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**Michigan Club Lamb Minutes Annual Meeting
March 24, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 2:30pm by Tracy Braun.

Member introductions

Secretaries minutes read by Tracy Braun, Michelle was unable to attend.

- Motion made to accept the minutes made by Mike Moore
- Seconded by John Bonam

Treasurers report given by Jason Plum.

- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report made by Larry Hammons
- Seconded by Forrest Breimayer

Annual report given by Jason Plum.

New secretary or treasurer needs to contact youth members that have outstanding scholarships that have not been claimed.

Website – The cost for the Website in 2007 will be \$400.00.

Youth Points Challenge –

Jenna Powel wrote the grant this year. At the time of the annual meeting she had not been notified as to whether or not we had received the grant. There is \$1,747 dollars in the points challenge fund. Several items were discussed about how to fund the challenge if we do not receive the grant.

1. Possible donations
2. Raising entry fees
3. Cutting back on prizes

Points Challenge Committee members – Michelle and Cheryl have both stated they are unable to continue on the committee. Volunteers were asked for at the meeting. Laura Bonam and Keri Schut volunteered. Diana Hurst was contacted and she has agreed to stay on the committee.

Bred ewe sale –

The sale will be held in Hastings the first weekend in October.

Don Steeby set a tentative budget of \$1400.00 for the sale. \$700.00 of that amount is to be paid by the Boer Goat Association.

Janet Bowers asked about postage costs.

Forrest Breimayer asked about out of state sheep consigners.

Discussion Followed:

Forrest asked if a motion was made to change the by-laws. Answer – No

Janet Bowers asked about the number of Michigan sheep in the sale. Answer -11

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Motion was made by Steve Beattie to allow out of state consignors access to the sale provided they pay the \$20.00 dues required by MCLA, but they would not be granted voting rights in the organization.

Second by John Schut

Vote taken – passed

Motion made by John Schut to give the sale committee power to act with a budget of \$1400.00.

Seconded by Forrest

Motion amended by Laura Bonam to add a guarantee that the committee would be able to pay back the 1400.00 to the organization.

Seconded by Janet Bowers

Verbal vote taken – indecisive; show of hands vote performed, 7 for 9 against. Motion failed.

Additional discussion that the sale committee make the best effort to break even.

Motion restate as giving the sale committee power to act with a budget of \$1400.00 without a guarantee.

Motion passed.

Web Site Update – Get all the information to Mike Moore for sales and events.

Make sure to get as many county fair dates posted as possible.

Reminder that there is a classified section on the web site – sheep, puppies, clippers etc.

Please keep Mike informed as to whether or not you have sold the items.

Motion made by Mike Moore, seconded by Tom Busenbark, to set the 2007 Meetings as follows:

- 1.) Annual meeting was held March 24
- 2.) Second meeting at MSU pavilion during the Michigan Sheep Spectacular
- 3.) Third Points Challenge Meeting to be held in late October
- 4.) Shepherds Week-end during the lunch hour

By-Law review

Discussion was done about vacancies and appointments for open seats. By-laws state it must be done at a regular meeting or a special meeting must be called or the seat remains open until the next general election.

Motion made by Mike Moore, seconded by Forrest Breimayer to form a committee to review the by-laws and bring back the findings to the general membership meeting in October for any changes for the 2008 calendar year.

Committee consists of

Jim Bosserd, John Schut, Steve Beattie – Chairman

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Two new shows asked for sanctioning:

2007 Blue and Gold Lamb Show – John Schut

South Eastern Lamb Expo – Tom Busenbark

Motion made to sanction shows by Steve Beattie, seconded by Forrest Breimayer

Discussion about an adult wether breeding show. Lisa Piccard to look into Berlin County possibly hosting.

Discussion about Bred ewe sale flyers. Committee advised that they would be available early this year for upcoming sales and fairs.

Discussion was held with regard to the Michigan Sheep Breeder Link on the web site. Motion was made by Steve Beattie to allow a link on Michigan Club Lamb for Michigan Sheep Breeders and vice versa. Seconded by Mike Moore

Reminder made by John Schut that Michigan State University has an animal science web site as well.

Officer Elections:

Nominations for President – John Bonam ;Mike Moore – declined;Earl Heller - declined

Earl Heller moved and Tom Busenbark seconded to unanimously elect John Bonam MCLA President.

Nomination for Vice President –

1. Tracy Braun
2. Steve Beattie - declined

Earl Heller moved, Larry Hammons seconded to unanimously elect Tracy Braun Vice-President. All Ayes.

Nomination for Secretary – Jan Breimayer

Motion made to unanimously elect Jan secretary made by John Bonam
Seconded by Forrest

Nomination for Treasurer – Sarah Rossell

Sarah was unable to attend meeting due to a family emergency, however, she sent a letter of intent for the position with her qualifications.

Motion made to unanimously elect Sarah as Treasurer made by Bob O'Connell
Seconded by Forrest

Directors elected –

1. Lisa Piccard
2. Jeff Walters

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Motion to unanimously elect directors made by Steve Beattie
Seconded by John Bonam

Motion made by Mike Moore to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by John Bonam

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Minutes as recorded by Laura Bonam.