

MCLA Quarterly Meeting
Sheraton Hotel
January 3, 2009

President John Schut called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm

Steve Beattie presented and read the secretary's minutes for the November meeting. Mick Swihart moved to accept the secretary's report. Al Steeby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sarah Rossell with assistance from Laura Bonham presented the treasurers report. Income was \$3294, expenses were \$2706.54. John Bonham moved to accept the treasurer's report. Tracy Braun seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kara Schut gave the Youth Challenge Committee Report. There were 50 competitors in the Youth Challenge this past year. This was down 5 from the previous year. Committee for the upcoming year will comprise Kara Schut, Rachel Salinas, and Amanda Fisher. Guidelines for the challenge will be formulated with the information from the survey given at the awards ceremony. Concerns that the committee is looking into includes:

- * The number of shows that count for the challenge total
- * The number of lambs that can count for the total.
- * Continue to calculate bonus points
- * Keep the same overall rules
- * Have at least 2 top winners
- * Add 2-4 more sanctioned shows
- * Address the funding problem

Mick Swihart presented the MCLA Born and Bred Committee Report. Their goal will be to further recognize the MCLA Breeders and encourage people to promote and exhibit MCLA bred lambs. During discussion it was brought up by John Bonham, "What recognition do the breeders get for the Born and Bred contest"? During discussion it was agreed that pictures of the top breeders would be put on the website. Top 3 Breeders of the MCLA would get additional recognition on the website.

Steve Beattie presented the Bred Ewe Sale Committee's report. Discussions were about this year's sale and some of the problems that occurred. Lively discussion brought up many details that can be changed for next year's sale. Recommendations will be made for next year's sale at the annual meeting. New committee members include Steve Beattie, Tracy Braun, and Al Steeby.

John Schut assigned each committee chairman to present a budget for the upcoming year to be at the annual meeting in March.

Michigan Livestock Exhibition to be held in Mason this summer. The question was raised, "will there be out of state exhibitors"? There was no answer available.

John Bonham moved the Youth Challenge Committee send a letter to all show directors to participate in the Youth Challenge this year. Tracy Braun seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tracy Braun moved that the annual meeting be held at Michigan State University in Anthony Hall at Noon on March 7, 2009. Al Steeby seconded the motion. Discussion: eat before or after the meeting. Motion passed.

Kara Schut moved to adjourn. Tracy Braun seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Beattie
MCLA Secretary