

The directors of the Midwest Goat Producers conducted their April 8, 2009, meeting, via a tele-conference which began at 8:00 p.m.

Those directors participating were Kurt Mowrer, Mark Wells, Alice Marriott, Ron Williamson, Randy Hancock, Dean Dart, Steve Terrell, Steve Landreth, and Vickie Wetzel.

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Williamson.

A motion was made by Vickie that we go into executive session to discuss member issues. Mark Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Upon completion of the executive session, Vickie made a motion to return to regular session, and Alice seconded. Motion carried.

The following motions were then presented to the board members present.

Kurt Mowrer made a motion that we put a disclaimer on the two pages of the website concerning the sales of animals at the gatherings. The disclaimer will be worded to the effect the seller not satisfied with the grading or price has the option to take their animals back home. Vickie seconded motion. Motion carried.

Steve Terrell made a motion, seconded by Mark Wells, to remove Roy Feldhake from the marketing committee. Vicky will draft a letter and send it to the board members for approval, and then it will be signed by Ron and sent to Roy. Motion carried.

Vicky made a motion, Alice seconded that the board send a letter of apology to both Doug Bunting of the Albion Stockyards and to Phil and Andrew Hoehner, the buyers, for the events that occurred on April 4, 2009. Motion carried.

Kurt made a motion to form an ethics committee to create an ethics code for the general membership and to review our by-laws. This committee will meet and do this review and create the code, prior to the annual meeting, so the committee recommendations can be voted on at the annual meeting. Vicky seconded the motion. Motion carried. Volunteering for the committee are Ron Williamson, Kurt Mowrer, Vicky Wetzel, and Mark Wells.

Discussion of the board members then turned to the possibility of getting a line of credit so the buyer at collections would write one check, and the MWGP could write checks to sellers.

It was discussed that we needed to find out if our not for profit status would be jeopardized as well as our insurance status.

Kurt stated a poll was taken at the collection on the 4th, and only one person would not have wanted to wait on their payment.

Information should be brought to the next meeting from the state and federal agencies to see what our responsibilities would be if we accepted a check from the buyer, and we in turn paid our member sellers.

Randy stated that Phil Lehman of United Producers would like to bid on our collections, but he can't write a check on the day of the sale; he has to send the transactions to the main office, and they issue the checks, so the buyer would not receive payment on the day of the collection. He would like to meet with the Board members at our next meeting on May 29th in Olney at the Extension Office at 7:00 p.m.

Dean Dart made a motion to adjourn, Vickie Wetzel seconded it.