

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2008**

Board members present: Beth Ellerbrock, Donny Montgomery, Drew Earles, Jen Miller, Jodie Boen, Jay Hofer, Vicky Wetzel, Mike Taylor, Burt Walker. District Representative McKinley Rogers called in after the elections. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm as a phone teleconference.

Officers elected:

Jen Miller nominated Burt Walker for President

Vote - all for, none opposed

Beth Ellerbrock nominated Jodi Boen for V.P.

Vote - all for, none opposed

Jen nominated herself for Secretary

Vote: all for, none opposed

Vicky nominated herself for treasurer

Vote: all for, none opposed

At the conclusion of today's meeting, the presidency will be turned over to Burt.

Committees formed:

Website: Beth Ellerbrock and Drew Earles

Advertising and Promotions: Burt Walker, Drew Earles

Show: Vicky Wetzel, Jay Hofer, Beth Ellerbrock, Drew Earles

Newsletter: Nan Walker

Youth & Education: Jen Miller

Production: Jen Miller, Jodi Boen, Mike Taylor

Ethics: Donnie Montgomery

Discussion followed regarding show rules and show class listings. The discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the IMGP junior wether program. Discussion was tabled until next meeting, at which the show committee will bring their recommendations.

Discussion was held regarding Illinois bred and owned program. Vicky Wetzel presented, via e-mail, an updated IMGP Bred and Owned program description. Motion to approve IMGP Bred and Owned program by Beth. Motion seconded by Jodie. Motion carried.

Burt Walker opened discussion regarding lowering entry fees. The discussion was tabled. The show committee will discuss lowering the fees or keeping the same and report at the next meeting with their recommendations.

Burt Walker opened discussion on compensation for the website and newsletter. Motion by Burt to compensate website designers, Beth Ellerbrock and Drew Earles. Each will receive five free entries to IMG P shows in 2008. Nan should receive 10 free entries to compensate for work on the website. Motion seconded by Jodie. Motion carried.

Jen Miller updated the board on the 2008 Western Illinois University / IMG P Buck Test. The entry fees will be approximately \$100.

The Northern Illinois Farm Show in DeKalb, Illinois was discussed.

The Illinois State FFA convention or National convention was discussed, and it was suggested IMG P have a booth. The state FFA convention is held the second week of June in Springfield, Illinois. It was suggested that we ask for volunteers to man an IMG P display booth at the state FFA convention in the newsletter.

Discussion was brought to the table regarding renewing IMG P's membership in the American Meat Goat Association. Vicky Wetzel motioned to renew membership as a breeder member. Beth Ellerbrock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jen Miller received the renewal notice for the IMG P insurance. Jen will forward the packet to Burt & he will arrange payment to Country Companies from Dave F./Vicky (past & current treasurers).

A reminder from Jen that all Board Members should download copies of the minutes from the website or contact Jen so she can mail them.

Jen Miller opened discussion regarding a Membership Bucks program similar to one published in the Iowa Meat Goat Producer's Association newsletter. Beth motioned to create the Membership Bucks Program, where a member earns \$5 per new IMG P paid member. The recruiting member must sign the new members application in order to receive the "Membership Bucks." The membership bucks are redeemable for merchandise, show entries and annual dues. Motion seconded by Donnie Montgomery. Motion carried.

The Scholarship fund has \$654 (\$176 – Fairfield, \$354 – Pontiac, \$124 – Highland). Vicky will email Jen with some ideas on how to disburse the money.

Black Hawk College/University of Illinois Extension (Jeff West) is putting together a spring meat goat program. They may approach IMG P for sponsorship.

Mark and Shannon Adams, IMG P members, are willing to do embroidering for IMG P and its members. They have put together a pricelist for embroidering (included at the end of the minutes).

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7pm via teleconference. The BOD will meet in person on Sunday April 20th in Springfield, IL at Diamond's Restaurant.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm with a motion by Beth and seconded by Mike.

Addendum:

Judges for the Fairfield Show: Email voting by the BOD:

Saturday will be Coni Ross; Sunday will be Beth Walker (5 Votes)

Kay Garrett received 2 votes and Sherri Stephens received 2 votes

Beth decided to let Drew do the website and turned her five free entries over to Drew.

Proposed IMGP 2008 Classlist

Percentage Does:

Class 1 - 0 to 3 months

Class 2 - 3 to 6 months

Class 3 - 6 to 9 months

Class 4 - 9 to 12 months

Class 5 - Junior Division Champion

Class 6 - Junior Division Reserve Champion

IL Junior Division Champion/Reserve

Class 7 - 12 to 16 months

Class 8 - 16 to 20 months

Class 9 - 20 to 24 months

Class 10 - Yearling Division Champion

Class 11 - Yearling Division Reserve

Champion

IL Yearling Division Champion/Reserve

Class 12 - 24 to 36 months

Class 13 - 36 months plus

Class 14 - Senior Division Champion

Class 15 - Senior Division Reserve Champion

IL Senior Division Champion/Reserve

Class 16 - Grand Champion

Class 17 - Reserve Grand Champion

IL Overall Grand/Reserve Champion

Fullblood/Purebred Does:

Class 18 - 0 to 3 months

Class 19 - 3 to 6 months

Class 20 - 6 to 9 months

Class 21 - 9 to 12 months

Class 22 - Junior Division Champion

Class 23 - Junior Division Reserve Champion

IL Junior Division Champion/Reserve

Class 24 - 12 to 16 months

Class 25 - 16 to 20 months

Class 26 - 20 to 24 months

Class 27 - Yearling Division Champion

Class 28 - Yearling Division Reserve

Champion

IL Yearling Division Champion/Reserve

Class 29 - 24 to 36 months

Class 30 - 36 months plus

Class 31 - Senior Division Champion

Class 32 - Senior Division Reserve Champion

IL Senior Division Champion/Reserve

Class 33 - Grand Champion

Class 34 - Reserve Grand Champion

IL Overall Grand/Reserve Champion

Fullblood Bucks:

Class 35 - 0 to 3 months

Class 36 - 3 to 6 months

Class 37 - 6 to 9 months

Class 38 - 9 to 12 months

Class 39 - Junior Division Champion

Class 40 - Junior Division Reserve Champion

IL Junior Division Champion/Reserve

Class 41 - 12 to 16 months

Class 42 - 16 to 20 months

Class 43 - 20 to 24 months

Class 44 - Yearling Division Champion

Class 45 - Yearling Division Reserve

Champion

IL Yearling Division Champion/Reserve

Class 46 - 24 to 36 months

Class 47 - 36 months plus

Class 48 - Senior Division Champion

Class 49 - Senior Division Reserve Champion
IL Senior Division Champion/Reserve
Class 50 - Grand Champion
Class 51 - Reserve Grand Champion
IL Overall Grand/Reserve Champion

Proposed IMGP Junior Goat Point Program

The IMGP Junior Goat Point Program shows are open to any junior Illinois exhibitor from five years to nineteen years (as of January 1 of the current year) exhibiting any Illinois bred goat. The Point Series shows coincide with IMGP open shows. A junior exhibitor must show his/her own goat(s) unless exhibiting more than one goat in a single class. If exhibiting more than one goat in a single class, then another exhibitor may show that goat. This also includes championship classes.

For the breeding classes, goats must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name. Copies of the registration certificate for these entries must accompany your entry form.

Wethers must be owned and in the care of the exhibitor by 1 May 08.

Each of the point shows have class points based on class placing along with a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and division champions.

The exhibitor or their parents/guardians must be a member of IMGP to participate in the IMGP Junior Goat Point Program. Membership must be paid before entries will be permitted.

Points will be awarded in both the wether classes and breeding classes in the junior show.

Points

Breeding Class points will be awarded based on placing in the junior show. Division Champions will be selected from the two highest placing IL bred goats in each class of the junior show. IL bred division champions will be selected after each junior show division champion drive. Overall champion will be selected from the IL bred division champions. Both Division champions/reserve and overall champions/reserve will receive rosettes.

Grand Champion Overall: 25 Reserve Grand Champion Overall: 15
Division Champion: 10 Reserve Division Champion: 5
Class Points: if 10 goats in class (1st place-10 points, 2nd place-9 points, etc)

Wether Class points will be awarded based on placing in the junior show. Overall IL bred champion will be selected from the two highest placing IL bred goats in each class of the junior show. Overall champion/reserve will receive rosettes.

Grand Champion Overall: 25 Reserve Grand Champion Overall: 15
Class Points: if 10 goats in class (1st place-10 points, 2nd place-9 points, etc)

The points will be tracked during the junior show and will be posted on the IMGP website.

The goal of the Points Program is to award the top individuals Junior IMGP exhibitors throughout the course of one year based on the total number of points accumulated during that year.

Prizes are awarded to the top five exhibitors at the annual meeting that scored the highest in each area (Breeding Classes & Wether Classes). The Junior IMGP Premier Exhibitor and Reserve Premier Exhibitor will receive belt buckles. Prizes through fifth are also awarded.

For more information about the IMGP Junior Point Program, please contact an IMGP board member.

Proposed 2008 IMGP Illinois Bred and Owned Point Program

The IMGP Illinois Bred and Owned Point Program shows are open to any Illinois exhibitor exhibiting any Illinois bred goat. The Point Series shows coincide with IMGP open shows. The exhibitor must show his/her own goat(s) unless exhibiting more than one goat in a single class. If exhibiting more than one goat in a single class, then another exhibitor may show that goat. This also includes championship classes.

All goats must be registered in the exhibitor's name. A copy of the registration certificate for these entries must accompany your entry form. Once you've sent a copy in for a goat, you do not have to send another copy for subsequent IMGP shows.

Each of the point shows have class points based on class placing along with a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and division champions.

The exhibitor must be a member of IMGP to participate in the IMGP Point Program. Membership must be paid before entries will be permitted.

There is no additional entry fee for these classes, only IMGP membership is required.

Points

Points will be awarded based on placing in the open show. Division Champions will be selected from the two highest placing IL bred goats in each class of the open show. IL bred division champions will be selected after each open show division champion drive. Overall champion will be selected from the IL bred division champions. Both Division champions/reserve and overall champions/reserve will receive rosettes.

Grand Champion Overall: 25 Reserve Grand Champion Overall: 15

Division Champion: 10 Reserve Division Champion: 5

Class Points: if 10 goats in class (1st place-10 points, 2nd place-9 points, etc)

The points will be tracked during the show for both the exhibitor and breeder. Results will be posted on the IMGP website.

The goal of the Points Program is to award the top IL exhibitors and IL breeders throughout the

course of the year based on the total number of points accumulated during that year.

Prizes are awarded to the IMGP Premier Exhibitor and Reserve Premier Exhibitor and the IMGP Premier Breeder and Reserve Premier Breeder at the annual meeting.

For more information about the IMGP Illinois Bred and Owned Point Program, please contact an IMGP board member. C

Proposed 2008 IMGP Show Rules

GENERAL

1. All animals must have ORIGINAL (no copies) current health papers (IL farms – within 90 days, out of state – within 30 days). Papers WILL be checked at registration. Failure to present current health papers at check-in will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees.

2. Any animal which presents with an abscess (regardless of whether it is open or not) or appears ill, will not be allowed to be shown and will not be allowed in the barn/pen area.

3. All registered animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor/farm or the exhibitor must possess a letter stating they are acting as an agent for the owner.

4. Only animals under 3 months of age will be allowed to show on “application to register.” No exceptions!

5. Exhibitors are expected to behave in a showman/show-woman like manner and comply with the show rules. Any exhibitor who fails to act in a professional and ethical manner, breaks show rules, or behaves in an unshowmanship like manner will be asked to leave the show grounds, forfeit all entry fees and monies won, and may be barred from future IMGP shows at the discretion of the IMGP Board of Directors.

6. Any issues on show day will be evaluated by all members of the IMGP Board of Directors that are present at the show site. Their decision will be final.

7. Proper show attire will be worn by all exhibitors.

8. All animals will be shown in their natural state, clipping and fitting is allowed.

9. No withholding of feed/water, drenching, ice packs or otherwise inhumane treatment will be tolerated.

JUNIOR WETHER SHOW

1. All exhibitors must be 19 years old or under as of 1 Jan 2008.

2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor no later than 1 May 2008.

3. Wethers will be weighed and divided into appropriate weight classes. Classes will be broken by weight at the discretion of the show superintendent. Class winners will compete for overall market wether champion.

4. All wethers must have a scrapie tag in their ears that matches their health papers. No tagging after arrival at show grounds.

5. Cash awards will be made for champion/reserve champion and the first three placings in each class (at a minimum). 100% payback of entry fees guaranteed.

JUNIOR BREEDING SHOW

1. All exhibitors must be 19 years old or under as of 1 Jan 2008.

2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor no later than 1 May 2008.

3. All animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor only and have correct tattoos.

Hickory Lick Handicrafts is a new venture begun by IMGP members, Mark & Shannon Adams of Hickory Lick Goat Farm near Loami. They are offering logo embroidery services for the IMGP association and its members with an eye toward boosting awareness of the meat goat industry.

A software engineer turned homemaker, goat rancher, and homeschool mom, Shannon has a self-described addiction to anything fiber-related. When her sewing machine broke right before Christmas, the couple decided to invest in an embroidering sewing machine - a decision which spawned their new business adventure. Mark works full-time as an electrical engineer when not caring for their small Boer goat flock. Their 6 year-old daughter Grace does her own machine embroidering and loves to cross stitch by hand.

As IMGP members, Hickory Lick is waiving the embroidery setup fee for IMGP and its members who would like to have items embroidered with the IMGP logo. It is \$7.00 per item for stitching the IMGP logo. Articles to be embroidered can be ordered through Hickory Lick, or already purchased articles may be sent to Hickory Lick. If customization to the IMGP logo is desired - the addition of a member's farm name, for example - contact Hickory Lick to discuss the customization process.

Hickory Lick Handicrafts custom designs logos, producing new artwork or combining existing artwork into new designs. Alternatively, embroidery designs can be made from already existing logos. The time and materials required for customizations will depend upon the complexity of the design, the availability of artwork, the article to be embroidered, and the size of the design. Simply contact Mark and Shannon for a free design consultation. Custom embroidery designs, without the IMGP logo, are \$50.00 for setup. After the design is finalized, stitching the design is \$7.00 per item.

To consult with Mark and Shannon about your embroidery ideas and options, or to learn more about our services, call 217-414-5681 or send an email to hlh@hickorylick.com. Hickory Lick is found on the web at www.hickorylick.com.

Description of Services

Item A: Basic IMGP Logo Design

Item B: Customized Text in addition to IMGP Logo in same font used in IMGP Logo

Item C: Other Customizations in addition to the IMGP Logo, including additional fonts

Item D: Customized embroidery, IMGP Logo not included

Fee Schedule

Item A:	
Setup Fee (non-exclusive rights to font)	Free (or advertising of embroidery services or farm in newsletter)
Per item embroidery of design	7.00
Item B:	
Setup Fee (non-exclusive rights to font)	5.00
Per item embroidery of design	7.00
Item C:	
* Logo Design Fee for customization, starts at	25.00
* Setup Fee, starts at	25.00
* Per item embroidery of design, starts at	7.00
Item D:	
* Logo Design Fee, starts at	50.00
* Setup Fee, starts at	50.00
* Per item embroidery of design, starts at	7.00

* An estimate will be provided for customizations beyond adding a farm name to the IMGP Logo or for non-IMGP Logo designs based on the complexity of the design, availability of artwork, selection of font, and other variables.

- Articles to be embroidered will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Shipping and handling charges are extra and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

- Design must be approved and payment made before embroidery will be started, after which only errors in workmanship will be guaranteed.