

Michigan Club Lamb Association

Minutes

January 3, 2015

Meeting called to order by Joe Marhofer at 1:00 pm.

1. Treasurer's Report – Current Balance \$1971.29, Current Membership 32-33
 - a. George Buckham moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Pat Henne 2nd. Motion Passed.
2. MCLA Online Sales
 - a. Dates reserved for February 26th and March 15th with Roger Hunker
 - b. 15 lambs suggested 20 max
 - c. Contact Joe Marhofer if interested
 - d. \$15 entry and 10% commission to Roger Hunker and 2% commission to MCLA
3. MCLA Live Sale
 - a. Some discussion regarding the need for a live auction sale. Nothing officially planned at this point.
4. Youth Challenge –
 - a. New points challenge was presented.
 - b. Ultimately the revisions were modeled after the Swine Youth Challenge.
 - c. The goal of the revisions was to make the points challenge
 - i. less complicated to report for the show mangers (no multpliers or bonus points)
 - ii. point system that is easier to understand and track by participants (see above)
 - iii. equitable for all age groups (has been an issue especially for seniors due to class multipliers)
 - iv. encourage more youth to participate (approximately 40 traditionally participate)
 - v. provide awards to as many participants as possible (6 more awards)
 - d. Good discussion and questions from members ensued. Concerns about an abundance of ties led to discussion of tie breakers. During the discussion we also reflected on our MCLA Mission Statement which includes educating youth in the sheep industry and promoting the club lamb industry. We also have a goal to promote youth by enhancing their knowledge in the sheep industry and developing desirable qualities in showmanship and leadership.
 - e. Motion made by Pay Henne and 2nd by Caitlyn Henne to accept the Youth Challenge changes. Motion passed.
 - f. Changes are posted online!
5. MCLA Member Sales
 - a. Excellent discussion on the various formats members are using for their club lamb sales.
 - b. Members please submit your sale dates to me or John Schut to get them posted on our website.

- i. Thuderstruck Club Lambs – Bid Board Sale March 21st at noon
 - ii. Electra Farms – Bid Board / Round Robin Sale April 18th at 2:00 pm
6. Annual Meeting – March 7th, 10:00 am at the Flying J Truck Stop on the Northwest Side of Lansing. We hope to see you there!
7. MCLA Dues – Annual Dues need to be collected in March. 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.
8. Motion made by Mick Swihart and 2nd by John Schut to Adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pete Barnum