

Board Minutes – MWGP

The Board of Directors of MWGP met at 6:00 p.m. at the Olney Extension office on February 12, 2011.

Directors present were Dean Dart, Vicky Wetzel, Kurt Mowrer, Mark Wells, John Harrington, Steve Terrell, Alice Marriott and David Griswold.

Members present were Joyce Harrington and Kay Griswold.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Alice Marriott. Kurt Mowrer made a motion to approve, Vicky Wetzel seconded. Motion carried.

Vicky reported she is receiving 1 or 2 membership renewals a week, and that she would send the treasurer's report to Alice to attach to the minutes.

New Business

Kurt Mowrer gave a report on the ethnic holiday dates for 2011. After some discussion, the Board set dates for the collections as follows: April 16, June 18, August 20, and December 10. We may set another date for October, later in the year. Kurt is going to contact the active bidders to see if it is feasible to have a collection for young stock only, and get back with the board.

Mark stated he would like to see a newsletter published and sent out quarterly to the membership. David Griswold suggested that each of the directors write an article for the newsletter and send it to Vicky. She could choose which issue to print it in. That way we are providing the members with something they can see.

We can include a survey to the members, as well as list the collection dates, and all other pertinent dates of events we have scheduled. The goal is to have a newsletter sent out March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. Articles for the next newsletter need to be to Vicky by February 26.

Discussion then turned to the Spring Flings. District 1 will have one at Sullivan, Indiana on April 30 and District 2 has set their's for April 2 at Mt. Carmel. More details will be provided soon.

Mark says there is some interest in forming some other districts. One in the Effingham area and another in the St. Louis area. He is going to contact a couple of people to see how to progress. It was discussed, that as we add areas, the board feels there should be a board member involved in each area, and the possibility the by-laws may need to be rewritten.

John Harrington gave a report on what he found out about getting calendars printed. He was quoted a price of \$3/600 minimum.

Barb Medler had looked into another place and the minimum was 100 at 6.95/ea. David Griswold suggested they check with yearbox.com for pricing. The committee is going to continue to research this.

Vicky stated the website company we use has changed software to Microsoft Web Expression Net Firm servicing, and would like to see us purchase an update. Steve asked about checking out a free service, so they are going to look into what will work with our current website.

The Fall Expo is set for September 17, 2011 at Fairfield and we need to come up with some potential speakers and topics for the event.

Steve Terrell has a contact who would like to work with the organization to develop a goat feed. He is from the St. Louis area, and delivers feed over into this part of Illinois. The board is interested in hearing his presentation.

David Griswold told us of a couple, John and Debbie Russell, who have offered to do the concessions for our goat events, if we don't have an alternative.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2011 at the extension office in Olney at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.