

SVMGA Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017

The business meeting was called to order by President Greg Wade at 7:01 PM. He welcomed two new members from the Farmville area who are interested in raising sheep.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Linda Griles reviewed the balance of the treasury and transactions for the month. It was noted that membership renewals are due through April. Ms. Griles will send emails to those members who have yet to renew.

Secretary's Report: Ms. Pam Alderson read the January minutes.

Marketing Committee Report: Ms. Debbie Duffer reported that 105 animals were consigned at the sale. The next sale is traditionally the 3rd Saturday in May, but it has conflicted with the Amish Livestock Sale. The May sale will be scheduled on a weekend that does not conflict with the Amish fundraiser. It was suggested that the August sale be scheduled to supply animals for religious holidays. There was a discussion of whether Friday night or Saturday morning sales were preferred. The time allotted for the sale was also discussed.

Old Business: The Junior Livestock Show of Halifax County sent an email requesting sponsorship for the May 5, 2017 show. Mr. Wade read the email and detail of sponsorship levels. Ms. Debbie Duffer made a motion for SVMGA to sponsor the show at the \$250 level. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Alderson reported that she left a message with Mr. Ryan Ford, of Seven Hills Abattoir, but had yet to get a response.

New Business: It was reported that the builder of the Amish Auction house (Hunting Creek Area) would like to address SVMGA at an upcoming meeting.

The closing of the Danville Livestock Auction was discussed.

It was noted that there is a Sheep and Goat program on March 1 at Virginia Tech. The specifics are on the SVMGA Website. Also on March 1, there is another meeting for the Grant Program that was offered by the Tobacco Commission last year for fencing and Novel Endophyte Fescue. All the grant money was not distributed in 2016.

Breeding for parasite resistant genetics was discussed.

The topic of speakers for 2017 was opened for suggestions. It was suggested that Dr. O'Brien be asked to present her research again this year. State Veterinarians may also be contacted for interest in speaking to SVMGA. The President will contact Kim Grossman to ask him to discuss with Susan Schoenian the possibility of showing her genetic program to the group.

The next association meeting will be on March 23, 2017.

A motion passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Alderson, Secretary