

The directors of Midwest Goat Producers met on July 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Olney. Those present were Kurt Mowrer, Alice Marriott, Mark Wells, Vicky Wetzel, Steve Terrell, and Randy Hancock. Also present were webmaster Tanya Wells, and Marlene Terrell and Barbara Mowrer.

The meeting was called to order by vice-president, Randy Hancock, in the absence of the president, Ron Williamson.

Minutes were read by Alice Marriott. Vicky made a motion to approve the minutes, Kurt Mowrer seconded motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The directors discussed the collection of June 6 held at Albion. It was reported the buyer, Mike Taylor, was satisfied with the collection. He was disappointed on the # of sheep, however, his price was not as high as other markets, so the sheep didn't come to the collection.

Kurt Mowrer went over an email he had sent to Ron Kirkpatrick, of United Producers, going over the fine points that were presented to the group concerning the telemarketing option. He has requested more information from United Producers as to a history of their prices, so we can compare them to the prices we have received from the goat gatherings at Albion. He is still waiting to hear back from him.

The next collection is scheduled for September 12, 2009 at the Albion Stockyards from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

Our attention then turned to the Fall Pen Sale set for September 19, 2009 at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds.

Mark announced he has been in contact with Tess Caudle, and Vickie has been in contact with Theresa Steckler for the program that day.

It was suggested that the Cardwell person might be better suited for our annual meeting.

Other ideas for the program in September included artificial insemination, demo and some of us doing another discussion on selection of animals; and how to handle them (breaking to lead).

It was also suggested we contact Scott Wallace, and MWGP member who has a concession stand, and have him to do the concession this year.

Plans for the Fall Pen Sale include giving away goat kids to 4-H age youth who fill out an application and complete an interview on the day of the Pen Sale. The application will be on the website and available the day of the Pen Sale. Producers will provide animals to the top five winners.

Also discussed was putting together a booklet of what to look for when making selections for your herd. Maybe with diagrams. Members can have an advertisement placed in the booklet, and this will help to defray the costs.

It was agreed to continue to have the pen fees as they were in the Spring with pens being \$15 each with a refund of \$10 if the pens are cleaned up before you leave. Also, a charge of \$2 per animal for the sale.

The membership fees were discussed and it was decided that new members who would sign up from now to the end of the year would pay \$20 and that will carry them through 2010. Member renewals from now to the end of the year will be \$10.

Contacts for the Pen Sale are Vicky or Steve.

Randy stated he needs help getting vendors for the Fall Pen Sale. Alice is to try to contact Lori Mercer, who makes goat soaps and lotions.

New Business

After some discussion, as to when to have the annual meeting, Vicky made a motion to have the meeting on January 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Alice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The North district is have a meeting at Larry and Terry's but we don't have a date or time available.

Vicky announced there are 29 head of bucks on test at Western Illinois University

Bio-Genetics will be at Vicky's on November 5, 2009.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2009 after the collection, in Albion.

Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kurt. Motion carried.