

IMGP Board Meeting
July 15, 2008

Board Members Present: Burt Walker, Jay Hofer, Donnie Montgomery, Vicky Wetzel, Beth Ellerbrock, Mike Taylor, Drew Earles, Jodie Boen

Absent: Jen Miller

Phone Meeting Called to order at 807pm

No changes for the June minutes. Jay moved to accept the minutes as read, Jodie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial report from Vicky Wetzel: New checks should be in next week. The only changes in the treasurer's report were ribbons sent to Rushville show and Peoria show. The current balance in the checking account is around \$4500.00

Show Committee: Vicky Wetzel discussed the Highland show, scheduled for September 2008. She has e-mailed close to 30 judges for this show and received only 3 judges that were available for those dates. Jeff Thomas from Indiana is available and charges \$300/day + expenses (Vicky estimates \$300 for fuel and hotel for a total of \$600), Brian Faris is also available, and charges \$400 + expenses (will be flying up +hotel). Bronc Fleming is also available and charges \$500 + expenses (estimated to be another \$500). Vicky has some concerns about fuel and feed costs keeping breeders from showing. It was brought up that the Congerville sale was the same date and may keep some exhibitors away from the show. She is also concerned about the high cost of the Highland grounds (\$1000/day), and the fact that the Highland show lost money last year. She also states that she needs help with the show and requested help from the board. Her possible solutions were to cancel the fall show, or possibly change the show from Highland, IL to Fairfield, IL as the Fairfield grounds are \$1600 less for the weekend. As the show has not been sanctioned by the ABGA yet we are free to change the venue. Donnie said that his wife Shelly will help Vicky during the show, Jodie and Beth stated they will help with checking in classes and handing out ribbons. Donnie moved to have the fall show at Fairfield, Jodie seconded and the motion was carried. Donnie moved to hire Jeff Thomas and Brian Faris for the Fall Fairfield show, Drew seconded and motion was carried.

Youth Committee: Burt Walker. Burt discussed the 4H Can Make a Difference program. The doe donated by Star E Ranch for raffle at the Henry County Fair brought in \$100 for the program. (Winner was Steve Louderback of Camp Point, IL) We need to encourage exhibitors at the Illinois State Fair to bring canned goods for the program, Burt has talked to the 4H leaders of the program and they will pick up the donations in the Junior livestock barn.

Burt also stated that the IMGP has been slated to be interviewed for the RFD Report at the State Fair to discuss goats and the 4H program and how

the IMG P is helping it. Burt asked for volunteers to donate a wether for the State Fair meat auction (benefitting the 4H Can Make a Difference Program), Donnie Montgomery stated that he and his family would donate one (Valley View Family Farms), Jodie Boen stated that she and Ang Ryan (Sweet Victory Farms) would also donate a wether for the program. Beth moved that IMG P would cover the costs for processing these wethers and Donnie seconded it. Motion was carried. It was brought up that perhaps the meat lockers would be willing to donate the processing fee to help the 4H program, Donnie and Jodie will check with processors in their areas to see if this is a possibility.

Vicky has been working with Dennis Beckmeyer who is the superintendant of the IL State Fair goat show. The open Boer Goat show will be held in the Junior Livestock building. She will be meeting with Dennis again on July 19, 2008. The preliminary plan at this time is to have volunteers (Beth Ellerbrock and Greg Thompson) check in the goats as they arrive on Thursday, August 7, 2008. Pens will be assigned. They are attempting to separate the goats and the hogs in the pen assignments. Vicky said that there is a volunteer to announce the show who has experience announcing cattle and sheep shows. Vicky suggested that IMG P match the donation by Midwest Goat Producers for the announcer. Vicky stated that the classes will be as stated in the State Fair book for the junior show, and will follow ABGA sanctioned rules for the open show. They are also working on the parking passes to be able to park closer to the junior barn instead of the goat barn.

Ethics Committee: Donnie Montgomery. Donnie will be helping to write a newsletter article about health papers and showing. Health papers need to be checked prior to unloading your goats. There have been instances of ring worm and CL knots in the show ring. Health papers must be in hand when you arrive at the shows, having a vet come after you have unloaded the animals into pens is not acceptable. Donnie will contact Jen Miller to help with the newsletter article as she is a veterinarian.

Production Committee: No report at this time.

Next Meeting is scheduled on August 8, 2008 at the Illinois State Fair. Vicky moved to adjourn, Donnie second. Motion carried.