

April 23, 2016

General membership meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:09am by president Donna Heinrich.

Roll was taken. Present were Vice President Neil Miller, Mollie Miller, Kelli Kennedy, President Donna Heinrich, Secretary/Treasurer Cliff Hebert and LSU sheep/goat specialist Rodney Johnson. Absent were Micky Latiolais, Sue Latiolais, Thomas Willmore, Janelle Hennigan Thomas, and Reporter Tiersa Hebert.

Financial report given by Cliff Hebert. Short discussion on awards purchased for August event. Mollie Miller motioned to accept financial report. Kelli Kennedy seconded. All in favor.

New business:

Dairy/pygmy tags. Donna Heinrich gave a summation of problems at district shows regarding proper tagging of LA Bred goats as well as suggestions from several breeders to work with them on allowing dairy and pygmy breeds to show with a tag on their chain. Donna made mention of this allowing more children to be able to receive LA Bred premiums and awards at the 4-H shows as well as adding to tag sales and membership growth in the organization. Discussion was made about how to make sure single tags were not used for multiple animals. Also about a validation procedure for the breeders and exhibitors for these particular animals. Rodney Johnson gave his input on how to handle things at the State Livestock show with check in and make area check in.

Cliff Hebert made a motion that starting January 1st 2017 that the LMGA will allow the following breeds to not be required to have a tag in their ear: Nubian, Saanen, LaMancha, Alpine, Toggenburg, Sable, Nigerian Dwarf, and Oberhasli as well as Pygmy goats. Mollie Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The board will immediately draft guidelines and rules to be followed pertaining to these above breeds as soon as possible. These new rules will then be sent out to all members, placed on website and Facebook page.

Old business:

The August 20th event at the Dean Lee livestock barn in Alexandria, LA was next on the agenda. Kelli Kennedy gave a report of what she has planned so far for the event. John Edwards will be giving three different seminars beginning at 8am on hoof trimming, general goat health, and reproduction/problems with does. Alex Bynum will give a seminar about market goats. Jackie Edwards will judge a LA Bred show after lunch for anyone having LA Bred animals. Other details of the show were discussed. There will also be a pen sale going on all day at the barn for any current LMGA member that wishes to sell there animals. Kelli will have a flier out at the beginning of May that will be sent to all members, as well as agents and ag teachers with all the details.

Kelli Kennedy reported that she is still working on the breeders spotlight but is having trouble getting any breeders to submit the information to her.

The website was the next topic. Donna Heinrich brought up a list of items that need to be updated. She agreed to take over submitting information to the web host to enter on the website.

Cliff Hebert made a motion to be allowed to buy more LA Bred tags. Neil Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Neil Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25pm. Kelli Kennedy seconded the motion.