

Iowa Dairy Goat Association

Minutes Annual Board of Directors, All-Members Meeting

October 1, 2016

Colo, IA Community Building

25 members in attendance

Greetings: Overview of year's events by Pres Sowers, including youth ambassador, fitting clinic with judge's training to get qualified judges placed at county fairs throughout Iowa, cheese symposium, biggest spring show ever.

Election of officers: President John Walker Vice-President Deb Konen

Directors

2 2-yr: Butch Sowers Elizabeth Gunn

2 1-yr: James McDaniel Dave Peffers

Secretaries report: 2015 minutes read and approved

Treasurers report :

Total 2016 income after expenses \$3770.02

Account total \$17,890.28

Old business :

Cheese symposium 2nd symposium went well. Possibility for reduction of price for members. Current price and numbers of attendance at Colo worked well. Open to new locations. Repeat for 2017.

Fitting clinic 40 attendees very successful - showing & judge training in morning, lunch break, afternoon fitting clinic. Showing was very hands-on for participants. Attracted out-of-state interest. 3 Share-A-Kid recipients attended and learned a lot. Included hand-out with general info. May 7 weekend worked well. Repeat for 2017 motion carried. Notification to 4-H extensions suggested.

2016 IDGA Spring Classic

466 head total (63 bucks through 4 rings)

Profit \$4160.62

Sponsors \$1085

\$260 sponsorship for top prize of day, wine bottles.

New pens completed only day of show, 4X8. Some complaints regarding pen size, 2 refunds given. Vending truck

was good addition, some kinks to work out. Vendor selling crafts was present, donated sponsor money. Dinner sponsored by IDGA worked well, was very appreciated by exhibitors and judges and made for good camaraderie. Raffle coordinated by Judi Nayeri, noted that it far surpasses other show raffles. Clean-up crew hired, dumpsters rented, Van Wall donated skidloader: clean-up was much smoother.

Iowa State Fair

Small show but numbers up from last year. Oberhaslis and LaManchas were not sanctioned. Difficulty penning everybody. 83 empty pens noted in Boer area. Flooding Friday night was documented by Ron's boss and fairboard president. Water hook-up was problematic. Suggestion for breaking up age limits on costume and agility contests. Bob Houghtaling will continue sponsoring but would like more to step forward for him. Ron Dengler retiring after 10 years as superintendent; Butch Sowers next superintendent.

Open total 495

Youth 80

No nominations of animals for Select Sale, raffle only. Travis Boldt as auctioneer. Production sales in Waukon and Washington hurt Select Sale. Nubians and Nigerians could do well for Select Sale. Keep Select Sale for ISF.

Adjust division and class numbers to include dates with age groups.

Official milking contest was successful, one-day-milk test. Jennifer Riekemann and Korvers will still assist.

\$30 gift certificates co-sponsored by IDGA and Hamby's were given to youth instead of pizza party. Was appreciated, left to board decision.

ISU Animal Education Day

Ag learning day in Hansen Center, event is growing. 2016 is set for April 8, Saturday morning, they would like IDGA to come back, no fee. IDGA steals show with baby goats. We should step up exposure with milk stands and hand-milking and more info boards (Judi can bring some). Bring more brochures.

IDGA Website

First year for on-line spring show entries, went smoothly. Used by about 25 to 30%.

Share-A-Kid program

SAK winners Alec Sernett (Story County, donated by Konens), Jamy Randol (Guthrie County, donated by McDaniels), and Taryn Peffers (Marion County, donated by Judi Nayeri – also first Marion County dairy goat to show at State Fair in 6 yrs) presented. Guinevere McIntyre coordinated 2016 SAK program. Improvements suggested in 2015 annual meeting were implemented. 26 applications received, 6 winners selected - was highly competitive this year. Selection committee was open to any board member and officer who wanted to be on it: Jamie McDaniel, Judi Nayeri, Deb Konen, Guinevere McIntyre, plus Youth Ambassador Ben Lehman. Discussion of promoting lesser known breeds.

Youth Ambassador

Ben Lehman outstanding Youth Ambassador for 2015 and 2016 sent note of appreciation (could not be present due to school band conflict). Suggests new Youth Ambassador to be appointed for 2017. No current guidelines for selecting Youth Ambassador. Motion made to appoint Jamy Randol as Youth Ambassador for 2017. Board will set criteria for future Youth Ambassador positions.

Any other old business

Membership dues - youth membership special proposed. Motion carries to discretion of board, to be decided by fall.

New Business :

2017 IDGA Spring Classic show

James McDaniel re-appointed as show chair. Date set for June 3 & 4. Contract for Jasper County Fairgrounds for June 2,3,4. Motion to pay Jasper Co Fairgrounds carries. Stay with Quad Doe and Buck Show. Add disclaimer regarding no refunds for pens. Sponsor arrangement available for vendor tables. Judges so far: Sam Whiteside (CA) and Paula Reisdorf (GA). Priority to set clean-up process same as 2016 show. Very busy weekend so planning to 2018: Scott Weiss and .

National ADGA show sponsorship to WI

Anna Thompson-Hadjik requests \$500. Includes table for IDGA. Motion to donate carries.

IDGA spokesperson to 4H etc Inquiries

Motion to discuss under newsletter editor carries.

Secretary and Treasurer by appointment/voting rights

Brought up consideration of changing by-laws for secretary and treasurer to be elected to add voting rights.

IDGA newsletter, future, editor

Matthew Konen stepping out as editor. About \$30 for each printing. Guinevere McIntyre to serve as new editor.

IDGA website

Switching to wordpress for mobile responsiveness.

2017 projects, symposiums (including 50th anniversary year)

Travis Boldt suggested koozies at ISF. 50th Anniversary shirt committee proposed. Promote anniversary at every IDGA event. Proposed clinics: AI Clinic, Reading fecal clinic, health clinic at ISU - nutrition, etc. Consideration of coordination with Tall Corn Meat Goat Association for some event. All presented to board to move ahead.

Share-A-Kid program

Question about CAE free test results, proposal of health certificates for donated doelings, both tabled for later consideration by board. Add breed options to application (esp to address Recorded Grade). Add note that will

be necessary for homes with no goats to purchase a companion goat, and that homes with horned goats will need separate housing and a companion goat.

Iowa State Fair

2017 Ed Cavanaugh Aug 16 to 20. New age classes for Costume and Obstacle Course - 6 and under, 7 to 13, 14 to 21, and 22 and up. \$100 more in prize money needed. Motion carries. Curtains for show pictures not working well, new backdrops available/screen in a box.

People request more pens than they need, expensive milking and show equipment ends up in walkways. Noise and courtesy issues discussed. Sponsors for trophies and banners needed. Concerns about dirt walkway to goat/sheep barn.

Look towards promoting to out-of-state for Select Sale, seek out opportunities for Nubians and Nigerian dwarfs. Let board work on appointing sales-g geared person to recruit animals and promote sale.

Any other new business

IA National Goat Show not looking likely - state fair facility not possible.

Adjournment : Motion at 14:36 carries.