

AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION  
**MINUTES** Recorded: December 1, 2001,

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**ABGA Board of Directors Meeting**  
December 1,2001, San Angelo, Texas

President Pete Warlick called the meeting to order and called roll. Those Board Members present included: Daryle Coates, Matt Brown, John Edwards, Tim Whatley, Patricia Parson, Jerri McDonald, Russ Cooper, Bob Duke, J.R. Patterson, David Carter and Joanne Miner. Guests included Beverly Hadley, Bill Follis, Ann Follis, Beth Mason, Becky Sauder, Bill Ryals, Paula Harmon (ABGA Office Manager) and Bruce Lott (ABGA Executive Director).

**APPROVE MINUTES**

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McDonald asked if the minutes would be edited for length before presentation in the magazine. Edwards thought there should be complete detail, to include Mrs. Holman's comments verbatim. Edwards questioned the minutes reflecting he said the Monroe facility could hold 890 pens for the 2002 National Show. The tape of the September 15 meeting was reviewed to verify the minutes were correct as presented. **Carter moved to approve the September 15 Board of Director minutes as presented, with the addition of Mrs. Holman's comments verbatim; Coates seconded; motion passed unanimously.** After reviewing the Executive Committee meeting minutes, **Coates moved to accept the October 30 Executive Committee minutes with the deletion of the South African judges officiating over the JABGA National Show; Whatley seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Warlick outlined the Committee discussion and

recommendations.

**Request for discounted fee** - Coates moved to not accept Farmer's request to charge a volume discount on smaller numbers of animals; Whatley seconded; passed unanimously.

**Dodds/Barrie dispute** - Warlick reviewed the process of following up on the dispute. Edwards noted he had talked to Barrie and she was satisfied with ABGA's actions and if she pursued the issue any further it would be outside of ABGA.

**Property review for office space** - Carter noted 6 properties were reviewed and none were satisfactory for the cost. Other options in the current office building were discussed. Coates reviewed possibilities of scanning documents to eliminate storage cabinets. Coates had visited with ABGA programmer Greg Link concerning the matter. Coates reported Link felt a scanner and the necessary software could be purchased for \$5000 - 6000 and 2 part-time employees would be needed to scan the current documents in storage at the office. After discussion, **Parson moved to purchase all the necessary equipment (before December 31, 2001) and hire 2 part-time employees (starting in January 2002); Coates seconded; passed unanimously.**

Carter reviewed the possibility of purchasing property and building an office. Lott and Harmon were directed to continue gathering information on possible sites for lease/purchase/build.

**Review of Susan Ballard-Cook complaint** - Edwards noted he sent a letter to Cook and she responded via the Internet. The Internet response was passed out. The Board went into Executive Session to review the issue. After coming out of Executive Session, **Coates moved to remove Cook from the Board; Edwards seconded; Yes (7) - Brown, Miner, Patterson, Carter, Edwards, Coates, Whatley; No (3) - McDonald, Duke, Parson; Abstain (1) - Cooper; motion fails for lack of 2/3 majority as is required in ABGA bylaws.**

**Parson moved to reconsider the issue; motion died for lack of a second.**

After discussion of the severity of the situation, **Duke moved to develop a written reprimand against Cook; McDonald**

**seconded; passed unanimously.** Warlick and Edwards were charged with writing the letter of reprimand to be signed by each Board member.

**Drug testing** - Lott reviewed results to date. The enforceability of the current rule was discussed. Brown noted (as National Show Rules committee chairman) that the committee would address the issue in their new rules before presenting them for approval. **Edwards moved to accept the documentation received as acceptable; Whatley seconded; passed unanimously.**

**Houston Livestock Show** - Coates reported he had a meeting scheduled with the Show officials to preview the site. He reported he still needed a few wethers to complete the order.

**Review National Show** - Edwards passed out photos and updated the Board on the show site. Edwards reported some requests for pen space not in the air-conditioned area and that there was ample space to accommodate them. There are also horse pen spaces available for exhibitors that want to arrive early and unload their animals, but there is a fee for these pens and they would be arranged and paid directly to the facility.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**National Show Committee** - Duke reported the committee met and recommended the following (with some of these to be included in the show booklet, with the rules, when it is mailed out in February):

1. Paula is to contact motels and finalize a "headquarters"
2. Mike Masters was checking into different ribbon/trophy expenses
3. Judges are to receive jackets and awards. Any awards (if statues) would be shipped to the South Africans after the event
4. All show help will have official badges and National Show vests so all exhibitors will be able to locate officials
5. Ring help will be paid for their services. They will sign a

waiver releasing ABGA of liability

6. To house goats at a rate of 1.5 goats per pen
7. Additional pens could be purchased for \$40. If this extra pen space is purchased for the purpose of a display, the display must fit in the 5x5-pen space
8. The entry card must indicate if the exhibitor wants their animals to be housed in the air-conditioned area or not
9. Arena floor will be competition packed dirt
10. John Kearney was to be invited to be the official announcer
11. ABGA would furnish a bag of shavings for each pen upon set up. Any additional shavings will be available for purchase by the exhibitors
12. Block & Bridle Club will have 10 paid helpers to help unload on check-in day, and 4 per day each day of the show to help
13. Check-in would be from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Absolutely no animals in the barn before 7 am
14. Workers/volunteers that arrive earlier in the week to help get things set up will be the first to have their paperwork processed and will be the first to get their goats in the barn so they can report back to their work stations
15. A registration form will be mailed to each pre-entered exhibitor prior to arriving at the show. Instructions to fill that form out before they arrive will be included. If an exhibitor does not have that filled out when they arrive at check-in, they will be diverted to a separate area to fill out the form
16. Exhibitors will be processed in the order they arrive. They will be given a number when they arrive and that is the order they will be processed. A guard will be on duty the night before check-in begins and he will line trucks up and pass out these numbers to those exhibitors arriving overnight
17. Pens will be assigned and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis starting in one corner of the barn. There will be no

"reserving" pens for other exhibitors. If several exhibitors want to pen together, they must arrive and check-in together to assure they enter the barn at the same time

18. ABGA will not be tattooing goats on site

19. Warren Cude will be Superintendent and Mike Masters will be Assistant Superintendent

20. The facility is alcohol - free and non - smoking

21. Premiums will be paid as previously handled or a trailer would be awarded to a "high point" individual

Lott reminded the Board that they had picked the National Show site, but had not designated the location of the Annual Meeting.

**JUDGES COMMITTEE** - Warlick reported that the committee recommends the acceptance of Bob Duke, Jr. as an ABGA approved judge. **Edwards moved to accept Duke as a judge; Cooper seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

**EDUCATION** - Edwards reviewed possible changes to Boer Goat 101 program after the Ennoblement and Breed Standards committees report. He reported they were formulating a "town hall" type meeting in each region.

Duke reported a request from Dr. Rick Machen to help conduct a "Goat Gathering" type program in Mississippi. Edwards felt their committee could get this started and have speakers/personnel within 45 days.

**2001 NATIONAL SHOW RULES** - Brown reported his committee will use the information submitted by the National Show committee and will begin to finalize the rules booklet.

**DNA**Coates noted the representative from the ImmGen lab wasn't able to attend this meeting and visit with the Board, but will try to make it to the next meeting. McDonald asked about registration of cloned animals. It was noted that no procedure for registering cloned animals had been established to date.

**SOCIAL**Coates noted the committee needed verification of availability of an area to serve "goat finger foods" on the grounds at the Monroe facility. There would not be a sit-down meal or entertainment. Warlick noted tables would be available from the facility. Coates asked if the Annual Meeting would be held in conjunction with the National Show. Warlick stated that was yet to be decided. Coates said the rest of the committee concerns would wait until that decision was made.

**ENNOBLEMENT**Duke reviewed the recommendations as follows and moved to accept them effective January 1, 2002:

- 1. At least one Ennoblement point must come from the ABGA National Show; Cooper seconded; Yes Coates, Duke; No Edwards, Whatley, Carter, Parson, Patterson, Cooper, Miner, Brown, McDonald; motion failed 2-9.**
- 2. To be Ennobled, a goat must pass visual inspection; no second.**
- 3. To pass visual inspection a goat must be evaluated and passed by two judges, not necessarily at the same time. Both judges must pass the goat. If one of these two judges does not pass the goat, a third judge must evaluate the goat to make the final decision. Members of the judging panel must not be related by marriage or family. The fee will be \$10 per inspector; Whatley seconded; motion passed unanimously.**
- 4. Disbudded/dehorned goats can not pass inspection since horn structure is part of cull factor evaluation; Coates seconded; passed unanimously.**
- 5. All inspectors will be given templates and change all**

references to “diameter” measurements to “square inches”; McDonald seconded; passed unanimously.

**6. Change the first category of show points accumulation to read “1-4 animals in a class = no points, 5-10 animals in the class = first place gets 5 points”; Carter seconded; Yes – Coates, Whatley, Carter, Parson, Patterson, Cooper, Duke, Miner, Brown, Edwards; NoMcDonald; motion passed 10-1.**

**BYLAWS**McDonald reported that the committee had approved two motions submitted by Teresa Turner to come to the Board for review. There were additional changes from Teresa Turner and David Carter, but they need to go to the committee for review before Board action.

**Coates moved to accept the proposed changes to Article 6, Section 1-8 to refer to the Executive Committee as such, and not as “the Committee”; Whatley seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Coates moved to accept the proposal to change the date of membership tally and regional boundary review that determines the number of regional directors to December 31 of the preceding year; Edwards seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**PROTOCOL**Whatley reviewed he and Lott had attended the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) meeting when the Scrapie requirements were being discussed. TAHC noted that the Federal requirements accepting ABGA tattoos would probably be accepted. The Federal guidelines were passed out. Lott reported that the ABGA office had copies of this information and was sending it to members upon request, as well as reprinting the information in *The Boer Goat*.

**CERTIFICATE UPDATE**Whatley reported the committee met and recommends the following five motions:

**1. Add the owners scrapie identification number to the certificate; Duke seconded; Yes - Coates, Whatley, Duke; NoEdwards, Carter, Parsons, Patterson, Cooper, Miner,**

**Brown; Abstain - McDonald; motion failed 3-7-1.**

- 2. Include the Champion buck test designations on the animals' paper and in the extended pedigree of his offspring (same as National Show Champions); Edwards seconded; motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. American Purebred papers receive a new color certificate (instead of the blue like percentages); Edwards seconded; motion passed unanimously.**
- 4. If clones are accepted for registration, designate them with a "C" after the registration number for that animal; Edwards seconded; motion passed unanimously.**
- 5. If an animal fails Ennoblement inspection and can't pass inspection in the future, it should be noted on the registration papers; tabled until committee would review more thoroughly.**

**ADVERTISING**Parson reviewed the advertising plan that was formulated by the committee. The committee established a strategy and theme to include advertising in non-goat related publications as well as those we currently use. The focus will be on "how ABGA can help you" and "why you should consider the Boer goat in your operation". This will flow over into the website and promotional literature. It was noted that the plan was for half-page or bigger ads to run at least six times in "regional" goat-related magazines, twothree times in each "national" goat-related magazine, and threefour times in non-goat related magazines. **The Board requested to approve the ads prior to publication.**

**PROMOTIONAL**No report was given. Parson requested the promotional committee to investigate the acquisition of one additional ABGA booth. It was noted the current booth pictures needed to be updated to include the 2001 National Junior show.

**BUDGET**Carter reviewed the November 30, 2001, preliminary budget closing figures. Coates requested future reports to have a more complete breakdown for accounts. Carter noted the committee recommends to pre-pay the Houston Livestock International meal, computer scanning equipment, postage (\$10,000), premium commitments for several of the spring shows out of the surplus from 2001 and bonuses to the staff that had been employed for the full year (Harmon - \$3000 and Stegall - \$2500). After discussion of several line items, **Duke moved to accept the report as presented; Cooper seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

Carter presented the 2002 proposed budget. Office staff salaries were discussed. Lott noted the proposed budget reflected raises for staff.

The Board moved into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session.

Lott was directed to give a \$1 per hour raise to all office staff. **Edwards moved to accept the proposed budget with the shifting of \$10,000 from postage expense into salaries (making it \$145,000) to allow for two part-time employees to accomplish the cleanup/scanning of files; Whatley seconded; motion passed unanimously.** The Board went into Executive Session.

**SANCTIONED SHOWS**Patterson reported he was told that ABGA had lost the sanctioning on Oklahoma City and Tulsa; Edwards stated ABGA still had the sanctioning on the events. A follow-up letter from the office to the show hosts was requested. It was noted that the Mississippi State Fair was available for sanctioning. Patterson stated there were shows he had sanctioned in Arkansas, Missouri and Ohio. Carter questioned the show committee allocating funds from various regions to shows, instead of the directors allocating those funds within their own region. The class breaks were discussed. It was noted the show rules state that the classes are not fixed and can be customized. Coates noted the lateness of the Star of Texas show paying premiums/refunds from last year.

**BREED STANDARDS**Edwards reviewed the recommended changes. **Whatley moved to accept the Breed Standards as presented below; Duke seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

## IMPROVED BOER GOAT STANDARDS

### Overall Quality, Size, Appearance and Type

The overall objective is for a goat to be of suitable size with maximum meat yields, good structural conformation which meets environmental and production requirements, high adaptability to environmental conditions high fertility.

Ideally, this is an animal with short glossy hair with fine luster and a loose supple skin. The major portion of the body should be white with dark coloration around the head and pigmented skin in hairless areas around the head and under the tail to reduce sunburn, cancers, and skin diseases.

In general appearance, a Boer goat has a dark head and horns that curve backwards. Animals should be strong, vigorous, and symmetrical, with well-balanced muscling. Bucks should be masculine and well proportioned. Does should be feminine, yet strong. They should be able to breed easily and have the conformation and constitution to easily raise fast growing kids.

Overall, the ideal is a rapidly growing, well-proportioned goat with the ability to maximally produce prime cuts of meat to meet consumer demands. A desirable relationship between the length of leg and depth of body should be achieved at all ages with kids and young goats being slightly longer in the leg.

**FAULTS:**Cull characteristic or defects which decreases the

value of the goat for breeding purposes.

## **I.CONFORMATION**

### **A.HEAD**

A prominent, strong head with brown eyes and a gentle appearance. Nose with a gentle curve, wide nostrils, and well-formed mouth with well-opposed jaws. There can be no over- or under-bite; the jaws must be perfectly opposed and teeth must be in the anatomically correct positions. The forehead must be prominent, and form an even curve, linking the nose and horns. Horns should be strong, of moderate length, positioned well apart, and have a gradual backward curve before turning outward symmetrically. Horns should be as round and solid as possible and dark in color. Ears should be broad, smooth and hang downwards. Short ears are unacceptable. Disbudded or dehorned animals should have that noted on their registration papers and should not be discriminated against in the show ring.

**FAULTS:**Concave forehead, horns too straight or too flat, horns too close, jaw too pointed.

### **DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

Any extreme occurrence of the above undesirable traits. Overshot or undershot jaw, blue eyes, ears folded lengthwise, teeth not in correct anatomical positions.

### **B.NECK AND FOREQUARTERS**

Neck of moderate length and in proportion with body length. Forequarters full, well fleshed, and limbs well jointed and

smoothly blended. The breast should be broad. Shoulders should be fleshy, well proportioned with the rest of the body and smoothly blended and fitted into the withers. Withers should be broad and well rounded and not sharp. Legs should be strong, well placed and in proportion with the depth of the body. Pastern joints should be strong and hooves well-formed and as dark as possible.

**FAULTS:** Neck too short or too thin; shoulders too loose, any structural foreleg, muscle, bone, joint or hoof deformities or abnormalities to include but not limited to knock knees, bandy legs, hooves pointing outward or inward, splay toes, buck knees, hollow legs, straight or weak pasterns.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Any extreme occurrence of the above undesirable traits.

### **C.BODY**

Body should be boldly three-dimensional: long, deep and wide. Ribs must be well sprung. Loins should be well muscled, wide and long. The top line should be straight and strong and the shoulder well rounded with an abundance of muscle from shoulder through hip.

**FAULTS:** Concave or swayback; chest too narrow or shallow or flat; shoulders weakly attached; inadequate muscle through

the back and loin, pinched heartgirth.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Any extreme occurrence of the above undesirable traits.

## **D.HINDQUARTERS**

Rump broad and long with a gentle slope. Britch and thighs well muscled and rounded. Base of the tail must be centered and straight. The remainder of the tail can curve upward or to one side. Legs should be strong and the leg should have a straight axis from the hip through the hock, fetlock and pastern. Hoofs should be well-formed and as dark as possible.

### **FAULTS:**

Weak pasterns, straight pasterns, rump too steep, sickle hocked, cow hocked, and post legs.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Any extreme occurrence of the above undesirable traits.

## **II.SKIN AND COVERING**

Skin loose and supple. Eyelids and other hairless areas must be pigmented. Hairless areas around anus should be at least 75% pigmented; 100% is ideal. Short glossy hair is desirable. A limited amount of winter down or under coat will be tolerated during winter, especially in colder environments.

### **FAULTS:**

Hair too long or too coarse.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Not enough pigment. Any extreme occurrence of the above undesirable traits.

### **III.REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS**

#### **DOES**

Does should have well formed udders with good attachment and no more than two functional teats per side. It is most important that the udder is constructed so that offspring are able to nurse unassisted.

**FAULTS:** Udder and teat abnormalities or defects to include but not limited to split teats, cluster teats, fishtail teats, oversized or bulbous teats, pendulous udder.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Split teats, cluster teats, fishtail teats. Any extreme occurrence of the above undesirable traits.

#### **BUCKS**

Bucks should have two large well-formed, functional, equal sized testes in a single scrotum with no more than a 2" split in the apex of the scrotum.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Single testicle. Testicles too small. Abnormal or diseased testes; excessive split.

#### IV. COLORATION

The traditional Boer Goat is an animal with red hair on the head and ears and white on the remainder of the body but other colorations are not to be discriminated against in the show ring. Each side of head (excluding ears) should have a patch of color surrounding eyes of a minimum 4" diameter. Each ear should have a minimum of 75% coloration.

#### **DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

Not enough pigmentation. Not enough color on head or ears.

**GAIN TEST** - Brown reported he had visited with the ASU testing facility about the possibility of using the collars and feeders that would allow the gathering of individual feed efficiencies.

**REGIONAL SALES** - Lott reported the committee was finalizing the guidelines for the sales and would have those ready for review at the next meeting.

#### **GUESTS ADDRESSING THE BOARD**

- **Bryan Edmiston**, Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association (TS&GRA), reported their efforts as a lobbying group in Austin and

Washington. He reported TS&GRA would like ABGA to join them. He requested that ABGA include the TS&GRA membership application in an ABGA mailout. He noted TS&GRA was hosting a "Goat Gathering" in July and would like ABGA to be involved as a host. He reported that the TS&GRA is implementing an award program that would give \$50 to each child that is a junior or regular member of TS&GRA that wins Champion Meat Goat or Champion Market Lamb in each county show.

Coates reported TS&GRA addresses implementation of meat standards in Washington, DC; lobbying concerning such items as meat labeling, point-of-origin labeling and runoff regulation.

**Bill Follis** reported he had returned some paperwork on animals that were incorrectly registered. Follis asked why the correction hadn't been made. Edwards reported on the events that lead up to the event and noted it was a case of his mistaking a certificate number. Lott reviewed the process of changing/updating certificates is such that only one original certificate is in existence at any given time, and that the corrections can be made and correct papers mailed to the animal owners only after the incorrect papers are returned. Edwards and Warlick reported they would get with James Agnew and all three would get the paperwork submitted by mid-December.

### **SELECTION OF 2002 NATIONAL SHOW JUDGES**

Warlick reviewed the list returned from the South African Association. It was suggested to pick 3-4 until individual availability is determined. Coates noted that if Jackie Jordaan were selected, there is a sponsor that will fund a motorized wheelchair during his stay. After discussion of those on the list, **Coates moved to choose Danie Schoeman and Jackie Jordaan, with alternates being P W Henderson, F Maritz, Herman Groenewald; Patterson seconded; motion passed unanimously.** After review of the list of available American judges, **Coates moved to choose David Wolfe as the American judge; Carter seconded; Yes - Edwards, Coates, Whatley, Miner, Cooper, Duke, Parson, Carter, Brown; No - McDonald, Patterson; motion passed 9-2.** After discussion of the need to select an American alternate, **Edwards moved to select Duke as the American alternate; Whatley seconded;**

**Yes - Coates, Edwards, Brown, Parson, Miner, Cooper, Whatley, Carter, McDonald; No - Patterson; Abstain - Duke; motion passed 9-1-1.**

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** - Warlick noted Harry Staten requested to be placed on the Promotional Committee and Kathy Staten requested to be placed on the Bylaws Committee. **These additions were accepted by acclimation.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** - Lott reported the request from Texas Dept. of Ag to supply 5-6 wethers to cook, feed and promote at the San Antonio Livestock Show. **Lott was directed to secure the wethers and commit to the event.** Lott noted a request to award a Stan Benz Memorial trophy. After discussion, it was determined that it would be better to set up a scholarship instead.

Lott reviewed the request for ABGA to donate advertising space that could be purchased in the Dottie Crow benefit auction. The Board felt this would set a precedent and chose not to donate the space.

Lott reported an invitation had been received to attend the South African 2002 World Boer Goat Championships, February 7-9. After discussion, **McDonald moved to send Warlick and Lott if the funds were available; Parsons seconded; Yes - Edwards, Patterson, Parson, Miner, Brown, Whatley, McDonald, Duke, Cooper; No - Coates, Carter; motion passed 9-2.**

### **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Harmon noted all accounting and ennoblement inspections were current. A laptop and printer for use at shows has been bought for \$900. The office staff is working very well together and a tremendous amount of work is getting done. Harmon noted the paperwork turn-around time was 14 days, and that the staff would very likely meet the 7-day turn-around time criteria by December 14 to allow them to have off the week of Christmas.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

McDonald requested a Level 2 school in South Carolina, hosted by McDonald and Androulla Ward.

Coates reviewed the possibilities of a goat checkoff. He requested to have unanimous Board support and make a financial commitment, with funds to be allocated in the last quarter of 2002 if needed. **Lott was directed to write a resolution of support for the checkoff.**

Edwards noted he had some goat "Of The Year" awards that he had developed a point-type system for. **Coates moved to table the topic until all necessary programming was determined and budgeted.**

### **ADJOURN**

- **Whatley moved to adjourn; Edwards seconded; motion passed unanimously.**

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