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Letter from

your President:

Happy 2016! I hope that all of you have had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. I know most Louisiana Breeders are preparing for kidding season and making plans for the 2016 State Shows. The LMGA Board had a productive meeting in January planning for awards, activities and shows this year. Watch our website and our Facebook page for information about upcoming events. The membership application has been updated. We will have a booth at the state show and that's a perfect time to complete your application and purchase any tags you may need. Please remind anyone in your parish and district, that in order to qualify for LA Bred awards, that they must have the orange tag in their goat's ear.

According to the LMGA Bylaws, the primary purpose of the association is to: "promote and develop the meat goat industry in the State of Louisiana. Furthermore, the association will provide opportunities for its members to network and communicate to identify and address local industry development needs." With this purpose in mind, the board has worked to address the needs of our membership. We are working to develop some educational activities, services and breeder recognition activities. Remember – we want everyone to "buy Louisiana Bred Goats!" To that end, we hope that all Louisiana Bred breeders and owners of Louisiana bred goats can work together to promote what we love! For any association to be successful, it is dependent upon all of its members. We need YOU, your ideas, your support, and your POSITIVE suggestions to meet our goals and purpose. Look for us at the district and state shows and share your ideas!!

Best wishes for a successful show season and an abundant kidding season!

Sincerely, Donna Jean

2016 LMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Donna Heinrich

Vice President: Neil Miller

Secretary/Treasurer:

Cliff Hebert

Reporter: Tiersa Hebert

Board members:

Mollie Miller

Micky Latiolais

Sue Latiolais

Kelly Kennedy

Thomas Wilmore

Janelle Thomas

2016 LSU STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb 13. 7am to midnight. Goats may arrive

Sun. Feb 14. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Breeding Goats and Market Goats may arrive (4-H Building).

All goats must be in the barn, checked in with entry fees paid by 3:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sign up for LMGA/LCES Goat Showmanship (4-H Building)

1:00 p.m. Premier Goat Exhibitor Exam and Skillathon

5:00 p.m. LMGA/LCES Breeding Goat Showmanship

Mon. Feb 15. 8:00 a.m. Judge Breeding Goats and Commercial Does followed by Supreme Champion Breeding Goat

12:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Scales open for weighing Market Goats

2:00 p.m. Premier Goat Exhibitor Interviews

4:00 p.m. Deadline for turning in Market Goat weigh cards

4:00 p.m. Deadline for consigning Market Goats to Resale

5:00 p.m. LMGA/LCES Market Goat Showmanship

Tues. Feb 16 8:00 a.m. Judge Market Goats followed by Parish Groups

Minutes from LMGA Meeting January 2, 2016

Pat's Restaurant, Henderson, LA

Board members in attendance: Cliff Hebert, Mollie Miller, Sue Latiolais, Kelly Kennedy, Donna Heinrich, Micky Latiolais, Tiersa Hebert

Absent Board Members: Thomas Wilmore, Andre Delcambre

Others present: Janelle Thomas, Carrol Thomas, Neil Miller, Matt Kennedy & Sarah Kennedy

Meeting called to order at 10:40am.

Cliff Hebert read new memberships to be approved. Motion to approve new memberships by Kelly Kennedy. Seconded by Donna Heinrich.

Cliff Hebert gave LMGA financial report. Motion to approve by Micky Latiolais. Seconded by Mollie Miller. Discussion of empty board seats. Two seats available: Morris Helmer and Andre Delcambre.

Micky Latiolais nominated Neil Miller. He accepted. Donna Heinrich nominated Janelle Thomas. She accepted.

Cliff Hebert motioned to accept these two new board members. Seconded by Mollie Miller. Approved.

Kelly Kennedy nominated Donna Heinrich for President. Donna accepted the nomination. Sue Latiolais seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Cliff Hebert nominated Neil Miller for Vice President. Neil Miller accepted the nomination. Micky Latiolais seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Donna Heinrich nominated Cliff Hebert for Secretary/Treasurer. Cliff Hebert accepted the nomination. Kelly Kennedy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Donna Heinrich nominated Tiersa Hebert for Reporter. Tiersa Hebert accepted the nomination. Mollie Miller seconded the nomination. All in favor.

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Reviewed surveys completed. 14 responses. 12 were LMGA members.

Discussed board member duties. Mollie Miller agreed to be Media Administrator to forward information to Callean to be added to LMGA website. Formed a show committee: Donna Heinrich, Tiersa Hebert, Sue Latiolais, Janelle Thomas, Kelly Kennedy. Kelly Kennedy as chairperson. Sue Latiolais in charge of choosing awards.

Discussed sending someone to Shreveport to hand out awards. Discussed the payouts for LSU for 2016. Neil Miller made a motion to have the payouts for LSU, Southern and state fair as follows:

\$15 – first place, \$10 – second place, \$5 – third place

Grand and Reserve LA Bred Champions will receive banners.

Seconded by Cliff Hebert. All in favor.

Sue Latiolais will search for banners and send by emails.

No awards for District.

12:38 pm Recess Motion by Donna Heinrich. Seconded by Sue Latiolais.

12:48 pm Meeting called to continue

Kelly Kennedy to talk to Washington Beef Show about paying premiums there to promote LA Bred winners and exhibitors.

Discussed showdown and educational shows. Possibly have LA Bred Showdown/Clinics/Pen Sale on September 10, 2016 in Alexandria. Cliff contacting Rodney Johnson for assistance and ideas.

LMGA – What's in it for me?

-Tag buying privilege

-Tool to sell goats

-Educational programs

Discussed Breeder Spotlight to be added to website. One a month. Possibly one adult breeder and one junior breeder.

Mollie Miller and Kelly Kennedy will work on flyer for promoting LMGA and breeder spotlight form.

Problem prevention: Discussed adding this to rules for our shows: For the purpose of LMGA shows, a commercial doe is a non-registered LA Bred doe which must not have any tattoos in the ear or com doe tattooed in the ears.

Discussed how to handle members that are banned from associations and their participation in our shows.

Kelly Kennedy motioned to end meeting at 1:52pm. Mollie Miller seconded the motion. All approved.

