Intercollegiate Meat Coaches Association

Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
June 19, 2011

- IMCA President Gretchen Hilton called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

Old Business:

- Elections:
  - Clint Alexander and Tate Corliss were nominated for A division representative
  - Steve Larsen was nominated as A division at large
  - Chris Raines and Gregg Rentfrow were nominated as Senior division at large
  - Davey Griffin moved to cease nominations, 2nd by Clint Alexander

- Gretchen Hilton thanked Brad Morgan for serving as IMCA Board Liaison to the AMSA Board

- Keith Underwood moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Paul Berg, voted on and passed

- Thomas Powell reported we have $141,000 in the Meat Judging Endowment Fund
  - 4% is made available every year
  - This year we had over $5,000
  - Any unused funds after 2 yrs. go back into the fund
  - The funds are in a checking account for use until they go back into the endowment

- Thomas Powell stated that the Rachel Hamilton fund that covers the spirit award had $48,000 in it and it is fully self sustaining.

- Randy Huffman stated that money can only be taken out of the Foundation account once per calendar year (January 1).

- Thomas Powell reported that meat judging has been very well funded with last year’s income for the budget totaling $124,000 (roughly $20,000 from registration, $20,000 from awards, $83,000 from general support, and $1400 from Rachel Hamilton Foundation account). Expenses totaled $98,000 which included expenses for trophies, staff salaries, transportation, meals, and lodging.

- Thomas Powell explained that the extra $29,000 goes back to pay administrative overhead for AMSA. It was also stated that if members had additional questions they could visit with directors John Unruh, Randy Huffman, or Benjy Mikel.

- Thomas Powell publicly thanked Cargill for their generous support of Meat Judging Programs.

- Thomas Powell announced that Jimmy Wise has committed to staying on as our director of Meat Judging programs for AMSA. He also publicly thanked Jimmy for all his hard work.

- Mark Miller publicly thanked Thomas Powell, the AMSA Board, and Jimmy Wise for all they do for Meat Judging. He also discussed putting the budgetary overage into the Meat Judging Foundation after they build their reserves to a sustainable level.

- Randy Huffman stated that we should have a discussion about the overages in the future.

- Benjy Mikel stated that we will not be out of the hole soon but should look at the future use of the overage funds.

- Davey Griffin, Mark Miller, and Jimmy Wise discussed the disposition of the interest from the Meat Judging account.
• Mark Miller moved that: We should keep $10,000 in our checking account from our Foundation account. Anything over the $10,000 level will be placed back into the Foundation account. IMCA Board would make the decision to allocate the $10,000 in said account.
  
  o 2nd to the motion by Davey Griffin
  o Passed by a voice vote
• Warrie Means stated that if we have money that we should spend some of it.
• Gretchen Hilton announced that if someone had ideas for the money that they should submit a proposal to the IMCA Board.
• Gretchen Hilton announced the newly elected officers would be
  o Clint Alexander, A division
  o Steve Larsen, A division at large
  o Gregg Rentfrow, Senior division
• Gretchen Hilton took nominations for President Elect: Jason Sawyer and Chancie Rose were nominated
• Gretchen Hilton discussed if we should have trophies for 2-5 placing.
• Chad Carr moved to reallocate 2-5 to High Individuals.
  o 2nd by Keith Underwood
  o Passed by a voice vote
• Gretchen Hilton discussed the R.C. Pollack trophy for the National Champion
• Dale Woerner announced that we can have backdated National Champion trophies for schools that want one. If there is a large order it would decrease the cost.
• Gretchen Hilton discussed the proposed specifications changes that were sent out to IMCA members.
• Dale Woerner moved to accept the specifications changes.
  o 2nd by Gregg Rentfrow
  o Paul Berg added a friendly amendment that the changes not take effect until 2012
  o Passed by a voice vote
• Dale Woerner updated the group on the 4-H and FFA Retail I.D. and brought forth pictures for new cuts. The list has been developed already but the pictures are up for debate. Tuesday the committee will discuss the cuts. (The retail cuts were subsequently re-shot in July for the MEH/CEV training module) Suggested that state contests utilize 30 cuts. The national FFA contest will use 30 cuts with cookery method. The new list will be used in 2012 so we need to get the pictures out immediately.
• Gretchen Hilton announced Brad Morgan as the 2011 AMSA Meritorious Meat Judging Award Winner and thanked him for his service to AMSA.
• Gretchen Hilton discussed the closing of Iowa Lamb in Hawarden, Iowa.
• Jimmy Wise announced that he had talked with Dennis Stiffler from Mountain States Rosen who will work with us so that lambs can be supplied for the International and American Royal. This could represent an additional cost to the judging program of $6000 to $7000. Efforts will be made to find lamb industry support for continuing to have lambs in the contests.
• John Henson, Dale Woerner, Mark Miller and Thomas Powell formed a committee to look into the future of lamb judging in AMSA contests.
• Gretchen Hilton indicated that we would have a report on the lamb situation at the International.
• Gretchen Hilton announced that Chancie Rose was the new President-Elect of the IMCA.

New Business:
• Chancie Rose stated that the students need to write better thank you notes.
• Jimmy Wise urged coaches to write at least one letter/year to our principal sponsors.
• Gretchen Hilton stated that we need to send the thank you list out electronically.
• Terry Houser thanked all of the speakers for their time during the “A” Division judging clinic including Jimmy Wise, Ian Shann, Jesse Collins, Gretchen Hilton, Lawrence Yates, and Clint Alexander.
• Gretchen Hilton turned the meeting over to Dale Woerner as the new President for IMCA for the upcoming year.
• New President Dale Woerner adjourned the meeting.