

## 2018 IDGA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 2018 IDGA Annual Meeting was called to order by President McDaniel at 10:38 AM. Meeting held at the Panora Community Center in Panora, Iowa. 24 members in attendance.

2017 meeting minutes read, motion to accept, motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Profit & Loss report by Andy, Treasurer's report moved and seconded as presented. Ending balance as of 9/22/18 is \$18,390.14. Checkbook audited by Robyn Van Wyk, Robin Wisgerhof and Mary Schmidt.

### **Youth Committee report:**

**SAK:** low number of applicants this year; there were 9 applicants of which 6 were awarded doelings. Ideas to help increase the number of applicants include emailing the local and regional 4H Directors (this was done last year to some extent, but found that the emails were not being forwarded on to get it into the newsletters/emails to the 4Hers). Will also work on getting emails of youth and possibly emailing directly.

**ISU Ag Learning Day:** The IDGA group that attended as well received. IDGA provided a basket of donated items made of goat's milk. The basket was one of the highest bids of the day. We were asked to return next year.

**Showing & Fitting Clinic:** Held at Judy Nayeri's home, well attended, very informative. Attendees were divided into smaller groups allowing for hands on teaching and practice. It was brought up to think about possibly doing regional clinics, discussion on pros/cons to reach out to youth at all corners of the state.

**Iowa State Fair:** The intended workshop for 4H/FFA members did not happen this year. Will work on getting it better planned out for the 2019 exhibitors. A breakfast basket was provided for the youth on the morning of their show-was well received by the youth.

**NEW Items for Youth Committee:** working on getting together a list of regional contacts, discussion on going to library "info nights"; will possibly work on putting together a small video or program. Wendy Peffers willing to travel some. Also discussion of a scholarship towards a college/trade school (Proof of enrollment required prior to our payment being made).

### **Special Events Committee:**

**Iowa State Fair:** Obstacle course-24 kids, 9 adults; costume contest-25 kids, 3 adults. The bleachers were full of spectators; most of them were fairgoers and not part of our goat family. Discussion about a monetary gift/donation to each 4H exhibitor. Request help for Judi in regards to getting sponsorship for the many activities that she heads up.

**National Show Committee:** Changes with pen sizes and prices as well as an ongoing issue with the contact at ISF and lack of communication from ISF has been an issue. New pens are small and possibly not adequate for a weeklong event. It seems that ISF didn't want to work with us. National Show bid is a dead concept for now.

**Spring Classic:** 323 goats in ring 1, 324 in ring 2, 298 in ring 3, 295 in ring 4. \$977 net income. Increased cost this partially due to rental cars provided to the judges, also judges fees were more expensive. Note to include the AGS show in the contract for next year as some judges charge more for judging AGS shows (and filling out the paperwork). Cleanup; discussion on some etiquette to go over with the youth group for next year (waiting until exhibitors are out of the pens before trying to get into their pens, not making people walk through mounds of bedding to get out, ect). The weekend went smoothly, numbers were down, possibly due to Nationals being so close to our show dates and also location being so close. Pen fees were raised by \$1 this year, also raised the price for showing in ring(s) 3 & 4 raised by \$1/ring. Discussion on show format-was liked having the judges trade rings instead of the animals-also moved the show along faster.

**Old business:**

**Website:** Encouraged to use it and to let Guinevere know of any changes/errors.

**Facebook page:** currently has 1,092 likes

**Newsletter:** Guinevere is always looking for contributions to the newsletter, or even topic ideas. Discussed putting a reminder on FB about a cutoff date/submission date to have things to Guinevere in order for it to get into the next newsletter.

**Membership:** 71 paid members/families, 10 4H/FFA members (donated memberships by IDGA), 5 SAK donors & 5 SAK recipients.

**2018 events:**

**ISU Ag Day**-will be going back

**Soap Class**-well received-will do it again, possibly adding an advanced soapers class.

**ISF**-August 15-18, 2019. Butch is working on getting the DOB for class entries changed. Also premiums are being discussed with the Fair board. Butch is also working on trying to get an AOP class in place of the Oberhasli class. 596 head in the open show, roughly 100 head in the 4H/FFA show. There was a small communication error regarding the release of out of state exhibitors on Sunday. Will work to better communicate. It was requested that there be more cut & dry rules for the milk out times for the premium paid milking class (Thursday night/late arrival times are where the questions arise).

Broke for lunch at 11:51, reconvened at 12:28

## **New Business:**

**Youth Ambassador:** Discussion on expanding the people we target for application process to better include other parts of the state. Ambassador Randol reported; Encourages the application process-thinking of targeting SAK winners and applicants, also discussed creating an Instagram account to help target the youth (Twitter and/or Snapchat account also?). Applications can be modeled after the SAK application. Ideas for the application/interview process: phone interview, involvement with goats, ages (include FFA until age 20?), required to be a member (or family membership) with IDGA, applicant must live in Iowa, list of dates that the Ambassador would be required to attend (ISU Learning Day, ISF (all 4 days), Fitting Clinic, and article for the newsletter each quarter, encouraged to be visible during shows), discussion on a Jr Ambassador-broke down as 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade for Jr, 10<sup>th</sup> grade-20 years of age for Sr. The application will be in the next newsletter, deadline for applications is November 15<sup>th</sup>, Ambassador(s) will be appointed by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Ambassador Randol helped with the Youth Committee, she talked to youth at several judging competitions she attended, she also attended several County Fairs and was the main presenter at the spring Fitting Clinic.

**Paypal:** discussion of the \$106.73 in fees; discussion led to considering the fees being a necessary expense to keep the convenience.

## **Other new business:**

IDGA will be making a monetary donation in the amount of \$150 to go towards the hospitality room at the 2018 National Convention. Motion by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robyn.

**Banners:** Our banners are showing their age, discussion of pricing and potentially buying new banners for the following events: Celebrity Milking Contest, Costume Contest, Obstacle Course and possibly 2 banners to hang at the two southern entrances of the Swine Barn at ISF. Was decided that quotes can be obtained and that the IDGA board could proceed on making a decision. Motion by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy.

**Spring Classic:** Dates are June 1 & 2, 2019. Chairman-James McDaniel, Co-chair-Dave Peffers. Contract in hand from Jasper County Fairgrounds-\$175 for pavilion, \$75/day/barn (3 barns reserved). Still waiting on contracts to be returned by a couple judges for 2019 (Erin Greiner & Cullen Owen), still looking for a couple more judges. Same format for show order as 2018, will continue the 4 ring doe/4 ring buck show (buck show brought in roughly \$1,000 in 2018)-will continue the Saturday night dinner-will create a committee for set up/cleanup of the dinner. The same youth group that has done the cleanup is willing to do it again next year. Motion to use Colfax and approve the contract by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robyn.

**Newsletter:** Costs roughly \$58/edition to mail out and \$75-\$132 for printing. Discussion on making this an electronic version to send out; was decided to leave as is-that people like the hard copy.

**2019 IDGA Elections:**

Nominees for President: James. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Deb. Position awarded

Nominees for VP: Robyn. 1<sup>st</sup>-Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James. Position awarded

Nominations for the 3 open board positions: Deb (nominated by Robin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie), Sara (nominated by James, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb), Jennifer (nominated by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robyn), Colt (nominated by James, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave). Positions awarded to the 3 persons with the most votes:

2 year-Deb

2 year-Sara

1 year-Colt

Adjourned by Jamy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy at 1:45

\*\* Board met after meeting, appointed Jamie McDaniel as the Secretary and Andy Randol as Treasurer.