



November 15, 2015

2015 LMGA General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 at Cajun Tales in Welsh, LA.

Roll was taken. Board members present were Morris Helmer, Mollie Miller, Donna Heinrich, Andre Delcambre, Mickey Latiolais and Cliff Hebert. Absent were board Thomas Wilmore, Buster Smith, Paul Landry and reporter Tiersa Hebert. Members Sue Latiolais and Brandon Greely attended the meeting as well as Elise Gallet de St. Aurin from LSU.

The financial report was given by Cliff Hebert. Discussion was made past spending as well as future spending. Mollie Miller motioned to accept the financial report as read. Donna Heinrich seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fall elections were the next item on the agenda. Morris Helmer, Thomas Wilmore, Buster Smith, and Paul Landry were the board members up for election. Paul Landry and Buster Smith declined to run for their board positions. Kelly Kennedy and Sue Latiolais declared their intentions to run for a board seat. As no other people declared to run for their board seats no election was necessary. Donna Heinrich made a motion to accept Kelly Kennedy and Sue Latiolais to the board. Mollie Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion was made on a new webmaster. Board members were going to find names to replace our current webmaster in the next two weeks. No action was taken.

Discussion was made on ag teacher and FFA advisor awareness of the goat project. Most of the board had received calls of children wanting to purchase a goat in October long after most goats were sold. Ms. Elise suggested we have a data base on our website that would list the amount of animals each breeder has available for sale with their contact information for customers. Donna Heinrich spoke of making some sort of information packet for FFA advisors as well as brining animals to the FFA workshop in the summer to better inform advisors and youth on the goat project. Ms. Elise and Donna Heinrich were going to work on the information packet.

Next item on the agenda was LSU/Southern/State Fair. Cliff Hebert brought up discussion on who would be available to attend the Southern Show and hand out class premiums and champion premiums.

Mollie Miller made a motion to spend \$5000 on champion premiums at LSU this year. Mickey Latiolais seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cliff Hebert made a motion to continue to pay class premiums at State Fair and Southern as the previous years. Andre Delcambre seconded the motion.

Paul Landry joins the meeting at 11:40.

Discussion was made on a spring show. Cliff Hebert will get dates the Crowley barn is open in the spring. Alternate times and locations were also discussed.

Morris Helmer leaves the meeting at 12:00 and vice president Paul Landry takes over.

Lengthy discussion was made throughout the meeting on the declining membership and tag sales that has occurred over the last few years. In an effort to continue to offer premiums for LA bred goats at the 4H shows, increasing the cost of LA Bred tags was brought up. Discussion about the amount to increase the tags was made. Cliff Hebert stated that the LA bred tags have be at \$10 for over seven years. Mollie Miller made a motion to increase the LA Bred tags to \$15 on Jan. 1, 2015. Sue Latiolais seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion was made to inform people about sponsorships. We had numerous sponsors last year for our show as well as a sponsor for the LSU champions.

Discussion was made on places to hold a Jan. meeting. No action was taken.

Paul Landry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:02. Sue Latiolais seconded the motion.