with IMGP members. Vicky states that state laws vary from place to place. Jen will email members for any recommendations.

Burt-- noticed for Land of Lincoln entry forms for State Fair that they are listed under Jr. dairy goats.

Next meeting: informal meeting at the Pontiac show

Meeting adjourned at 10:07pm

Addendum: Quorum Vote for April Meeting

It was noted after the April meeting that a Quorum was not met for the three motions. The motions were sent to all Board members and voted upon via email after the April meeting. All three motions were passed unchanged.

Addendum: Emergency Board Meeting

June 3, 2007 Phone Teleconference called to order at 8pm. Members present included Jen Miller, Jodie Boen, Dave Freuh, Mike Taylor, Chris Fleming, Vicky Wetzel and Burt Walker. Absent was Roy Morrell.

Topic 1: Farm Progress Show

Farm Progress needs official confirmation of our seminar by June 8. Dave states that we have \$2103.04 in our account with an additional \$2000 expected from the Fairfield show. Dave motioned to spend \$650 for 2, 10' x 10' pens at the Decatur Farm Progress Show, August 28 – 30, 2007 and to have a 30 minute seminar on each of the 3 show days. Burt 2nd, and motion carried unanimously. Dave will send check to Jen, who will mail it to Farm Progress with entry paperwork.

Topic 2: Vacant Board position because of Beth Ellerbrock's resignation due to health reasons. The Board went into executive session for discussion. Motion 1: Dave motioned to have the vacant position elected at the Annual Meeting in January 2008 and to have Burt serve out the remainder of 2007 as Secretary. Jodie 2nd and motion passed unanimously. Motion 2: Chris nominated Nan to continue with the IMGP newsletter for the remainder of 2007. Mike 2nd and motion passed unanimously.