

Minnesota Dairy Goat Association

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Youth Issue



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MDGA: Who's Helping?

Volunteers make the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association possible. Feel free to contact anyone on this list to answer questions or to help. Chair persons and officers change each year. If this is an old GGG, try Mark Jaeger, 24759 631 Ave, Gibbon MN 55335. Board members serve a 3-6 year term. Expiration of office is noted behind their name.

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Youth Advisor - Danna Laliberte

Youth Info

- Applications for MDGA Outstanding Youth will be available in this issue. The Outstanding Youth program is open to all MDGA members ages 16-19 that are residents in the state of Minnesota.
- The MDGA Youth Show is Jun 12 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The show is open to all youth, including non-members.



Our cover picture is from the Minnesota Historical Society Archives. Unidentified child on goat, Fresh Air Camp for mothers and children - Volunteers of America, North Oaks, Minnesota. ca. 1927.

The above illustration comes from Second Reader, Lewis Baxter Monroe, 1875. Below, Second Reader, CA Board of Education, 1886

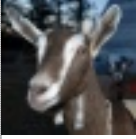
Farm boys sometimes learned teamster skills with the smaller, calmer goat team before graduating to horses or oxen.

LESSON 58.



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Editor's Note



It's showtime again! The season kicked off with the well-attended Little Falls show. If you have pictures of your show wins, we'll be happy to publish them along with show results.

If you are interested in getting your GGG via email instead of post mail, please contact us at gggeditor@gmail.com. We'd like to get as many members to switch as possible.

Emailed issues cost less in both time and money, freeing up MDGA resources for other projects like the conference. Emailed issues also have color pictures and live internet links. Future GGGs will have special features available only to online subscribers.

Have a safe and successful summer!
Anna

WANTED*WANTED*WANTED

Goat handlers for the Minnesota Goat Ladies sponsored ADGA Judges Training Conference being held at Poplar Hill Dairy June 4, 5, & 6th. Handlers do not need to be experienced handlers. Beginners and 4-Her's are very good. Get a good view on what judges have to learn, see Poplar Hill Dairy, and free lunch. You can work all day, part days, just let us know. Contact Marge Kitchen 507-894-4274 or email: goatgifts@gmail.com

Member's Letter

MDGA Members,

In a few weeks you should see your ADGA nomination ballot for director. Would you please consider John B White (ADGA member number is 0121988) as a nomination for District 4. He asked if I could spread the word of his desire to run again.

Many remember him from speaking at the MDGA conference, judging the MN State Fair 4-H Show, linear appraisal (he's slated for Minnesota this year), co-chair of the ADGA Spotlight Sale committee as well as being the breeder of One*Oak*Hill dairy goats.

If you want to contact him on his position on current issues, his contact info is on his website at www.gatewoodfarm.com.

In order for your vote to count, please remember to spell his name correctly and include his ID #.

Thank you,

Krista Matson
Marshland Toggs

MDGA Bulletin Board

Membership Renewal for 2010: \$20.00

To renew your membership for MDGA, send your information to the following address:

Krista Matson
12104 State Highway 70
Pine City MN 55064
(320) 629-0081 kjlibra@yahoo.com

If you'd like to have your MDGA membership listed on the MDGA web page, check "yes" for permission on the membership form. You can also link your homepage for a fee of \$5.00, payable with your membership dues.

CHECK OUT THE MDGA WEBSITE!!!

<http://minnesotagoats.org>

Contact Marge Kitchen if you want to add something to site.

MDGA YAHOO COMMUNITY SITE

talk about issues, ask questions, and use like the barter board.

How to get to the MDGA Yahoo list:

1. Go to www.yahoo.com
2. Under menu, go to groups
3. Search for MDGA or goats
4. Join by signing up!

MDGA DVD:

"Dairy Goat Grooming & Showmanship"

Produced by the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association
This video illustrates correct showmanship skills, including a variety of handling maneuvers with in-depth discussion and explanations. It also demonstrates recommended fitting and grooming techniques including clipping and hoof trimming.
DVD: \$20.00 each, including shipping/handling. Order online @ www.minnesotagoats.org.

Calendar of Events 2010

Jun 4 - ADGA Judges PreTraining Scandia MN
contact Marge Kitchen 507-894-4274

Jun 5 & 6 -ADGA Judges Training Scandia MN
contact Marge Kitchen 507-894-4274

Jun 12 - Youth Show Benton Co Fairgrounds, Sauk Rapids MN. See www.Minnesotagoats.org for information.

Jun 19-26 -ADGA Nationals Louisville KY

Jul 1-11-Tenative linear appraisal dates for MN, IA, SD, ND

July 25- Rice County Fair Details TBA

July 31 & Aug. 1- Scott County Fair, Sr/Jr. Judge: Doug Thompson. Limited Space.
www.scottcountyfair.com

Aug. 7- Olmsted County Fair, Rochester, MN. Sr/ Jr Judge: Jennifer Lohman Peterson. Doug Thompson, Supt. dthompson@acegroup.cc

Aug. 9- Dakota County Dairy Goat Show, Judge: Daniel Considine. Contact Sara Nelson.

August 19-21-Iowa St Fair, Des Moines IA
Judge:Daniel Considine. Contact:Ron Dengler.
(319-479-2504) rnracres@netins.net

Sept 3-6- Minnesota State Fair Dairy Goat Show

Sept. 18 – 19- Bluff Country Dairy Goat Show. 4 Senior Doe Shows, 4 Junior Doe Shows. Judges: Daniel Considine, Tom Considine, Beverly Goldthwaite, Carrie Baker-Kahle.
Info: dthompson@acegroup.cc or goatgifts@gmail.com

Nov. 6- A.I. Clinic and Cheesemaking Class. Poplar Hill Dairy, Scandia, Mn.
Contact. bodyshops@acegroup.cc

Nov. 13- MDGA Dairy Goat Conference, University of Minnesota. Main speaker: Dr.Joan Dean Rowe, UC Davis, California

Little Falls Dairy Goat Show

Buck Show May 15 2010

Ring 1: Joshua Kaplewski

Total shown: 37

AOP

GCH: One*Oak*Hill R Mr Punto Krista Matson
RCH: Schmidt/ECF Major Tonix Bev Nohr

Lamancha

GCH: Open Prairie Pax Danna Laliberte
RCH: CS Lance Tristin Cody Schlecht

Nubian

GCH: Kastdemur's Freestyle Sara Koehn-Walberg
RCH: Blissberry MW Takoda Missy Isder

Saanen

GCH: Tradewinds Mic's Buster Z Bev Nohr
RCH: FSF Nitro Cosmopolitan Laura Kieser

BBIS: Kastdemur's Freestyle Sara Koehn-Walberg

Little Falls Dairy Goat Show

Buck Show May 15 2010

Ring 2: Patricia Allen Ricotta

Total shown: 38

AOP

GCH: Schmidt/ECF Major Tonix Bev Nohr
RCH: Knotneer Brix Barley Anna Severson

Lamancha

GCH: Open Prairie Pax Danna Laliberte
RCH: CS Lancer Tristin Cody Schlecht

Nubian

GCH: Kastdemur's Freestyle Sara Koehn-Walberg
RCH: Blissberry MW Takoda Missy Isder

Saanen

GCH: Tradewinds Mic's Buster Z Bev Nohr
RCH: Tradewinds Lucky Strike Bev Nohr

BBIS: Tradewinds Mic's Buster Z Bev Nohr

Did you know....

The state of Iowa does not require TB testing for goats entering the state for exhibition and returning to their herd of origin.

Call 515-281-5321 or go to www.agriculture.state.ia.us/animalIndustry/exhibitionAtStateFair.asp

**Little Falls Dairy Goat Show
Junior Doe Show Sat 15 May 2010**

Ring 1: Joshua Kaplewski
Total shown: 116

Alpine

GCH: M-T-H-F Nutmeg's Betty Blue Tracy Ann Hunt
RCH: M-T-H-F Ultra Violet Stella Tracy Ann Hunt

Lamancha

GCH: Marshland P Dixie Lee Linda Libra
RCH: Autum Acres First Kiss Cody Schlect

Nigerian Dwarf

GCH: Avian Acres LKR Sweet Surprise Julie Shere
RCH: Haycreeks Cat Corki Andrea Strutz

Nubian

GCH: Blissberry SM Jamacia Sara Koehn-Walberg
RCH: FSF Bold Kahlua-N-Cream Laura Kieser

Oberhasli

GCH: Haycreeks Snapdragon Morgan Allen
RCH: Exit 201 Milkyway Dark Kerry Post

Recorded Grade

GCH: Sparkling-M's Yuma Missy Isder
RCH: Haycreeks Arrio Snapple Morgan Allen

Saanen

GCH: FSF Nitro Sip of Sangria Laura Kieser
RCH: Century Farm's Nova Melissa Czeck

Toggenburg

GCH: Legendairy Alioth's Rheda Kathy Smith
RCH: KC's Curve Cheez Doodle Casey Prochniak

BJDIS: Marshland P Dixie Lee Linda Libra

**Little Falls Dairy Goat Show
Junior Doe Show Sat 15 May 2010**

Ring 2: Patricia Allen-Ricotta
Total shown: 116

Alpine

GCH: M-T-H-F Ultraviolet Stella Tracy Ann Hunt
RCH: M-T-H-F Charlotte's Amazing Tracy Ann Hunt

Lamancha

GCH: Marshland W "Pen"ney Linda Libra
RCH: Autumn-Acres Spring Blush Cody Schlect

Nigerian Dwarf

GCH: Aubrey's Acres Phawnas Phate Aubrey Schiftsky
RCH: Avian Acres LKR Sweet Surprise Julie Schere

Nubian

GCH: Marshland DD She's A Cherri Linda Libra
RCH: Sparkling-M's Cheese Whiz Missy Isder

Oberhasli

GCH: Exit-201 CW Extra Foam Kerry Post
RCH: Exit-201 Dandyllion Lily Pickoski (?)

Recorded Grade

GCH: Haycreeks Arrio Snapple Morgan Allen
RCH: Haycreeks Road Construction Morgan Allen

Saanen

GCH: Century Farm's Niche Melissa Czeck
RCH: Century Farm's Nickle Melissa Czeck

Toggenburg

GCH: Marshland OOHP Legacy Star Krista Matson
RCH: Marshland OOHP Put Me Phirst Krista Matson

BJIS: Marshland OOHP Legacy Star Krista Matson



Young Saanens at Sherry Panuska's farm, which was toured by MDGA members on May 1. Older kids and milker groups are housed in steel hog huts and bedded on 3-4 inches of ag lime covered with crushed rock.

Milking does' group pens are opened one at a time and does cross over to the milking barn.

Huts and pens are cleaned with a skidsteer and manure is composted. Fences are cattle panels. Water is supplied by Richie fountains.

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Little Falls Dairy Goat Show Senior Doe Show May 16 2010

Ring 1: Joshua Kaplewski
Shown: 111

Alpine:

GCH & BOB: Cream-Of-Kansas Art Allure Kerry Post
RCH: Sunshine Theseus Bobzez Peter Smith

Lamancha

GCH & BOB: Kastdemur's Tongue Twister Sara Koehn-Walberg
RCH: Rainbow-Vue MD Whisper Irene Kajewski

Nigerian Dwarf

GCH & BOB: Splinter's-H.S. Paige Lauren Schifsky
RCH: The Schifsky's TLC Farm Malibu Lauren Schifsky

Nubian:

GCH & BOB: Blissberry SM Victorious Sara Koehn-Walberg
RCH: Blissberry F Aloha Sara Koehn-Walberg

Oberhasli

GCH & BOB: Cardinal*Hill ARR Wyla Susanna Yeomanns
RCH: Haycreeks Arrio Jewel Andrea Strutz

Recorded Grade

GCH: Haycreeks Sawyer Minnow Andrea Strutz
RCH: Haycreeks Jax Solara Morgan Allen
BOB: GCH Open Prairie Alameda Danna Laliberte

Saanen

GCH & BOB: SG Century Farm's Kameo Melissa Czeck
RCH: Kapra Vista's Cussini Angeleena Irene Kajewski

Toggenburg

GCH & BOB: Marshland OOHP Harmony Krista Matson
RCH: Marshland Casa Destiny Krista Matson

BDIS: Kastdemur's Tongue Twister -Sara Koehn-Walberg

Little Falls Dairy Goat Show Senior Doe Show May 16 2010

Ring 2: Patricia Allen Ricotta
Total shown: 112

Alpine

GCH & BOB: Many-Oaks LSB Vanna White Diana Miels
RCH: Cream-Of-Kansas Art Allure Kerry Post

Lamancha

GCH & BOB: Open Prairie Butter Brickel Danna Laliberte
RCH: Kastdemur's Tongue Twister Sara Koehn-Walberg

Nigerian Dwarf

GCH & BOB: The Schifsky's TLC Farm Malibu Lauren Schifsky
RCH: Haycreeks JJF Piper Andrea Strutz

Nubian:

GCH & BOB: Blissberry SM Victorious Sara Koehn-Walberg
RCH: Blissberry Catch Me If You Can Sara Koehn-Walberg

Oberhasli

GCH & BOB: Haycreeks Showtime Kizzy Morgan Allen
RCH: Haycreeks CR Cancun Morgan Allen

Recorded Grade

GCH: Haycreeks Jax Solara Morgan Allen
RCH: KC's Kurve Gina Casey Prochniak
BOB: GCH Open Prairie Alameda Danna Laliberte

Saanen

GCH & BOB: SG Century Farm's Kameo Melissa Czeck
RCH: Rainbow-Vue Sage Gabby Irene Kajewski

Toggenburg

GCH & BOB: Marshland PH Mystery Star Krista Matson
RCH: Marshland OOHP Harmony Krista Matson

BDIS: SG Open Prairie Butter Brickel Danna Laliberte



The milking parlor on the Panuska farm. Two platforms with stanchions allow for milking 16 goats at a time. Does enter via a ramp (left, out of photo). Four units are moved from side to side.

Two bulk tanks are in use during the spring and summer. In winter when milk declines, one tank is taken off the line to save costs.

The herd is composed primarily of Saanens and Lamanchas with a few Sables.

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Health Benefits of Goat's Milk

- **Goat milk improves nutritive utilization of iron and copper** Journal of Dairy Science 2002 Mar;85(3):657-64. Barrionuevo M, Alferez MJ, Lopez AI, Sanz SM, Campos MS Department of Physiology, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Granada, Spain.
- **Goat milk has a positive effect on cholesterol, similar to that of olive oil** Journal of Dairy Science 2005 Mar;88(3):1024-30. Lopez-Aliaga I, Alferez MJ, Nestares MT, Ros PB, Barrionuevo M Campos MS Department of Physiology and Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology, University of Granada, E-18071 Granada, Spain.
- **An enzyme in goat's milk helps lower blood pressure** Journal of Dairy Science 2006 Sep;89(9):3326-35. Geerlings A, Villar IC, Hidalgo Zarco F, Sanchez M, Vera R, Zafra-Gomez A, Boza J, Durate J Department of Biomedicine, Puleva Biotech, Camino de Purchil 66, 18004 Granada, Spain.
- **Goat milk improves calcium utilization** Journal of Physiol Biochemistry 2000 Sep;56(3):201-8. Lopez-Aliaga I, Alferez MJ, Barrionuevo M, Lisbona F, Campos MS, Department of Physiology, School of Pharmacy, University of Granada, Spain.
- **Goat milk contains more antacids than over the counter antacid drugs.** Park YW Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, Prairie View A & M University, Texas A & M University System 77446-2886.
- **Goat milk is significantly higher in bioavailable iron than cow's milk—54% versus 14%** Journal of Dairy Science 1986 Oct;69(10):2608-15. Park YW, Mahoney AW, Hendricks DG
- **Capric acid and caprylic acid— components of goat milk— have antibiotic properties.** Veterinary Microbiology 2008 Jan 25;126(4):372-6. Epub 2007 Jul 14.



Large roofed hay feeders are in every outdoor pen. Hay is added from outside the pen through hinged and bolted access doors. A stepup reduces waste since it's harder for does to pull hay out.

Both large and small squares of alfalfa are used. Hay is stored in a pole barn and moved with a tractor to feeding areas. All feed is purchased.

Some grain is hand mixed on the farm using a small cement mixer.

MDGA OUTSTANDING YOUTH SHOULD PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AND SUBMIT APPLICATION ACCORDINGLY.

1. Contestant sponsored by Dairy Goat Club, farm, business organization or family.
2. Sponsorship fee of \$10.00 to accompany application. Applicants due July 15.
Applications to be sent to Danna Laliberte 7336 45th Ave Swanville MN 56382.
3. Contestants must reside in the State of Minnesota. The only exception will be those contestants who live outside the state for the sole purpose of being a full time student.
4. Must be between 16 and 19 years of age as of January 1 of the year they will serve.
5. Contestant or parent of contestant must be a member of the Minnesota Dairy Goat Association.
6. Contestant must be knowledgeable about dairy goats and be able to milk a goat.
7. A written application is required and the "Outstanding Youth" selection committee to determine a winner must conduct an oral interview.
8. MDGA agrees to underwrite the mileage one-way, from home to any association- sponsored function the Outstand Youth is required to attend.
9. The winner and runner-up will be announced at the Spring General Membership. The outstanding Youth will officiate at the Minnesota State Fair Open Dairy Goat Show. In the event that the winner is unable to fulfill his/her duties the runner-up will assume the responsibilities.
10. Contestants must wear official name badge when acting in official capacity.
11. Winner must present oral year-end report at Fall General Membership meeting.
12. Award of \$200.00 scholarship or \$200.00 stipend towards attendance of ADGA National Convention will be awarded the winner.

The representative will be chosen by the committee based on his/her interest in the dairy goat industry, personality, two recommendations written by persons other than a family member and a resume written by the contestant. The candidate's resume should include name, address, age, interests, hobbies, short history of dairy goat involvement and a recent photograph.

Outstanding Youth Duties

1. Assist with State Fair Youth committee and officiate at MN State Fair goat shows.
2. Promote and assist with the youth "I Milked a Goat" booth at the MN State Fair.
3. Assist with awards at the Minnesota State Fair open show awards ceremony.
4. June Dairy promotions: Newspaper articles or speak on local radio stations.
5. If contestant is sponsored by MDGA to attend Nation Convention, participant must participate in ADGA Youth Contest.

Hey Kids 16-19!!

This is an easy way to gain some money while being with your goats!

We need applicants!

Outstanding Youth Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

e-mail _____ Grade Next Fall: _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Hobbies:

School and Community activities: _____

Number of Years in 4-H or FFA: _____

Projects involved and how many years: _____

Other Club Activities: _____

Participation in and Contribution to 4-H and FFA: _____

How many years have you been involved with the MDGA and or ADGA? : _____

What is your MDGA involvement? : _____

What breeds do you raise and how many goats do you have? : _____

What could you contribute to the MDGA youth? : _____

Why do you want to become the MDGA outstanding youth? : _____

Annual Minnesota Youth Goat Show

Benton County Fairgrounds, Sauk Rapids, MN

Saturday, June 12, 2010
Registration from 8:30-9:30 am

Breeds

A – Alpine
L – LaMancha
N – Nubian
O – Oberhasli
S – Saanen
B – Sable
T – Toggenburg
D – Nigerian Dwarf
R – Recorded Grade
U – Unrecorded Grade
M – Market Class (Boer, etc)

Entries & Payment is due on June 7th

Cost: \$2.00 per goat
\$2.00 per pen

Registration the day of the show

Cost: \$3.00 per goat
\$3.00 per pen

Pen space is limited, and stalling will be done on a first come, first served basis—Please pre-register. Registrations emailed to the Show Secretary will be considered pre-registered, and may be paid for the day of the show.

Trophies and ribbons will be awarded.

NOTE: You may enter as many goats as you want in each class. No charge for group and misc. classes. Animals will be vet checked. You must provide your own bedding. Each youth is responsible for cleaning out their own pens after the show. Food stand will be available at the show.

Questions:

Marlene & Tracy Hunt, 320-355-2628

mthmom@jetup.net

Linda Libra, 320-384-6634

marshlandgoats@yahoo.com

Classes:

Dairy Breed Does:

1. Junior Doe Kid – born on or after April 1, 2010
2. Senior Doe Kid – born between Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 2010
3. Dry Yearling – born in 2009
4. Milking Yearling – born in 2009 and has freshened
5. 2-3 year old Milking Doe – born in 2007 or 2008
6. 4-5 year old Milking Doe – born in 2005 or 2006
7. Aged Milking Doe – born in 2004 or before

Market Classes:

8. Non-dairy wether – Any breed born on or after January 1, 2010
9. Dairy wether – born on or after January 1, 2010
10. Breeding doe kid – any breed born on or after January 1, 2010
11. Breeding Dry Yearling – any breed born in 2009
12. Breeding Doe – any breed born on or after January 1, 2009, and has freshened

Group Classes:

13. Mother/Daughter
14. Produce of Dam – two does, any age, same mother
15. Best 3 females – three does any breed
16. Get of Sire – three does, any age, same sire

Miscellaneous Classes:

17. Costume Class – youth and goat in costume
18. Showmanship—Dairy Breeds
 - A. 7 & under
 - B. 8-9 years
 - C. 10-11 years
 - D. 12-15 years
 - E. 16-21 years
19. Showmanship—Market Breeds
 - F. 7 & under
 - G. 8-11 years
 - H. 12-15 years
 - I. 16-21 years

The May 1, 2010 MDGA General Membership Meeting and Board meeting was called to order at 1 PM at the home of Sherry and Rob Panuska.

Board members Present: Melissa Czeck, Karyl Dronen, Mary Thompson, Laura Kieser, Mark Jaeger, Anna Severson, Peter Smith, Susanna Yoemans and Jeremy Woesje.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 13th BOD meeting were published in the most recent GGG. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Laura seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Karyl distributed the treasurer's report from Marjorie Kitchen who is unable to attend this meeting today. The total amount in the bank accounts is \$9750.25 as of 4/30/2010, with \$6884.37 in the general membership account and \$2865.88 in the youth account. Dean Risa motioned and Peter seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as given.

Committee Reports

Conference: Karyl reported on work that is ongoing with the conference. Joan Dean Rowe will be coming to be the featured speaker. Topics will include milk quality, udder health and a CAE update. Bev Nohr has been asked to do a talk on CSAs. The Hunts will do a craft project. Mark Jaeger will speak on DHIR. Cindy Hoene from the LaCrosse area will do a demonstration on making caramels and possibly parasitology. Melissa Czeck will do this year's farm tour. Other talks are being planned is one on nutrition basics and hopefully one by Dr. Thompson on Nepal.

This year the conference will be on November 13th and the clinics at Poplar Hill will be on November 6th.

4-H /Youth/Youth Show:

Purple ribbon auction: Mark explained how this program works at the state fair. He made a motion that the MDGA donate \$300 for the dairy wethers for the purple ribbon auction. Tracy Hunt 2nded the motion. Motion passed.

Request from a county for MDGA to pay for goat trophies at their county

Fair: Melissa read a request from a county fair board asking our association for over \$500 to pay for their goat trophies. The group discussed this request and felt that providing money to one county would not only set a poor precedent for other counties but that providing trophies does not follow our mission which is better served by providing educational opportunities for its members and the public.

Youth Show at Sauk Rapids: Marlene gave an overview of what work is being done for the Youth Show which will be held on June 12th. MDGA will pay for expenses such as shavings, fees for setting up pens, and door prizes from the youth fund. MDGA will donate 3 videos to be given out as door prizes.

Videos on showmanship: It is suggested that we try to move out our supply of VHS showmanship videos because fewer and few people are using videos in the VHS format. We will continue to offer it in the DVD format. Laura will place a message on a listserve she's a member on to advertise them.

By-Laws: The revised by-laws were recently published in the GGG with revisions. Melissa solicited discussion. There was none. Jeremy made a motion which Peter 2nded to adopt the newly revised by-laws. Motion passed.

What does a membership get you? What's it worth?

The BOD has been soliciting input from its members on what a membership in the MDGA is worth? What do members get that nonmembers can not get? Seemingly the only tangible thing has been the GGG. Bringing back the Breeder's Brochure and the buck listing are other possibilities. There has been discussion but no decision on taking either a dollar sum or percentage off of MDGA events such as the Fall Conference or Fall Clinics for members. This is an ongoing discussion at this point.

Development

Linear appraisal – Minnesota is scheduled to be appraised in July. John White will be the appraiser.

Breeder's Brochure: Karyl is working on this. She wants to have it ready to be distributed at the Youth Show, the 4-H State Fair Show, the open state fair and the Fall Conference. Cost to advertise in this is \$15 and you must be a member to have your farm included. Karyl needs to hear from you by June 1st.

GGG

Electronic vs mailed copy. Anna gave a report on her first issue which the membership thanked her for taking over. She sent out electronic copies to everyone that she had email addresses for. Fourteen responded that they did not need a hard copy. She said that writing the newsletter is the least of the work. Copying, collating, addressing and mailing are the major efforts. The current copier is 13 years old and needs to be replaced. At this time there seems to be a significant number of members who are not able or willing to "go electronic". There has been discussion about giving a discount to those members who would take their copies electronically as there is so much more expense at sending them through the mail. There will be ongoing discussions.

Susanna offered and the organization accepted her offer to donate her duplex printer. She also has a friend who can get toner drums at a discount. She will bring the printer to Anna at the Little Falls show. Mark made a motion which Anna seconded to give a monetary donation to Susanna at the Board's Discretion. Motion passed.

Publicity

Shows Little Falls will be the 15th/16th of May; There will be a new show in Nevada, IA the 22nd/23rd of May. The Olmsted County Fair will hold a dairy goat show again this year – August 7th.

Old Business

Results of the membership survey were distributed by Laura –informational.

Training Conference at Poplar Hill June 4,5,6 An overview was given of what happens at a training conference – for the handlers and the candidates.

New Business

Breakfast on the Farm: This will be the same weekend as the training conference at Poplar Hill. We were invited to have a booth there. It will be in Stearns County. It was very nice to be asked and we should thank those that asked, but there are no volunteers available to staff such a booth this year.

Trophy at the National Show: Laura made a motion, Mary 2nded to sponsor a trophy at the National Show this year. Motion passed.

Woolwich – cancels contracts with dairy goat breeders. Melissa reported that 13 dairies are currently working with extension on how to market their products. Melissa attended a recent meeting offering we would be potentially interested in helping them in some capacity. Informational.

MN Diagnostic Lab: Melissa attends this meeting held at the U of M. Please let her know if you have questions or input you'd like her to give.

Other: Dr. Thompson introduced the woman who oversees the goat and literacy project in Nepal and said they'd be available for questions later. He also is soliciting semen donations to be sent to Nepal for the project.

Laura made a motion/ Mary 2nded to pay for this year's MDGA membership for Sherry and Rob in appreciation for hosting this year's general membership meeting. Motion passed.

With no further business, Melissa adjourned the meeting at 2 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Mary Thompson, Secretary

SDSU Dairy Pilot Plant Produces Cheese for MDGA Members

The winter edition of the Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota's (SFA) Cornerpost had some information about local dairy pilot plants. It concentrated primarily on the University of Minnesota's dairy pilot plant on the St. Paul campus coordinated by Ray Miller. Visit www.sfa-mn.org for Cornerpost back issues and membership information for this farmer-to-farmer non-profit organization.

This time, I'd like to move the spotlight westward to Brookings, SD, where South Dakota State University (SDSU) has a dairy pilot plant that is working with several Minnesota dairy producers in developing marketable dairy products. Not only will the SDSU pilot plant help you develop recipes and products using your milk, they have a storefront where they sell products produced using milk from their own dairy herds. One of their specialties is ice cream.

Sundown Creek Farm of Springfield, Minnesota has produced a private label goat cheese with the help of the SDSU plant. They've been able to develop their product, packaged and labeled, ready to market without the large capital expense of an on-farm dairy plant. Eventually, they would like to build their own on-farm production facility and produce a farmstead product, but, in the meantime, they can market a finished product and develop their market-share before committing to a \$100,000+ production facility. This is a winning situation for everyone. Only produce enough products to meet sales needs. Cheese stores rather well, so it can be produced in batches and eventually sold when demand is there.

The really amazing fact is SDSU will do the product test batches for FREE! You get your milk there and they'll work with you to develop cheese, milk, yogurt, ice cream or whatever you want to try. According to Howard Bonnemann, the pilot plant coordinator, "Usually, the first couple of batches are trial versions anyway to ensure the product matches the client's desired outcome. This is an educational institution, so our students get a chance to work and learn along-side us as we develop new products."

If this is of interest, visit them online at

<http://dairysci.sdstate.edu/DepartmentInfo/Facilities/DairyPlantandsalesbar/dairyplant.htm> or call Howard Bonnemann at (605) 688-5480.

I can personally recommend Sundown Creek cheeses. They produce about six varieties. If you would like to learn more about their cheese and how they got it produced, email Marty and Mary Larson at sundowncreek18638@yahoo.com.

Jeremy Lanctot

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LONG-HORNED WHIDAW GOAT.



E. coli investigators link 4 cases to raw milk dairy farm.

By David Shaffer, Dan Browning, and MIKE HUGHLETT, Star Tribune

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GIBBON, MINN. -- The organic farmer who produced raw milk linked to illness in four Minnesotans, including a toddler who remained hospitalized Thursday, has for years fought the government's efforts to regulate him.

Michael Hartmann, whose dairy is just outside this town of 800 people, last had a license to sell Grade A milk in 2001. He has kicked inspectors off his property, refused to tell a judge his name in court and asserted he is a "natural man" with a constitutional right to raise and sell food without government interference.

State officials said Thursday that the investigation of his dairy is continuing but said they have little doubt it produced the raw milk containing a deadly strain of E. coli.

While raw milk advocates believe it offers health benefits, experts say it's risky because it hasn't been pasteurized. The heat treatment discovered more than a century ago reduces bacteria, including E. coli O157:H7, which brings on diarrhea and sometimes more serious illness.

Hartmann declined to talk about the outbreak with a reporter Thursday, other than to say, "It's all been blown out of proportion."

In 1993, Hartmann refused to let animal health officials test his swine for pseudo rabies and was fined \$450. Court papers say the Hartmanns sold uninspected meat as early as 1998. And in 2001, the dairy's license to sell Grade A milk was revoked after state inspectors discovered unsanitary conditions, including chickens roaming and defecating in the milking parlor, according to the state Agriculture Department.

Yet the Hartmanns still operate a creamery. State officials say it is illegal for the Hartmanns to sell raw milk away from the farm. But customers say they pay the dairy directly for the raw milk, which is dropped off at a customer's home for pickup by other buyers.

In 2002, McLeod County prosecutors charged the Hartmanns with selling uninspected ground beef, pork chops and other meat out of a van in Hutchinson. Michael Hartmann refused to be fingerprinted, wouldn't give his name to a judge in court and instead demanded that someone "show me the bond," said Assistant County Attorney Amy Olson.

As that case ground through the courts, the Agriculture Department discovered the dairy selling its raw M.O.M.s milk out of a truck in an Excelsior parking lot in 2004. This time, it was Hartmann's brother, Roger, who was caught in a sting operation, but when the case was presented to Hennepin County prosecutors, they declined to file charges, said Heidi Kassenborg, the state Agriculture Department's director of dairy and food inspection. A spokesman for the prosecutor's office said it had no records about the decision.

The 2004 raw-milk selling operation took place in a city parking lot next to the Spring Hill Waldorf School, which is attended by one of the four victims in the latest outbreak. State investigators visited the school Wednesday to find out if other students had gotten sick, but a school official said no others were identified.

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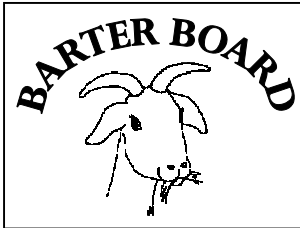
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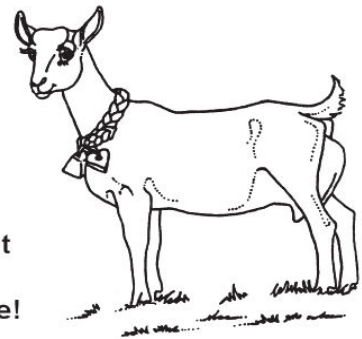
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