



Indiana DAIRY GOAT association



December 22, 2016 - President's Letter

Greetings everyone! Can you believe it?! Winter “officially” arrived yesterday (although I think we’ll all agree that the past 2 weeks were enough winter to suffice!), the days will now start getting longer (although February days sure seem short & dark!) and Christmas is just a skip away!

Our most recent meeting found us discussing a lot of ideas around the Hoosier Classic. Our goal as a club is to make this show one that people will enjoy attending and look forward to every year. While we can’t accommodate every request we get for changes, we want to seriously look at suggestions and concerns and address them as best we can. For 2017 we are planning Sable & Saanen specialties, buck and wether show and our always popular auction. Our auction committee is working on some suggestions to streamline the auction while keeping the fun and funds coming! We will be having a buck show, with a few changes. We’ve also identified that the Hoosier Classic for 2018 may have challenges, due to the National Show being in Columbus, OH just two weeks later. We are planning ahead in order to be proactive to that challenge.

We’re going to be “on the road” for our January meeting. We received a gracious invitation to hold our meeting on January 8, 2017 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in Danville. At 4:00 p.m. that day there will be a cheese & soap making workshop and the group organizing that felt having our meeting there that day would be a good lead in—we agree! I’m hoping those of us who attend the meeting will be able to stay & partake in the workshop; I know I plan to, Lord willing!

I received a suggestion recently that I think is worth mentioning here. We have several members in our club who make goat milk soap, lotions, etc. for retail sales. Since we’ve been blessed with a great webmaster for our site, the suggestion was

we compile a list of members who do make goat milk soap, lotions, etc. and have that list available on our website. SO...if you are an IDGA member & make goat milk products for sale, send me your information (name, address, phone or website/email, etc.) and I'll compile a list to be put on the website. The news about how great goat milk soap is out there, we want to help our members & make it easier for the general public to find these great products. You can send me your info to my email address (borobbins@decatrwb.com).

I'm sure some of you are getting ready for those early January kids (mine aren't due to start arriving till mid-February, which will be here soon enough). I wish you easy kiddings, lovely doe kids and beautiful mammaries on the mommas!

And from my family and our farm to you & yours, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Bonnie Robbins, President

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