American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, December 6, 2003
Texas A&M Research Center Classroom
San Angelo, TX
8:00 a.m. (CST)

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Duke.

Roll Call

Daryle Coates  John Edwards
Absent:
Peggy Taylor  Russ Cooper
Susan Cook
Bob Duke  Richard Parmer
Terry Blair
JR Patterson  Danny Henson
Johnny Smith  David Carter
Mike Borsch  Jan Carlson
Ken Longenecker  Toni Meisberger
Pete Warlick  Jesse Cornelius

Guests:
Kallie York  Mike Masters
Doyne Hough  Linda Lanksbury
John Taylor  Paula Harmon
Becky Sauder  John Mark
Walter Pfluger  Michael Spain
Eddie Holland

Staff:
Robert Swize

I. Minutes

Jessie Cornelius moved to approve the minutes of the July 26 – 27, 2003 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jan Carlson. The motion passed unanimously.

II. The Board went into Executive Session to get an ABGA legal update and discuss renewing the contract of the Executive Director, Robert Swize.

The Board closed the Executive Session.

Jessie Cornelius moved to renew the contract of the Executive Director, Robert Swize. The motion was seconded by Jan Carlson. The motion passed.

III. President Duke called on Mr. Michael Spain to give an overview of the Bylaws draft. Discussion followed and the board expressed their recommendations with Mr. Spain to be revisited by the Bylaws Committee. The board also asked for the Bylaws Committee to report back to them at a later date.

President Duke recognized that Board Member Terry Blair had arrived and noted Terry Blair as present.

IV. Committee Area Reports


Jessie Cornelius moved that the 2004
Educational Initiative be developed and implemented with a 50,000 Balance Budget. The motion was seconded by Jan Carlson. The motion passed.

Daryle Coates moved not to develop a colored herd book. The motion was seconded by John Edwards. The motion passed.

Peggy Taylor moved to develop a regional Club Initiative with the cost not to exceed $6000. The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper. The motion passed.

Ken Longenecker moved to fund regional clubs from the interest made by the CD. The motion was seconded by Jesse Cornelius. The motion failed.

Discussion followed and it was decided that the funding for the regional club initiatives will come from the Marketing and Promotions area.

Jessie Cornelius moved to accept the proposed budget with changes. The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper. The motion passed.

President Duke called on Jan Carlson to give a report on the Judges Program area.

Jan called on JR Patterson to report on the Judges Committee.

JR gave an overview on the Judges Committee’s last meeting and reported that the committee will meet again in December.

Jan reported that the Judges Training Committee report was discussed during the budget discussion.

President Duke called upon Terry Blair to give a report on the Breed Improvement Area.
Terry gave a report from the 21 Member Breed Standards Committee.

Terry Blair moved to implement the New Standard on July 1, 2004 on full-bloods. The motion was seconded by Jan Carlson the motion passed.

Terry Blair moved that the Percentage doe standards be changed to read:

A. HEAD
A prominent strong head with brown eyes. The jaws must have no over or under bite from birth to 24 months of age. After 24 months no more than a ¼ of an inch under bite is allowed. Correct fit is preferred. Teeth should erupt in the proper sequential positions. The forehead should 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. Ears should be smooth of medium length and hang downward.

FAULTS:
Horns too close, jaws too pointed, short ears.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:
Blue eyes, ears folded lengthwise, parrot mouth or more than ¼ of an inch under bite.

II. SKIN AND COVERING
Any extreme occurrence of an undesirable trait is a disqualification.

Skin loose and supple. Eyelids and other hairless areas must be pigmented. Hairless areas under tail should be at least 50% pigmented; 100% is ideal. Short glossy hair is desirable. A limited amount of winter down or under coat will be acceptable during winter, especially in colder environments.

and implement the new standard on July 1, 2004. The motion was seconded by Toni Meisberger. The motion passed.

Terry called on Becky Sauder to give a report
Terry reported that the other committees in his area had no business to bring before the board.

President Duke reported Ethics, Policy-Procedure and Protocal committees had no business to bring before the board. A report was not given on the Bylaws Committee as they were discussed earlier in the meeting.

President Duke called upon Daryle Coates to report on the Education and Marketing program area. Daryle called upon Toni Meisberger, Jesse Cornelius, Kallie York, David Carter, and Russ Cooper to give reports from their respective committees.

Toni Meisberger reported on new advertising ideas that Billye Viner will be incorporating in 2004. She also requested the board to pass advertising leads on to Billye Viner.

Jessie Cornelius reported that the Education Committee report was discussed during the budget discussion.

David Carter reported on the Sale Committee’s efforts in development of a sanction sale program for ABGA. The committee will present a report in 2004.

Russ Cooper reported on the scholarship committee meeting and development of a new scholarship form.

President Duke then called upon Toni Meisberger to give the Show program area report.

Toni then called on Mike Masters to report on the Future National Show Site.

Mike reported on the committee efforts to develop a show information request form and
mail one form to shows that may want to submit a proposal for 2005 National Show.

Toni then called on Eddie Holland and Kallie York to give the National Show Committee Report.

Eddie reported on the show committees meetings and plans for the 2004 National Show in West Monroe, LA and request by the committee.

Jessie Cornelius moved to accept recommendations made by the 2004 National Show Committee. The motion was seconded by Pete Warlick. The motion passed.

Toni Meisberger moved that the exhibitors from the 2003 National Show will select by ballot the judges for the 2004 National Show. The motion was seconded by JR Patterson. The motion passed.

The Board requested the Judges committee update the Judges standards to read as follows:

Any judge/inspector, who is selected to judge the ABGA National Show, can not judge any show three months prior to judging the ABGA National Show.

The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper. The motion passed.

Toni called on JR Patterson to give the Sanctioned Show Committee Report.

JR Patterson reported that at this time his committee did not have business to bring before the board.

V. President Duke called on Danny Henson to give an overview of the one day judges pass.

JR Patterson moved to approve one day
passes for the International Training Judges including Danny Dixon and Curtis Preston. The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper. The motion failed.

VI. President Duke called upon Robert Swize to give the Executive Directors Report.

Executive Director, Robert Swize requested that sanctioned show funding by region be developed for the 2004 fiscal year budget.

The board requested that the sanction show committee develop a funding plan and report back to them. The board also directed the Executive Director to hold all sanction show request until the sanction show funding plan is adopted by the board.

Executive Director, Robert Swize reported that ABGA supported an effort for development of goat skins in a Department of Defense contract.

Executive Director, Robert Swize reported the selection and implementation of new registry software for ABGA. An overview of the timeline and implementation process was given to the Board.

VII. Other Business

Russ Cooper moved to take away the funding of the meal in the International Room at Houston. The motion was seconded by Danny Henson. The motion passed.

JR Patterson moved to provide the ABGA Staff Holiday time on December 26 and January 2. The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper. The motion passed.

President Duke set up a conference call
meeting for January 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.