

MDGA Board Meeting

01/07/2018 -

In attendance: Casey Prochniak, Melissa Czeck, Garrett Moorse, Mary Thompson, David Foley, Larry Marquette

Not in attendance: Sara Koehn-Walberg, Morgan Allen, Diana Rico,

Meeting called to Order by Casey P at 11:11 pm

1. Secretary's Report: The secretary minutes were approved as read. Melissa 1st, Garret 2nd
2. Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasures report.
3. Committee Report
 - a. Show Committee: Brian McCann, Garret Moorse
 - The State show is set to take place Saturday May 26 and Sunday Mat 27 at the Lyon County Fair Grounds in Marshall, MN
 - 3 judges have been lined up and, 2 confirmed with paperwork and the 3rd is in the mail. Two of the judges will be flying in to MSP on Friday and need hotel accommodations and rental car.
 - The facility is not yet fully confirmed as they are waiting on insurance and payment pending the treasure audit. But the facility is being held until then.
 - There will be a youth show on Saturday morning.
 - It will be an Alpine Specialty Show in one of the rings.
 - Housing will take place in the horse barn with 48, 10' x 10' stalls, and a 10' alley to hold tack. Additional housing will be in the hog barn, 30 stalls at 5' x 5'. The cattle barn does not have pens but is available. The Mora goat show group may bring panels and individuals may bring panels, with no cost for penning. The actual price of stalling is not yet determined.
 - Pen cleaning by local FFA or 4H may be available for a small fee.
 - A milk collection site is set up by Garrett
 - There is still a need for youth show judges. Conversation shifted towards making the youth show a sanctioned show with one of the hired judges judging the show, as they will be present. This can still happen if there would be interest by youth to do so and if it would not discourage kids from showing. Garrett will explore the option and interest.
 - There will be no meat goat show.
 - A motion was made by Mary to provide a discount of \$10 to MDGA members with more than \$50 in entry fees. The motion was 2nd by Larry. Motion Passed.
 - There is a need for prizes for the show Grand Champion winners from each ring. Larry, Mary and Melissa will complete the needed prizes for the remaining rings.
 - There will be a catered dinner Saturday Night and a food stand operated by the local FFA and/or 4H during other times.

- Help will be needed at show secretaries (need not be ADGA members) and ring stewards.
- Other are shows happening this summer include The Little Falls Show, Minnesota State Fair, Quad Cities Show, Rice Co Fair, Dakota Co. Fair, Olmstead Co. Fair, and Washington co. Fair.
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- b. Publicity Committee:
 - i. Work is being made towards the display at the state fair.
 - ii. At the Annual conference the AI talk and Showmanship talk were the most highly rated.
 - iii. There will be no Annual MDGA conference in 2018 due to the National Convention being held in MN
 - iv. Articles are needed for the GGG. Larry will supply a youth 4H/FFA article, Garrett will create a State Show Article, A Presidents Article will be written by Melissa, The National Convention Committee will create something. All articles are to be sent to Diana Rico by the End of January with a GGG ready hopefully sometime in February.
- c. Youth Committee: (Larry and David)
 - i. There are 4 candidates for the MDGA Outstanding Youth. Evaluation of applications will take place and a winner announced soon.
 - ii. There is a 4H Dairy Goat Clinic in Houston County at the Houston Community Center from 9 am to 4 pm on February 10th. Care of the Kid, Goat Nutrition, and Parasites are the topics. All are welcome to attend.
- d. By-Laws and Policies:
 - i. No Report
 - ii. A new Chair is needed (need not be board member)
- e. Development: (Keith, Melissa)
 - i. The New MLBA Liaison is Melissa Czeck.
- f. 2018 National Conference (Keith, Casey, Morgan, Adam, Karyl, Marj, Laura, Sara, Dan)
 - i. Mary Thomson is the Art coordinator,
 - ii. More volunteers are needed, watch the Facebook page for more details.
 - iii. A Pre TC clinic will take place July 11th from 8 am to 4:30 pm. There is a \$50 fee and all are welcome to learn more about evaluating goats.
- g. Historian
 - i. No report – A new Chair is needed for this position
- 4. Old Business
 - a. Audit
 - i. An internal Audit of the books will take place as Laura Keiser takes over as Treasurer.
 - b. 4-H

- i. There are changes within 4H leadership which might result in changes in the Dairy goat show and judges training.
 - ii. A list of potential judges recommended by the MDGA for 4H shows will be compiled. All interested individuals can contact Larry Marquette.
 - c. The new Futurity organizer will be Melissa Czech.
- 5. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Melissa Czeck – President
 - ii. Garrett Moore – Vice President
 - iii. Larry Marquette – Secretary
 - b. Online MDGA Store
 - i. Do an inventory of all items then use items at shows and conferences as door prizes.
 - c. Sponsoring for National Show
 - i. Mary moved to make a \$500 donation to the SWODGA for the national show. Garrett seconded the motion. Motion Passed. This will allow the MDGA to set up a table at the show to publicize the National Convention in Minnesota.
 - d. Welcome to new board members: Mary Thompson, Morgan Allen and David Foley.
 - e. MN State Fair Awards
 - i. Change in the premium book from the MDGA DHIA committee to MDGA committee.

Mary Moved to Adjourn the meeting, Larry Second.
Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

Respectfully submitted by Larry Marquette