

**Annual Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers**  
**Golden Corral, Springfield, IL**  
**January 21, 2012**

Vice-President Chad Showalter called the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Meat Goat Producers to order at 10:36 am. Board members present included Chad Showalter, Deric Wetherell, Jay Hofer, Joe Argo and Mike Taylor. Absent were Joe Schmidt, Scott Blakeley and Eric Murphy. There were 34 people present at the meeting.

**Secretaries Report**

Deric Wetherell read the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes as read by Clause Miller and 2nded by Cathy LeRoy. The motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Deric Wetherell gave the treasurer's report and a breakdown of 2011 finances was made available. Lori Meyer moved to accept the treasurer's report and was 2nded by Pete Alagna. The motion carried unanimously.

**2011 Year in Review (read by Deric Wetherell)**

- Coni Ross (Blanco, TX) gave a presentation at the annual meeting
- 47 pieces of canned food was collected for a local food pantry
- January – sponsored goat/sheep seminar in Kankakee
- July – 2 ABGA shows held in Princeton with pen sales offered and a goat barbeque meal prepared by Chad Showalter
- August – 2nd Annual IMGP Scholarship awarded to Kaleb Medema
- September – 2 ABGA shows held in Springfield with pen sales offered.
- IMGP website including calendar of events, free classifieds for members and the current member directory
- Quarterly newsletters were published and mailed to members that included the current member directory and helpful information

**Presentation on WIU Buck Test**

Paul Miller gave a presentation on the buck test held at Western Illinois University along with updates for the coming year. There were also questions and discussion around the topic. Jay moved that all top performing bucks entered in the test be sold in the sale. Mike Taylor 2nded. Motion passed.

**Awards (presented by Deric Wetherell)**

- 2 jackets were given to Star E Ranch for the Champion IMGP Exhibitor and Breeder Award
- 2 jackets were given to Runway Boer Goats for the Reserve Champion IMGP Exhibitor and Breeder Award
- 2 jackets were given to Blakeley's Bountiful Boers for the Top Indexing Buck at the 2011 WIU Buck Test
- Jodie Boen was given a plaque for the Pioneer Award for being a founding a member of the organization

### **Old Business**

January 28<sup>th</sup>, Goat & Sheep Workshop to be held at Kankakee Community College.

Scholarship applications are available for the 3rd Annual IMGP scholarship. Must be postmarked by May 1.

Participation in pen sales is encouraged. It is not only for show animals. Some people may be looking for commercial does to use as recipis.

### **New Business**

- Schuyler County Fair show will be Saturday June 30th
- All goat sale to be held in Kewanee on March 31st
- 46 pieces of canned food was collected for a local food pantry
- \$125 was raised for the scholarship fund with the raffle of slightly used items

### **Election of Directors**

Nominations were taken from the floor for Wade Anderson, Joe Argo, Jodie Boen, Lori Meyer, Deric Wetherell, Nan Walker and Bernard Ausmus. Motion was made and 2nded to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3 yr terms ending in 2015 – Wade Anderson, Jodie Boen and Deric Wetherell

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

During lunch, the new BOD elected officers. President Chad Showalter, Vice President Deric Wetherell, Secretary Wade Anderson, Treasurer Joe Schmidt. The first item of business the new board voted on and approved was to add a Jr member with voting privileges to the board. This person will be appointed by the board and they will serve a one year term. The board appointed Bernard Ausmus as the new Jr member to the board.

Following lunch, guest speaker Beth Walker from Aldrich, MO spoke to the group.