

The MWGP Board of Directors held their meeting on January 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Richland Co. Extension office in Olney, IL.

Those present were Larry Knoblett, Ron Williamson, Dean Klaus, Mark Wells, Dean Dart, Steve Terrell, Randy Hancock, Ralph Beabout, Kurt Mowrer, Alice Marriott and David Griswold.

Also present were webmaster Tanya Wells, and members Kay Griswold, Terri Knoblett, and Marlene Terrell.

President, Kurt Mowrer opened the meeting by introducing the two new members, Dean Klaus and Ralph Beabout.

Secretary, Alice Marriott then read the minutes of the last meeting. Mark Wells made a motion to approve said minutes and Ron Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Vicky Wetzel, there was no treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Kurt directed the Board to review the current committees. After discussion the following committees were approved. With a chairman of each committee also selected later in the meeting. The committees for 2010 are as follows.

Ethics Committee – Kurt Mowrer, Mark Wells, Vicky Wetzel, Ron Williamson, and Dean Klaus as Chairman.

Fall Pen Sale – Steve Terrell, Vicky Wetzel, and Mark Wells as Chairman

Marketing Committee – Kurt Mowrer, Dean Dart and Randy Hancock as Chairman

Public Relations Committee – Mark Wells, Ralph Beabout, Dean Klaus and David Griswold as Chairman

Spring Fling Committee – Randy Hancock, Vicky Wetzel, Dean Dart, and Steve Terrell as Chairman

It was reported that the Board of Information to use at booths in county fairs, pen sales, etc. had been purchased and was at Vicky Wetzel's and has not been assembled yet.

Steve Terrell then passed out information on the Points Program for Jr. Showmanship. Steve reported that he and Vicky had not met to work out how this might work for our area. Steve answered some questions from the directors, and Kurt suggested that Steve and Vicky get together and present a plan for the board.

President Mowrer stressed to the directors that he was expecting committees to have a report at each meeting, and he was going to rely on committees to research and organize the events and projects this year.

Mark Wells made a motion, seconded by Dean Dart to drop the idea of providing a plaque at the county fairs where directors are represented. Motion carried.

It was reported that we as an organization are an affiliate of the American Meat Goat Association, but we need to check with Vicky to see if our dues have been renewed.

Tanya reported that the IMPG has not yet produced a cookbook, and we are still collecting recipes.

New Business:

After some discussion about dates for collections in 2010, Ralph Beabout made a motion to schedule two dates at this time. March 20, 2010 and July 31, 2010. Steve Terrell seconded the motion and motion carried. It was decided to schedule more collections later in the year, and we will have them posted on the website.

The Board then discussed when, where, or if we should have a Spring Fling this year. After much discussion, Kurt recommended the committee research it, and give us a report at the next meeting.

The Board then discussed the possible conference tentatively set for March 26-27 in Indianapolis. It is called the Profitable Meat Goat Conference and the cost is \$125/person. We have been invited to either have a tri-fold display for no charge, or a 8-10' table for \$25 to do a display of our organization. This is turned over to the PR committee for further study.

Kurt then reported that he had been in contact with people at SE Missouri who were doing a tele-marketing of goats. He learned that they have quit doing the tele-marketing for various reasons – checks were being held by the banks, so producers were not being paid in a timely manner, animals were being pooled, and producers weren't being paid for their specific animals, etc.

It was reported that Kinsman packing is still closed, but Mike Taylor is buying goats. He is in desperate need of 65# animals at this time.

Area 1 has a meeting scheduled for February 26, 2010 at Oblong Community Bldg at 7:00 p.m.

Area 2 is to be announced.

David Griswold asked if we wanted to put dates of our events in the Goat Rancher. There is no charge. Randy made a motion, seconded by Mark Wells to take out a

Business Card size ad in the Goat Rancher for a cost of \$160. This will get the website information out to more people.

It was reported that SIU lost their grant for buck test performance at Carbondale. David asked if the MWGP would want to help out individual producers who want to participate in Illinois Buck Test. No motion was made, and it was tabled.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the extension office in Olney.

Mark Wells made a motion to adjourn.