

**Illinois Meat Goat Producers  
Board of Directors Meeting July 7, 2007**

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 8pm. Those present included Jen Miller, Jodie Boen, Dave Freuh, Burt Walker, Mike Taylor, Vicky Wetzel. Those absent were Chris Fleming and Roy Morrell.

**Old Business**

The scale for the State Fairgrounds has been paid for by IMGP and Midwest Goat Producers.

**Financial Report (Dave)**

As of May 31, 2007, our account held \$1463.

As of June 30, 2007, our account held \$2724.

We will be adding \$2707 from the Fairfield show, \$10 for a cookbook.

We are waiting on \$450 from ABGA and will owe \$650 for Pontiac show judges.

For the Highland show, Hubbard has promised \$1000 (\$500 from last year and \$500 for this year). Hubbard will sponsor one day and Showmaster will sponsor one day. A block of rooms is reserved at Michael's Swiss Inn. The Highland Chamber of Commerce is supporting the show with coupons.

**Show Committee**

Dave Thomas needs to have money or checks available to pay bills and give awards. Dave F. will talk to Dave T. about the situation.

Vicky submitted a list of judges for the Highland show. Available are Kelly Burch, Terry Burks, Lynn Farmer, Bronc Fleming, Chip Kemp, Beth Walker and Doug Widener. Unavailable were Pit Kemmer, Troy Veal, Jamie Mitchell, Larry Duncan and Coni Ross. No responses from Becky Sauder, John Edwards and Jackie Edwards. The various judges were discussed. Board members will vote for three judges. The top two will be selected for the show. Votes will be emailed to Jen Miller and tallied. (Results will be at the end of the minutes).

Dates for our 2008 shows will be Fairfield May 3 & 4, Pontiac July 19 & 20, and Highland September 27 & 28. Guidelines for IMGP sponsored shows will be created so all shows are run the same way, making it easier for showers and show-holders. Also, IMGP is willing to work with members that want to create and host an IMGP sponsored show. IMGP would like to see a sponsored show further north.

Clarification was needed regarding the Illinois Bred, Owned and Exhibited class. This class is created by selecting the top two Illinois bred, owned and exhibited goats from each class. Awards are for Overall Grand and Reserve. After discussion, Dave motioned

that the IMG P Illinois Bred, Owned and Exhibited class be limited to IMG P members that bred, own and are exhibiting their own goat. Exceptions are those physically unable to show due to illness, injury or age, with the owner present at the show; family members showing the goat; or an exhibitor with multiple goats in the class that require additional handlers. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There was rumor that the Land of Lincoln Boer goat class was not happening at the State Fair. Burt will contact State Fair regarding the situation.

### **Farm Progress Show**

Discussion about what, if any, IMG P merchandise we should have for sale at the Farm Progress Show. According to Penny Hamill (in charge of merchandise), it costs us \$8 per hat or short-sleeved T-shirt. In the past, we have sold those for \$15 each. Motion by Vicky to have 40 hats made for the Farm Progress show, have them available to sell for \$15 each, as well as raffle off 1-3 hats per seminar, depending on attendance at the seminars. Burt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Motion by Vicky to have IMG P pamphlets and membership lists printed in order to distribute at the Farm Progress Show. Burt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried unanimously.

### **Miscellaneous**

Vicky requested all members submit their free classified ad for the newsletter & website.

A reminder that the Calendar of Events page is free of charge (limited to a brief description of the event and date/location/contact info.)

Our web service will be changing this month. Our new website is [www.il.meatgoat.org](http://www.il.meatgoat.org). We will be keeping [imgp.us](http://imgp.us) and adding a link from the old address to the new address. Also, our new service allows us up to 100 additional email addresses. We will offer these addresses to our members. This will allow members without internet access at home to go to the library and use email.

It was recommended that we draft an attendance requirement for Board of Director meetings and add that to the bylaws.

We need to make sure that members without internet access receive their newsletters and other updates from IMG P. Nan sent out 18 hard-copy newsletters to members without internet access. Please let Nan know if she missed someone.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

### **Highland Judge voting results:**

Saturday – Beth Walker

Sunday – Lynn Farmer

Results were sent to Vicky so she can confirm with the chosen judges.