

MWGP Minutes
01-16-09

The Midwest Goat Producers directors held a meeting on January 16, 2009 at Ty's Restaurant in Olney at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present were Kurt Mowrer, Ron Williamson, Larry Knoblett, David Griswold, Alice Marriott, Mark Wells, Dean Dart, Randy Hancock, Steve Terrell, Steve Landreth, and Webmaster, Tanya Wells

The meeting was opened by President, Ron Williamson.

Secretary, Alice Marriott, gave the minutes. Kurt Mowrer moved to accept them as read and David Griswold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Tanya Wells, in the absence of Treasurer, Vicky Wetzel. She reported a balance of \$5,087.86 in the bank.

Old Business

Alice reported the Extension office in Mt. Carmel had contacted her about a date for the Spring Fling. The only two dates they had available were April 4 and April 11. Alice reported she had sent the information to the directors and those that responded felt the 11 th would be the best, as we have a collection planned for April 4, in Albion. Motion was approved.

There was an inquiry into the information board provided by ABGA, and since Vicky was unavailable, we have no further information on the project.

Alice asked if the Board was ready to have a letter drafted to send out to the membership about dues, scheduling of events, etc. The board approved to have a letter sent to the membership, stating we are working on the districts; and state where the scheduled events will take place.

It was reported that Jim Brown is willing to accept the position of director, and that he is interested in starting up a district in the Indianapolis area. Mark Wells made a motion to accept Jim as a director, motion was seconded by David Griswold, motion carried.

Ron stated he is still having some e-mail problems so we will continue to try the emails and will follow up with telephone, until his problems are solved.

Randy Hancock brought up about the point system for showing that was passed out at the last meeting. The topic died for lack of discussion, as Steve Terrell stated he had not pursued it as there didn't appear to be enough interest or input.

Ron read the information on a flyer for the meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Mattoon on January 24, 2009. This information will be posted on the website, as well. They are requiring an RSVP.

New Business

There was some discussion about the death of livestock buyer, Ed Craig, earlier in the week. Ron directed Alice to send a sympathy card to the family from the MWGP.

There was some discussion about how to get the MWGP organization out to the public. Mark Wells, suggested that we should establish a PR committee to get information on the organization out to newspapers, publications, radio and t.v.

President asked for volunteers on the committee, and Mark Wells, Randy Hancock and David Griswold agreed to head this up.

It was then brought to the board's attention about the possibility of having a second location for a Spring Fling, either at the Jasper Co. Fairgrounds in Newton, or the Vigo Co. Fair grounds in Terre Haute, IN.

Randy had been in contact with the Newton facility and Steve Terrell had talked with the people at Vigo County about the use of their facilities. He reported the cost would be \$150 for the barn and \$200 for the restrooms and (refundable) \$200 for cleanup.

Steve is looking into whether or not the pens are included. He will contact them to find out further information. Also, the Fairgrounds has a vendor under contract for concessions, and if he doesn't want to do the concessions, then we would be able to do something else.

. After some discussion, Mark Wells made a motion for Steve to continue to work with Vigo Co. Fairgrounds for a rate of no more than \$350, as a site for a second Spring Fling. The date available would be April 25, 2009. Randy Hancock seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee of Vicky, Randy

and Steve T are to formulate a program for the Spring Fling, and it was suggested to keep it simple.

Randy brought up giving a plaque at the county fairs where directors are located, after some discussion about how it would be difficult to have someone represented at each fair, the matter was left on the table.

Ron Williamson asked about the annual meeting as to who we might get as a speaker, he said he could find someone and would try to get someone who would talk about guard animals or alternative feeds.

The next directors' meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2009 either at Ty's at 7:00 p.m. or as a teleconference.

Mark Wells made a motion to adjourn.