

Michigan Club Lamb Association

Minutes

March 12, 2016

Meeting called to order by Joe Marhofer at 10:47 am.

1. Treasurer's Report – Current Balance \$1816.40
 - a. Pete Barnum moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd. Motion Passed.
2. Officer Elections
 - a. Motion made by Pat Henne to Cast a unanimous ballot for Joe Marhofer – President, Pete Barnum – Secretary, Steve Beatie – Director. 2nd. Motion Passed.
3. MCLA Online Sales
 - a. Some interest in participation. No member was willing to assist with organization of sale.
4. MCLA Youth Challenge
 - a. Julie Thelen has agreed to write tests. \$100 donation has been sent.
5. MCLA Member Sales
 - a. Members please submit your sale dates to John Schut to get them posted on our website.
6. MCLA Dues – Annual Dues need to be collected - \$20.
 - a. Membership forms are available on the website.
 - b. Please submit membership dues and forms to John Schut. John will forward the forms to me to add to the email list as well as the website.
7. MCLA Show Managers
 - a. Please forward show dates as soon as possible so they can be posted on the webpage.
 - b. May 15th Southwest Michigan Showdown
 - c. May 15th Cass FFA Jackpot
 - d. May 21st Clover Classic
 - e. May 28th Blue and Gold Show
 - f. June 4th Shamrock Shakers and ??? VanBuren FFA
 - g. June 5th Central Summer Classic
 - h. June 5th Oakland County Jackpot
 - i. June 11th Summer Spectacular
 - j. June 12th Block and Bridle Northern Exposure
 - k. June 18th Sprinport Sheep Showcase
8. Tail docking
 - a. Berlin County Fair – will require “long” tails in 2017
 - b. Group of Veterinarians in Ottawa, Kent and Alleghan Counties have written a letter to Muskegon County Fair Board demanding the ban of “ultra-short” tail docking.
 - i. Threatening not to provide any veterinary work for members with such animals.
 - ii. West Michigan Vet Clinic is proposing to go state wide with this proposal.

- c. Discussion is that the larger issue is rectal prolapse. It will be important to educate youth raising club lambs educational materials on animal husbandry to
 - d. Motion made by John Schut "MCLA recommend that Fairs and Exhibitions do not allow lambs with rectal prolapses to show and that we work with Julie Thelen to provide educational resources for the public on proper husbandry practices to prevent them." 2nd. Passed
 - e. Motion made by Pat Henne "John Schut contact Michigan Association of Fairs and Exposition to promote language that would not allow lambs with rectal prolapse to show." 2nd. Passed
9. Motion made by Dave Armstrong "MCLA be a showmanship sponsor (\$100) at MLE" 2nd. Passed
10. Fall Lamb Shows
- a. Discussion related to providing two or three shows to provide additional opportunities.
 - b. Joe Marhofer will provide \$1500 to sponsor three shows.
 - c. Would provide opportunity for youth working to prepare lambs for Louisville.
 - d. Provide opportunity to have ewe lambs and rams evaluated.
 - e. Concern with participation.
 - f. Maybe just start with one show. Sunday after labor day?
11. Motion made by Mick Swihart and 2nd by John Schut to Adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted by Pete Barnum