ABGA Executive Committee Meeting
March 5, 2001    Conference Call

President David Carter called the meeting to order and calledrole. Those Executive Committee Members present included: Daryle Coates, Sharon Holman, Matt Brown, Pete Warlick and Jerry Simpton. Guests included Paula Harmon (ABGA Office Manager), and Bruce Lott (ABGA Executive Director).

Approve Minutes

Holman moved to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2000, meeting as presented; Coates seconded; passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

National Show – Coates reported on the projected cost of the Sponsor banners. He then reviewed and moved to accept the proposed National Show award list; Simpton seconded; after discussion, motion and second were withdrawn until other award options for group classes could be researched.

Coates moved to appoint Tim Whatley and Mike Masters as superintendents for the 2001 National Show; Holman seconded; after discussion, Coates amended the motion to add “with Warren Cude as an alternate”; Holman seconded; amendment passed unanimously; main motion passed unanimously.

Coates then reviewed the other award list. Simpton moved to accept the other award list as presented, with the awards given to the show facility and CVB to be reviewed annually; Holman seconded; passed unanimously.

National Show Rules – Brown reviewed the rules booklet as presented. Lott noted two typographical corrections. Coates
questioned the need to read the tattoos on goats at check-in and moved to eliminate the last sentence of the “identification” section addressing the issue; Holman seconded; passed unanimously. Lott was directed to have a statement prepared to hand out to exhibitors at check-in desk informing them to verify their tattoos are correct prior to coming to the show ring, where they will be checked by the superintendents. Simpton moved to accept the show rules as presented with the mentioned corrections; Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

**Judges** – Coates reported the committee had reviewed the application from Coni Ross to be an ABGA approved judge and moved not to approve her as a judge; Holman seconded; motion passed with two abstentions (Simpton and Warlick).

Coates reviewed the proposed suggestions for judge’s criteria. Coates was directed to continue working to finalize the criteria.

The training school schedule was reviewed. Lott requested input on the South African judges coming back to Texas to judge the Junior ABGA show. The committee felt the Juniors should pay for the judge’s travel only if the judges were coming to Texas only to judge the JABGA show. Holman questioned the “Fasttrack” theory and wanted Coates to write a curriculum and criteria for passing the course. Lott was directed to get Coates a list all that have passed Level I and not Level II.

**Office Manager Report**

Harmon reviewed the office policies. She reported a time clock has been installed. Lott and Harmon were directed to write a more complete set of office policies.

Harmon reported on the display booth schedule for the San Angelo Stock Show and overtime required. Harmon was directed to redo the schedule to eliminate some of the overtime and present it at the Board meeting the following night.

It was noted that the National Show Social committee had requested an ABGA flag. Harmon had found a 3x5 flag for approximately $125. Brown moved for ABGA to purchase a flag; Holman seconded; passed unanimously.

Harmon reviewed the Texas Workforce Commission seminar
Holman moved to send Harmon to seminar; Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

The Board member travel for the 2001 National Show was discussed. The previous year’s policies were reviewed. Holman moved that ABGA not pay the expenses for directors to travel to the National Show and Annual Membership meeting; Warlick seconded; Yes – Coates, Holman, Warlick; No – Brown; motion passed. Lott and Coates to contact Cameron University for volunteer help at the show (unloading, show ring, etc).

**Executive Director Report**

Lott reported on the San Antonio and Houston Livestock Shows International Room events. Noted that press releases on the San Antonio efforts with Texas Department of Agriculture were being mailed.

Lott informed the committee that he had discussed the possibility of an ABGA hosted lunch at the 2002 Houston International room, serving Boer goat meat. The show was receptive. Lott was directed to continue plans if the ABGA Sanctioned show could be rescheduled to coincide with the lunch event. Coates questioned the amount of time Lott spent in Houston and the International contacts made. Lott reviewed the procedure for manning the booth, the countries represented and the breeder contacts made while he was there.

**Other Business**

Coates requested show results be put on the website quicker. Lott reported that the official results from the various shows take some time to arrive.

Carter reviewed the travel itinerary details for Lott. The committee felt that generalizations on expected expenses were sufficient since a final expense report would be turned in following travel.

Lott reviewed the request from Ranchers Lamb for ABGA to develop an official “generic” name for goat meat. It was noted that a contest could be conducted to accomplish this.

**Adjournment**
Holman moved to adjourn; Brown seconded; passed unanimously.