

Midwest Goat Producers Board of Director's meeting was called to order by President Ron Williamson on February 6, 2009. Members present: David Griswold, Randy Hancock, Larry Knoblett, Steve Landreth, Kurt Mowrer, Mark Wells, and Vicky Wetzel

Treasurer's reported balance: \$5,427.89

Secretary's report was read by Tanya Wells in the absence of secretary, Alice Marriott.

Vicky Wetzel reported on the Midwest Goat Producers collaboration with American Meat Goat Association, Western Illinois University and Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, and Illinois Meat Goat Producers buck test to be held at WIU, Macomb, IL. The 84 day buck test will be conducted on a Sure Fire System. The data collected from the research will test feed efficiency, rate of gain data, and various other data test. The test ends 10/24/09 with seminars and private treaty sales encouraged. The cost is \$100 per buck. Each association is allotted 11 places with unfilled spots allocated on a first come first serve basis. The bucks submitted for the test must be born between 2/18/09 – 4/18/09.

A motion was made by Kurt Mowrer to donate \$25 to the Advisory Council for the Buck Test to be used for advertising or seminar costs. Dave Griswold seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion of the details of the Spring Fling at Mt. Carmel, April 11th and Terre Haute, April 25th was held. Rates of \$2 per head, \$15 per pen rent with \$10 refunded upon clean up pens were agreed upon for both pen sales. Bucks and rams may be sold if less than 1 year of age. Simple workshops will be conducted. Tanya will put out a news release to Goat Rancher.

President, Williamson read an email from James Brown who expresses an interest in a way to participate in the board meetings. Conference calls options were discussed. Tanya reported on www.conferencecalls.com, a prepaid 800# conference call service that would cost about \$50 for a 2 hour call. No action taken.

Marketing options were discussed. Ron is in contact with a packer near Dekalb. Allen BarksDale from United Producers Livestock Association reported to Mark Wells that UPLA is interested in having a pick up at least once a month possibly at their Fairfield location. Randy Hancock reported speaking with a buyer from Wisconsin, couldn't remember name. No action taken.

Randy and Vicky reported members from Missouri are expressing interest in forming a district. No action taken.

A motion was made by Kurt Mowrer, 2nd by Mark Wells to become an affiliate of the American Meat Goat Association. This group focuses on legislation for the goat industry. Motion carried. Vicky will submit the paper work. Various board members will investigate other associations that would be a benefit to become affiliated with.

Jr Point System – Vicky presented ideas for a point system that would include the kids of any members at any show throughout the area. Kurt motioned and Mark 2nd that Steve Terrell and Vicky work together to come up with a final plan to present to the board for approval.

Mark motioned and Kurt 2nd that the Midwest Goat Producers collaborate with the IMGp on producing a Goat Cookbook. Each group will split the profits on the sale of these books. Webmaster, Wells, will coordinate it with IMGp secretary, Deric Wetherell.

Mark motioned and 2nd by Kurt for the following District clarifications:

- 1) District Advisor – must be a board member.
- 2) District Recorder – to take notes to be sent to secretary and the webmaster.
- 3) Each district must have 4 meetings per year.
- 4) A \$500 per year budget is allocated this first year for refreshments, facility rent, and speaker expense.
- 5) Meeting notes and expenses must be submitted within two weeks for posting & reimbursement.

Next Board meeting scheduled for February 27th will try to set up conference call.

Meeting adjourned.