

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers
Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2010**

The February board of directors meeting was held at the Brickhouse Restaurant in Peoria, IL. The meeting was called to order at 11:23 AM. All board members were present for the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Deric read the secretary's report from the January meeting. Greg moved to accept the minutes and was 2nd by Lesa. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Lesa reported that she made dues payments for ABGA affiliate, Land of Lincoln and AMGA. She made a deposit from membership of \$245 and \$2200 from the old account. Ending Balance as of 2/21 is \$3091.40. Motion was made by Deric and 2nd by Greg to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Discussion

Charlotte Gates-Richards joined the group briefly to relay info she had accumulated for the USBGA fun show. The Woodford County 4-H grounds in Eureka would cost \$150 for the event. \$350 would be charged extra if the 4-H grounds deemed it necessary for cleanup. There are 198 pens with 62 of those on concrete. Manure removal would cost \$75 per truckload. The board voted to go forward with a USBGA show, wether jackpot, seminar, judging contest, and a pen sale for May 1st.

Mike mentioned there would be an All Breed Goat Sale in Kewanee on March 27 starting at noon. Deric will post details on the web.

The board reviewed, discussed and made changes to the by-laws, which had not been updated since 2004. Chad moved to accept changes to the by-laws as revised by the IMG board. They will be posted on the web for 1 month and voted on for changes to take place at the April meeting. Mike 2nd. Passed unanimously.

The group then discussed marketing information and how we will go about gathering data to post on the web and in the newsletter. Becky will do more checking into it and gather and compose info to be posted.

The board then discussed and voted on judges for the September show. Deric reported that from the emails he had sent Mark Berry, Larry Epting, Ewing Downing, Julie Brown and David Carter replied that they were available and could judge on Sept. 11. Lesa moved to invite Mark Berry and Julie Brown to be our judges for the 2 shows. Greg 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the Illinois Born and Bred Points program. It was discussed to change class points to 5-1 for 1st – 5th and leave division and overall as it stands. Owner and breeder must be displayed on registration papers in order to receive points. Deric will work on revised rules document and board will further discuss and vote on during March meeting.

Greg did some checking on getting shirts and hats made. There would be a \$20 setup fee and \$4 shirt fee and \$2.50 to print each shirt. More questions came up and Greg will further investigate and report back at the March meeting.

The final topic of the day was to review the 2010 idea list. The entire list was gone through and months for each topic to be discussed were noted.

The next meeting will be held via teleconference on March 21st at 6 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM

2010 Ideas for IMGP

Jr. Membership Fee
Beatrice books and lesson plans
Jr Star ideas
SAE
Jr Only Classes
Regular Sale
Board members make personal contacts
Goat swap meet
Farm tours
Sponsor Dave Thomas' AI seminar
Visit farmer's market with Ann
T-shirts and hats
Meat goat collection
Market section on web and in newsletter
Breeders guide with informational tidbits such as drug withdrawal times
Business Card Collection
Cookbook
Marketing, education and show pages on website
Meat prices
Articles for newsletter such as body condition score and what types of animals people are
looking for
By-Laws
New Member thank you's
Revisit Illinois Points Program
Halal – research
Levasole, cydectin purchasing
Fecal workshop
Marketing – find best prices
More help with shows
Marketing seminar
Education seminar