

The directors of the Midwest Goat Producers conducted their May 29, 2009 meeting at the Richland Co Extension office at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were Ron Williamson, Kurt Mowrer, David Griswold, Alice Marriott, Steve Terrell, Randy Hancock, Mark Wells, Vicky Wetzel, and webmaster, Tanya Wells. Also in attendance were 5 guests.

Minutes were read by Secretary, Alice Marriott. Mark Wells made a motion to approve them which was seconded by Kurt Mowrer. Motion carried.

The treasurer report was given by Vicky Wetzel, who reported a balance of \$4,740.17 in the bank. Motion was made by David Griswold to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Kurt Mowrer, motion carried.

#### Old Business

The collection scheduled for June 6, 2009 was discussed. Names of different potential buyers were thrown out, people who had been in contact with Randy.

There was discussion on how the Spring Flings went off in April in Mt. Carmel and Terre Haute. It was the concensus of those directors who participated in Mt. Carmel, that the effort was not as productive as it has been in the past. Mark made the suggestion we may need to take a different approach to selling and offering goats. Maybe, some of the directors and breeders should offer to give presentations to the 4-H groups in the various counties instead of having the Spring Fling.

Vicky stated, however we have our pen sales, we need to advertise who and what is going to be available so interested people would know what to expect.

It was decided this would be brought up to the district meetings, and each district would decide what direction they want to pursue, pen sale, doing presentations, etc.

#### New Business

Mark announced the Wayne Co. Farm Bureau had contacted him about doing a presentation and giving a tour his farm for the Summer Ag Institute which is put on by Farm Bureau for the counties of Wayne, Edwards and Wabash teachers. It is scheduled for June 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Our attention was then turned to the Fall Pen Sale in Fairfield which is scheduled for September 19, 2009 at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds. Names brought up as potential speakers/demonstrators were as follows:

Dr. Theresa Steckler, PHD out of Mt. Vernon, Illinois who could give a presentation on fecal counts.

Also Kurt Mowrer would look into someone doing a presentation on parasites from Langston University (checking on cost for travel and housing)

Another presentation could be from Paul Cardwell with Anedix, which helps people set up and maintain websites.

Also Stone Clipper Care and Boston Billies

Tess Caudle from U of I on Carcass Evaluation

There was also discussion on the possibility of having a 2 day sale. It was discussed the Pen Sale might be set up as Preview during the morning from 9:00 a.m. – Noon, serve lunch, and then have the pen sale from 1:00 – 3:00 in the afternoon.

Vicky Wetzel then explained what had happened at ABGA which has created some registration problems. Seems they have now hired an office manager instead of having a director over the office, and two employees quit because they were not considered for the job. So Sandy, the manager is behind on the paperwork, but is improving.

Vicky announced the National ABGA Show will be in Louisville the second week of June and she has been re-elected to the Board of Directors for ABGA for another term. She stated she has a goal of hoping to get the other members to focus on production as well as showing.

Pat O'Leary of United Producers from Fairfield was given the floor. He stated they would like to make a bid on the June 6 collection and would also like our members to know that UP will be buying goats on June 9 from 1-4 p.m.

The animals will be weighed, graded and priced as they are unloaded. The prices offered can be requested after Friday, before the sale by calling 618-847-3391. They will be accepting all breeds and types of goats. Yardage is \$3.50/hd.

Sellers must wait for the checks to come from the main office, which usually means the seller has the check by the end of the week of that sale.

United Producers is conducting these sales opportunity on the second Tuesday of each month. UP is waivering the \$35 membership for the goat producers and is looking at establishing some type of premium option if seller is a member of MWGP.

Ron then read an email from Steve Landreth, stating his resignation from the Board and the Marketing Committee, due to the illness of his wife. Board members stated they understood his situation and we will miss him.

Kurt Mowrer then volunteered to help with the marketing committee.

The next meeting was set for July 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Olney Extension Office.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark, seconded by Kurt. Motion carried