

Board of Directors Meeting

April 10 , 2001 Conference Call

President David Carter called the meeting to order and called role. Those Board Members present included: Daryle Coates, Sharon Holman, Matt Brown, Pete Warlick, John Edwards, Tim Whatley, George Bradshaw, Johanna Dodds, Patricia Parson, Jerri McDonald, and Jerry Simpton. Guests included Paula Harmon (ABGA Office Manager) and Bruce Lott (ABGA Executive Director).

Review Letter of Resignation

Carter reviewed the letter of resignation submitted by Past President Mike Masters. After discussion of the letter, **Coates moved to accept Masters resignation as submitted; McDonald seconded; passed unanimously.** Lott was directed to send Masters a letter informing him of the Boards acceptance of his resignation.

Approve Minutes

McDonald moved to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2001, Board of Directors meeting as presented; Brown seconded; passed unanimously.

Brown moved to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2001, Executive Committee meeting as presented; Coates seconded; passed unanimously.

Review Regional Nominees

Coates moved to accept all nominees for the vacant Board positions; McDonald seconded; Whatley asked if the membership status of each had been checked and Lott informed that all were members of ABGA; **passed unanimously.**

National Show

STAFF – Lott reported on staff that has indicated they are able to attend the ABGA National Show and the JABGA National Show (Lott, Harmon, and Stegall). Lott reported he had contacted the Great Plains facility manager to get help from local 4-H, FFA and University students during check-in and show days.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT – Carter read Parsons proposal to qualify for reimbursement of travel expenses for Directors. Edwards asked about the newly elected Directors since they were not accounted for in the proposal. Dodds noted that this was the most important meeting of the year and felt it should be reimbursed in the same fashion as the other meetings. **Parson moved to accept proposal; McDonald seconded;** Brown noted that last year those Board members showing at the National Show were not eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses. Holman reviewed the history of expense reimbursement for the Board. **Holman called the question; Yes – Holman, Whatley, McDonald, Edwards, Brown, Warlick, Bradshaw, Parson, Dodds; No – Coates; motion passed. Voting on the main motion then took place. Yes – Holman, McDonald, Parson, Dodds, Whatley; No – Edwards, Brown, Coates, Bradshaw, Warlick, Carter; motion failed 6 – 5.**

Coates moved to amend the proposal to reimburse the expenses of the existing and incoming Directors in accordance with the current travel policy in place, with one nights hotel eligible to be reimbursed upon request, and those not showing being expected to volunteer to work check-in, ABGA booth, show ring, etc.; Whatley seconded; Yes – McDonald, Parson, Dodds, Whatley, Coates, Edwards, Warlick, Brown, Bradshaw; No – Holman; motion passed 9 – 1.

SHOW SECRETARY – Lott reported that the ABGA programmer had been in to make updates to the show program, wrote an instruction manual for the program and went through the process of entering a show. After reviewing the staff available to attend the National Show, Lott then reported on the bid from Sue Kearney to handle entries and check-in at the show (\$500 plus travel and hotel). **Holman moved to accept Kearney’s bid; Edwards seconded; Yes - McDonald, Parson, Whatley, Holman, Edwards, Warlick, Brown, Bradshaw; No – Coates; motion passed 8 – 1.**

AWARDS UPDATE – Coates reviewed the current status of the awards for group classes. He is to report final selections to Executive Committee for approval.

TATTOO NOTIFICATION – Lott reviewed the notice to be placed in the next issue of *The Boer Goat*. He noted it would also be given to all exhibitors as they check-in at Nationals.

SILENT AUCTION FOR JABGA – Lott reported that the silent auction held at last years Nationals was quite successful. He asked if there was any perceived problem with pursuing that at this show as well. Lott was directed to contact JABGA coordinators to proceed with the details.

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER – Lott reported Greg Link had been in attendance at the previous shows in case there were problems with the show program. With the changes that had been made to the program and the acceptance of Kearney's bid for this year, the Board felt it wasn't necessary to have Link in attendance.

COURT REPORTER – Lott reported on the presence of a court reporter at the past Annual Meetings to keep the minutes. Harmon noted that last year's reporter charged \$376 to be there. **Dodds moved to have a court reporter at the meetings; Holman seconded; passed unanimously.**

Boer Goat 101 Program

Edwards reported he would like to meet with the Executive Committee at the end of April for them to review the slide set and script. Edwards noted it covers more than animal's conformation, including feeding, management, etc. He noted no animals could be identified from their photos. Coates requested the Board to give the Executive Committee the authority to review the program, make changes and approve. **Carter polled the Board and charged the Executive Committee with handling the program.**

Judges Committee Report

Coates reviewed the criteria for judges and inspectors. After discussion, it was changed to read that foreign judges do not have to maintain membership in ABGA. **Coates moved to accept the guidelines as changed, effective immediately; Holman seconded;** the definition of "major shows" was

reviewed; **passed unanimously.**

Coates reviewed the letters concerning judging at some events. He noted that some were not signed (submitted anonymously) or did not give sufficient explanation of reasons to reprimand a judge. Therefore, the committee felt there was no action necessary based on these letters.

Office Managers Report

Harmon reviewed her attendance at the Texas Workforce Commission workshop.

She noted the current ABGA membership was 2998. A letter will be sent to all inactive members to remind them about renewing.

Harmon reported the member packs have been mailed and should be received during the next couple of weeks.

Harmon and Lott reviewed the proposed Office Policies. It was noted that these are only a starting point and will continue to be developed into a complete Policy and Procedure Handbook. Coates requested an addition stating that staff can be expected to attend the National Show upon request. **Parson moved to accept the Policies as presented, with the addition of staff attending the Nationals; Brown seconded; Yes – Holman, McDonald, Edwards, Simpton, Brown, Warlick, Bradshaw, Parson;**

No – Coates, Whatley; motion passed 8-2.

Harmon reported the office staff was current on paperwork. Lott requested to close the office for Good Friday, since this would be the last opportunity for a vacation until the Nationals. The Board felt Lott could make the decision.

Executive Director Report

Lott reviewed the following:

- A group of Chileans had visited the ABGA office and several breeders. Lott noted the group made contact with the individuals they wanted to visit via the internet and websites.
- Foot-&-Mouth Disease info has been published and

distributed by the Animal Health Commission. He noted this info would be in the next issue of *The Boer Goat* and that all breeders should take time to educate themselves on the warning signs.

- The Goat Gathering in July has a trade show area, and ABGA has made arrangements for an exhibit.
- The Angelo State University (ASU) and Fort Valley State University buck test enrollment forms are out. They will be sent to the members in close proximity to each of the tests.
- *The Boer Goat* publisher, Billye Viner, currently is working without a contract. She has requested to have a contract drawn up and reviewed by the Board.
- Lott requested approval for a Membership Directory to be published in November each year. As a fundraiser, ABGA could auction the cover at the Nationals each June, with proceeds going to JABGA. This publication would be a premier place to advertise
- There has been a request to review the current class breaks in the sanctioned show rules. Bill Turnquist has submitted a proposal for the show rules committee to review.
- The budget reports for the first quarter (January – March) were discussed. It was noted the reports were preliminary, but they reflect that ABGA is ahead of budget for the year.

Other Business

Warlick presented a proposal for a commercial exhibitor that is also showing goats at the National Show. The exhibitor would like to have their exhibit located adjacent to their goat pens. Simpton suggested allocating pen space if possible, but if the pen space is needed the exhibit would need to be moved to the common exhibit area.

Warlick asked about the separation of the ABGA and JABGA National Shows. Holman noted that the JABGA Board of Directors voted to take that action in order to add some other events, such as the wether show at this year's event in Kerrville, TX.

Whatley asked about Lott's travel itinerary. Lott reported it had been sent to the Executive Committee

Adjourn

Holman moved to adjourn; Dodds seconded; passed unanimously.

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