

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers
Board of Directors Meeting
September 16, 2008**

The teleconference was called to order at 8:03pm. Those present included Burt Walker, Jodie Boen, Jen Miller, Vicky Wetzel, Mike Taylor, Jay Hofer, Beth Ellerbrock and Donnie Montgomery. Absent was Drew Earles. Guest was Paul Miller.

Secretary

Jen reviewed the minutes from the July meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Jen motioned to accept the minutes, Jay 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. There was no meeting in August.

Financial

Prior balance \$3860

Current balance \$2460.80

We received one bad check from a previous show. In the past, Vicky cashed all checks after the shows. Now, she will cash them immediately. People that have had prior bad checks will be required to pay by cash, or a check that can be cashed well in advance of the show to make sure that it is cleared before the show.

Jen motioned to accept the financial report, Beth 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Show Committee

As of 2 weeks ago, there were 33 entries for the fall show in Fairfield.

It is a close race between the top three farms for the breeder/exhibitor awards (Lazy Raven, Rockin' C and Star E).

Ethics Committee

No report.

Production Committee

The 2008 Buck Test concluded on August 29 with the sale and seminars on Saturday, August 30. A productive lunchtime session among consignors came up with 1) dates for a 2009 test 2) ideas to improve on the test protocols and 3) consignors that are interested in participating on the 2009 Buck Test Committee. A list of ideas and recommendations from members and consignors will be reviewed by the 2009 Buck Test Committee and forwarded on to Mark Hoge of WIU for his approval. Dates for the 2009 test are as follows: Bucks must be born between February 20 and April 20, 2009. Arrival to the Test Station July 11 (Saturday). Test starts July 17 (Friday). 21 day weigh point August 7; 42 day weigh point August 28; 63 day weigh point September 18. Test concludes October 9. There will be a sale/seminar following the test conclusion, TBA.

Jodie found an article in Boer Goat Magazine that would be useful to run with the final test results in the next newsletter because it helps to explain/interpret central performance station test results.

Old Business

Donnie and Jodie have not heard back about the State Fair auction. If their goats have not been claimed by now, Burt thinks its safe to sell them.

New Business

Annual meeting: Saturday, January 17, 2009 10am Diamond's Restaurant, Springfield, IL. Tentative schedule: welcome, board nominees speak, Q & A session among members, lunch/raffle, year in review, elections.

Drew has been slow to get information up on the website. Beth volunteered to help Drew. Idea: place to submit questions to the BOD on the website.

Jen will email members regarding 1) running for the Board (Bios submitted before November 15 can be included in the next newsletter), 2) submitting questions for the annual meeting Q&A and 3) asking for members to participate in the 2009 Buck Test committee/offer suggestions to the committee.

Upcoming BOD meetings:

October 12 (Sunday) in person at Diamond's restaurant in Springfield, IL at 10am

November 11(Tuesday) 7pm phone teleconference

December 16 (Tuesday) 7pm phone teleconference

Motion to adjourn at 9:52pm by Jen, 2nd by Donnie, motion carried unanimously.