

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

Jen Miller called the phone teleconference meeting to order at 8:50am. Directors present included Jen Miller, Jodie Boen, Burt Walker, Mike Taylor, Dave Frueh, Vicky Wetzel and District Representative McKinley Rogers. Absent were Beth Ellerbrock, Chris Fleming and Roy Morrell.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the February board meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections were made. Dave motioned to accept the minutes as read, Vicky 2nd and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Dave gave the financial report.

Previous balance	\$4535.00
Less	198.00 to Country Companies for insurance 153.98 to Clause Miller for Marvin Shurley's hotel & newsletter costs
Plus	110.00 in dues 203.00 in cookbook sales and dues taken in at the Kewanee seminar
Ending Balance	\$4496.03

- Dave has continued to speak with regional managers of Hubbard Feeds to get us our sponsor check for the 2006 Highland show.
- Dave will see if we can change the Country Companies policy to have IMGP listed, rather than an individual on the policy. Currently, it is in Clause Miller's name.
- The bank will not issue a debit card to a not for profit organization.
- Jen will contact Clause for our Tax ID information and forward that to Dave
- Cookbook sales accounting: board members that take cookbooks to sell will sign and be issued a receipt for the number of books they are taking. Individuals that purchase a book need to be issued a receipt and a copy of the receipt and the money should be sent to Dave. Any unsold cookbooks need to be returned to Jen within 30 days so they can be redistributed to other board members.

To clarify committees, a board member (s) will chair the committee, but the general IMGP membership is able to participate on committees. It is the job of the Chair to report back to the Board of Directors on committee recommendations and progress.

Advertising and Promotion (Burt and Mike)

- Burt Walker and Mike Taylor volunteered to co-chair the A & P committee.
- Dave motioned to allow the A & P committee to spend \$500 for A & P on upcoming events. Jodie 2nd and motion carried unanimously.

- New IMGP pamphlets are being created by Vicky for promotional purposes - see Newsletter below.

Newsletter (Beth)

No report due to Beth's absence. The Board had some recommendations:

- Place a notice in the newsletter that we are creating a new IMGP pamphlet that will include member name/address/phone/email/website info. Members must contact Vicky with any corrections. Otherwise, we are not responsible for incorrect information.
- The newsletter needs to include a membership form. Jen will email everyone with a proof of a suitable membership form.
- Committee updates: Committee Chairs will submit a committee update at least twice a year to keep membership current.
- Committee chairs will be listed in the newsletter
- With USBGA permission, reprint page 29 of the handbook (ethics story)
- Q & A page – need to look into our liability regarding answers that we give. Questions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Website (Vicky)

- Committee chairs will be listed on the website
- The members list and events page have been updated
- We can password protect certain areas of our site. However, after discussion, it was decided that we did not need any password protection at this time.
- Several general members had ideas about website advertising & calendar of events page. After discussion, it was decided that the IMGP Calendar of Events page would list for free all goat related events (i.e.: shows, sales, Extension events, etc). It will be a short format of event, date, location, and contact information. We expect reciprocity for our events with other clubs & organizations, and will delete their listing if this is not done. IMGP Members are entitled to a free classified ad on the website (A classifieds page will be created). The ad must be for specific items, for instance “three percentage does for sale” and not a general farm ad that states you sell goats. Members must submit the ad via email to Vicky before the 30th of the month, the ad cannot be changed once posted, and the ad will be removed after 30 days. This should minimize the work Vicky needs to do to maintain the website. Anyone is able to submit a paid ad to be posted on the website.

Show Committee (Vicky, Dave & Beth)

- Fairfield Show: two day show, Showmaster Feeds is sponsoring and we should be receiving a \$500 sponsorship up-front. Also, they are going to help with flyers. Ribbons have been received. Midwest Goat Producers are volunteering to help at the show. Judges are Mr. Carter and Mr. Carwell.
- Pontiac Show: two day show, there will be a Junior ABGA show, plus other events (picnic) to promote camaraderie among showers. Judges are Mr. Ferris and Mr. Coles.

- Vicky has created new entry forms and clarified rules. Classlists will include Fullblood and Percentage classes for registered Boer goats, Meat Goat classes for unregistered Boer goats and all other meat goat breeds/crossbreeds, and Youth Market classes for does and wethers. The following are the proposed rules:

2007 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 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/showwoman 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 and may be barred from future IMGP shows at the discretion of the IMGP Board of Directors.
6. All exhibitors will wear proper show attire.

YOUTH MARKET DOE/WETHER SHOW

1. All exhibitors must be under the age of 19 on the date of the show.
2. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor no later than 1 May 2007.
3. Market does may show only in the market doe class, no cross entries allowed.
4. Market does and wethers will be weighed and divided into appropriate weight classes. Classes will be broken at the discretion of the show superintendent.
5. Cash awards will be made for champion/reserve champion and the first three placings in each class (at a minimum).
6. Market animals will be shown in their natural state, clipping and fitting is allowed. No withholding of feed/water, drenching, ice packs or otherwise inhumane treatment will be tolerated.

MEAT DOE CLASS

1. These classes are for unregistered Boer goats and all goats of other breeds regardless of registration status.
2. Anyone found to be entering registered Boer goats in these classes will be barred from future IMGP shows.

Board recommendations for the above rules were to 1) add that if a shower is dismissed from a class or the show, that all entry fees are forfeited; 2) add that in the event of a conflict, the decision of the present Board Members is binding.

- Choosing judges for IMGP sponsored shows: At least four judges need to be submitted to the IMGP BOD for selection approval.
- Burt stated that Nan Walker is working on having the wether class get approved for the Land of Lincoln show at the State Fair.
- The Jackpot Wether program will have its online forms updated. Records from last year will be destroyed.

Youth/Education (Jodie, with help from McKinley)

- Jodie proposed offering workshops for young showers in all Illinois counties. Since no single person could manage that task, Jodie will send an email to Bill Million (4H) and FFA regarding our workshop proposal to be forwarded on to all individual leaders.
- McKinley Rogers was given permission to research creating an Ag Mag through the Farm Bureau.

Production (Jen)

- Buck Test: The 2007 Test will start this week. Currently, there are 8 goats on test. There is interest in a second test for 2007; however, consensus is that we need to see how the facilities and goats perform in this test before we plan for another test. Also, consensus felt that it was better to plan for a 2008 test and sale far in advance for adequate advertising and timing of breeding seasons, and allow bucks, does and wethers to compete (wethers would not have to go through the sale ring).
- Marketing Field Trip: After some research, it is believed that an IMGP sponsored trip is not feasible. First, the tour guide charges \$25-35 per person. Second, the tour is usually for small groups in the tour guides car. We would need to have several cars follow each other in Chicago or hire a larger vehicle. Last, large group in a small store doesn't work that well – the one-on-one time with the store owner is lost and many people would not hear the tour guide. If there are a few people that would be interested in a private, out-of-pocket tour, please contact Jen. If any progress is made in a private tour, it will be reported back to the Board.
- Cookbooks: Twelve cookbooks were sold at the Kewanee Meat Goat Seminar. The Flemings have ten cookbooks to sell at their upcoming sale. If you would like to sell a few cookbooks at an upcoming event, please contact Jen. As stated previously, you will be required to sign the receipt with the number of books you are taking. Proceeds and receipts of purchasers must be sent to Dave. The seller must pay for lost books. Books not sold at the event need to be returned to Jen within 30 days.
- Kankakee Meat Goat Conference: James Theuri of U of I Extension, Kankakee is contacting Richard Browning of TSU to speak in the morning. The afternoon will be diseases of the goat and FAMACHA training. Dave motioned to spend \$200

to sponsor the event. Jodie 2nd, and motion carried unanimously. Jen will contact James regarding an IMGP display, pamphlets and selling cookbooks.

- FAMACHA training: Jen wanted the BOD to be aware that she and her husband Andy will be giving FAMACHA training classes. These classes are unrelated to IMGP activities, but if hosts allow, we will bring IMGP pamphlets and cookbooks to sell. Scheduled sessions are Taylorville April 26, Kankakee June 2 and Mt. Vernon June 23.

Old Business

- Kinko's charges \$0.32 per page for black and white 11"x17" double-sided photocopying. There is no charge for paper if I use their self-serve machines. Folding costs extra. I could fold them at home. Once we have a final pamphlet proof, we will decide on copying. – Jen
- Membership applications: I will send out proofs of an updated application that could be put up on the web as well as used at shows & other functions. – Jen
- Montgomery Benefit (via email last month): Chris motioned to post the Montgomery Benefit information on the web, in the newsletter and via email. Jodie 2nd, and motion carried.

New Business

- Burt & Nan approached the Board about renting the IMGP sound system for an upcoming show. Dave motioned that he may borrow the sound system in lieu of a donation to IMGP, and that if any damage occurs to the sound system, that the borrowers would pay for repairs. Motion 2nd by Mike and passed unanimously. Burt will contact Clause who is in possession of the sound system.
- Garrick Batten of Goats NZ solicited us for importing his company's goat meat. No action was taken on this matter.
- Jen will email Illinois members of other goat organizations to help promote IMGP and possibly gain new members
- A spring private treaty sale and educational event are under consideration for 2008.
- Conflicts of interest: A few members have expressed concern about conflicts of interest with Vicky Wetzel (also a Board Member of Midwest Goat Producers) and Burt Walker (Nan is a Board Member of Midwest Boer Goat Breeders Club). Both Vicky and Burt assured the Board that they want to work together with IMGP to better the Illinois goat industry. The Board of Directors should be contacted if any conflicts arise.

Reminders

Contact all Directors with new member/change of address information so we can update our own email lists. Also, Vicky and Beth need this information to keep the website up to date and the newsletter sent to the correct place.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 27th at 8pm via phone conference.