

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOV. 1, 2008
TEXARKANA, AR
2:00 PM**

President Ernie Haire, of Arp, TX, addressed the Membership and welcomed them to the Meeting held at the LaCrosse Hotel in Texarkana, AR.

In attendance were:

Billy & Alice Thompson – Warrior, AL

Donald Johnston – Grover, CO

Richard Oliveira – Fresno, CA

James & Ann Kyle – Jacksonville, TX

Terry & Jennifer Roberts – Jefferson, GA

Gene & Brenda Fox – Bonham, TX

Ronnie & Pam Womack – Ponder, TX

Bobby Watts & Michelle McAfee – Harrodsburg, KY

James Agnew & Brenda Larner – Weatherford, TX

Al Paul – Aubrey, TX

Diana Payne – Douglas, TX

Mike Reis – Dixon, CA

Bill Hobby – Hughson, CA

Jim Bryant – Rockwall, TX

Jess Fulfer – Daingerfield, TX

Wynema Adams – Daingerfield, TX

The members viewed a power point presentation as the Board of Directors took turns discussing each of the concerns that had been turned into the office prior to the meeting.

- (1) Web-Site Presentation was given by Jennifer Roberts. The Board is well aware of the issues of the Web site. DSB of Sherman, Texas had come to the office and presented what they could do for the Association as far as the Web was concerned. With everything the members are wanting the Web site to do; DSB gave a quote of about \$15,000. Diligent Solutions of Plano, TX also came to the office and explained what they could do with the Web site for about \$2600. Diligent could also take care of the server and computers in the office. EDJE Technologies of Indianola, IA, gave their presentation via the phone. Their quote was \$3000-5000, that would be to take care of the Web site, server, and the computers. Some of the members were aware of EDJE's work and would like to see the Association go with them.**
- (2) National Show Presentation was given by Ernie Haire with the figures on the board of the last 4 National Shows with the shows losing about \$190,000 over the last four years. Most members did not have any idea that the Nationals cost so much to put on. Before the 2008 Nationals were cancelled, the figures were looked at and with no National sponsors, no promise of vendors, there was no other option but for the Board to cancel the 2008 Nationals. The hope of the current Board of Directors is to put on the 2009 show**

and have the money by March 2009, getting corporate sponsors and promises of venders.

- (3) **Boer Breeder Presentation** was given by Alice Thompson. Alice explained that the Boer Breeder had never paid for itself and before the publication could be continued, ads had to be sold and the money in house to cover each issue. Alice explained that about \$160,000 had been used from the General Fund to help pay for the magazine over the four ^{last} ~~few~~ years. With careful management, a newsletter might be the only way to go at this time.
- (4) **Committee Presentation** was given by James Kyle. James said the Committees would be filled in the near future and there were sign up sheets in the back of the room for anyone that wanted to be considered for a Committee.
- (5) **Judges Presentation** was given by Richard Oliveira. Richard explained that rules were in place for the Judges standards, with an International Judge having the same standards as anyone on the Board of Directors.
- (6) **By-Laws Presentation** was given by Donald Johnston. Each member present was given the new amended By-Laws with the proposals that were voted on by the members in July.

- (7) Goals and Objectives was given by Ernie Haire. The current Board of Directors is optimistic about the future of the Association if everyone will join together as a team and work toward the same goals and objectives.**
- (8) Ennoblement Program was addressed by Richard Oliveira. The Board is aware of the need to revise the Ennoblement Program and will form a committee to look into making the necessary changes of the program to make it easier to ennoble a goat with fewer points.**
- (9) Budget was discussed by Alice Thompson. Alice stated that a workable budget will be in place by January 1, 2009. All membership money will be due by January 31, 2009. This money will be delegated to the different budget areas for the whole year. Alice had all of the figures to back up this budget. Alice also suggested that each lifetime member give a one time donation of \$100.**
- (10) Open Forum was held next. The Youth Program was on the top of the list to improve on. Members were asked to submit their ideas through the comments area of the Web site.**

Many attending expressed their appreciation to the Board for time and work in putting together the meeting. They felt they had been given an opportunity

to express their concerns and the Board had acknowledged in their Goals and Objectives, they were important to the Board also.

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