

Secretary's Report for the 2015 Annual Meeting  
October 10,2015 in Colo, Iowa

The annual meeting of the Iowa Dairy Goat Association was held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Colo Community Center. 21 members were in attendance. New officers were elected and are as follows:

President: Butch Sowers

VP: Deb Konen

2 year committee members: Mary Schmidt and John Walker

1 year committee member: Ron Dengler

YTD Income & Expenses:

Current balance \$14,030.27

\$1636 profit from ISF

Treasurer's report approved, seconded, motion passed

2014 meeting minutes read & approved.

Spring Show report:

Ring 1 408 head

Ring 2 394 head

Ring 3 284 head

Ring 4 274 head

Total expenses \$6310.25

Funds received: (Entry fees & sawdust) \$7317.00

Raffle \$595.00

Donations \$1930.00

Total Profit \$3531.75

Discussion for 2016 Spring Show, decisions left to the show committee.

Share-A-Kid program

The first year of the Share-A-Kid program was felt to be a good experience for the most part, some discussion on placing doelings near the donor so that follow up as well as transportation/meeting could be simplified. There were 21 applications received from youth around Iowa, 8 of those were awarded doelings. It was suggested that the deadline for applications be moved up to March 15<sup>th</sup> (previously April 1) and also suggested that donors apply for their donations, this will aide in placing kids closer to the donor, as well as the committee will have a better idea of what breeds and number of doelings may be available when the applications are received/awarded. Suggestion made that a vet reference be added to the application for the youth-and that follow up be done by the mentor assigned. Suggested that when a doeling is placed, the recipient receives a FAQ form including things such as: emergency contact list to call if there is a problem with or a question about the doeling, feeding, worming and hoof care. It was discussed that the transportation of the doeling should be the expense of the receiving youth/family. It was also suggested that there be a limit of one doeling per breed awarded.

2014/2015 Youth Ambassador

Ben Lehman was involved in the ISU Learning Day, at the Elkhart city celebration, Central Iowa Fair, Share a kid program and also completed a scrap book of the year and his involvement. It was decided to leave the nomination/decision to the board members to nominate the 2015/2016 Youth Ambassador.

2015 Iowa State Fair report:

Numbers were down, official count was 411 head, 36 4H and 18 FFA does. Ron has discussed with his superior about improving premiums. Also wanted to make it known that the 2016 Oberhasli premiums will be docked 25% due to low numbers. The fairboard has promised that they will make room for any & all Dairy goats that are entered. Discussion for official milk contest, suggested \$5 fee per animal- Jennifer volunteered to help Ron with getting this off the ground.

Select Sale: Nomination of goats are a must & are key to the auction. Deadline for nomination is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of proxy and phone bids and also about social media advertising. Raffle-donations are always needed!

Newsletter: Discussion of the possibility of an electronic version instead of mailing, please let Judi know or Gunivere if you'd prefer an electronic version. Also requested that anyone can (and is encouraged to) write and submit an article for the newsletter.

New Business:

Spring Show-Reappointed James McDaniel as the show chair, date for the 2016 show will be June 4 & 5. As of meeting date, 2 judges have committed to the show. Jill volunteered to help with ideas regarding the show.

The Judge Training clinic that Butch put on went over well and seemed to be well received by those who participated.

There was discussion about an all day cheese making class, possibly in April of 2016. Potentially limiting the attendance to 25 people.

National Show-Discussion on prices for pens and buildings, potentially the soonest that our bid could be sent in will be for the 2022 Nationals if held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Discussion on the upfront cost that the IDGA will be responsible for as well as some discussion in what Minnesota Dairy Goat Assoc. incurred when they hosted.

The Quad State Classic is potentially scheduled for July 16, 2016-will be a 1 day 2 ring show. South Dakota show date is June 11<sup>th</sup>-1 day 3 ring doe show.

Motion to adjourn at 1357, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.