The meeting was called to order by President Bob Duke.

Roll Call

Daryle Coates          John Edwards
Peggy Taylor           Russ Cooper
Richard Parmer         Terry Blair
Susan Cook             Mark Seawell
Mike Borsch            Jan Carlson
Ken Longenecker        Toni Meisberger
Jesse Cornelius
Pete Warlick
Bob Duke               
David Carter

Absent:
JR Patterson
Danny Henson

Guests:
Mike Masters

Staff:
Robert Swize

I. Minutes
Jessie Cornelius moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 6, 2003. The motion was seconded by Daryle Coates.

Group vote: motion passed.

Daryle Coates moved not to approve the December 30, 2003 until corrections were made and a listing of show classes was included with the minutes. The motion was seconded by Toni Meisberger.

Group vote: motion passed.
Jessie Cornelius moved to approve the February 10, 2004 minute. The motion was seconded by Russ Copper.

Group vote: motion passed.

II. President Bob Duke called on Robert Swize to give a report on the Bylaws and governing structures. The board reviewed each article of the Bylaws, Conflict of Interest and recommended changes. Bylaws Attorney Michael Spain is to receive the noted changes. President Duke announced that Graphic 2 will give an overview of their company during lunch.

III. President Duke called on Robert Swize for a report on rule changes. Mr. Swize deferred his report until later in the meeting

IV. Committee Area Reports

President Duke called on Terry Blair for committee reports from the Breed Improvement committee. Terry called on Jan Carlson to give a report from the DNA committee. Jan reported that a future committee meeting would be held to review DNA proposals. Terry reported that the other committees in his area had no business to bring before the board.

President Duke called on Richard Parmer to give Financial Program Area Report. Richard reported the committees have no business to bring before the board.

President Duke reported Ethics, Policy-Procedure and Protocol 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 on Daryle Coates for reports from the Education and Marketing program area. Daryle called on Jessie Cornelius to give a report on the efforts of the Education committee. Jessie reported on the committee development of topics for the educational program. Jessie reported Dr. Rick Machen, Frank Craddock and Robert Swize are developing a draft of an educational program. Russ Cooper and Robert Swize reported on the scholarship committee meeting and a deadline dates for the junior scholarship. David Carter reported on the sales committees meeting in January and plans to develop an approved sales program for ABGA. Daryle Coates reported that at this time other committee in the Education and Marketing areas did not have business to bring before the board.

President Duke called on Toni Meisberger to give a report on committees in the show program areas. Toni called on Mike Master to give a report on
National Show sites. Mike reported of the problems with pens and lack of bids from shows that were contacted. Mike report the Louisville and Odessa submitted a bid for the 2005 show. West Monroe, LA was not available for 2005 and the dates were released when the association renewal for one year in the summer of 2003.

Daryle Coates moved to select Louisville, KY as the 2005 ABGA National Show site. The motion was seconded by Toni Meisberger.

Jessie moved to table the motion until Robbie Tate with the IKA Hamilton in West Monroe could be contacted to see if other days are available. The motion was seconded by Ken Longenecker.

Group vote: motion tabled.

A phone call was place to Mr. Tate and Mike Master reported that dates are not available during June of 2005.

Jessie Cornelius moved to remove motion from table. The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper.

Group vote: motion passed.

Vote on original motion by Daryle Coates

Group vote: motion passed.

Jessie Cornelius moved to have the National Future Site committee to explore long term contracts (5 years) with show facilities in a central location of ABGA members. The motion was second by David Carter.

Group vote: motion passed.

President Duke called on Jan Carlson to give a report on the Judges Program area. Jan call on Terry Blair to report on the judges training program. Terry reported that the Judges training committee was to develop a plan of training and the plan was submitted to the Board in December 6, 2003. Terry Blair was requested by the Board to have the judges training committee develop a judge training program. Jan reported the other committees in the judges areas have no business to bring before the board.

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.
President Duke called upon Robert Swize to give an Executive Director’s Report.

Robert reported on Jack Maulding’s request for an ennoblement program for goats of color (non-traditional).

**Peggy Taylor moved to establish a non-traditional ennoblement program effective July 1, 2004. The motion was seconded by Russ Cooper.**

*Group vote: motion passed.*

John and Terry are to assist Robert in developing ennoblement standards based on current ennoblement standards. Points for non-traditional goats will be recorded after July 1, 2004.

**Jan Carlson moved to establish a program to honor percentage does. The motion was seconded by Peggy Taylor.**

*Group vote: motion passed.*

Robert reviewed the proposal to sell the Boer Goat magazine in Tractor Supply Stores.

**Richard Parmer moved to sell the Boer Goat magazine in Tractor Supply stores. Seconded by John Edwards**

*Group vote: motion passed.*

A magazine price of $5.99 was recommended by Susan Cook.

Robert reviewed the new internet services aspects of the ABGA software. An online demonstration of the member and animal inquiry system was presented to the board.

Robert recommended that AGBA charge:
- $50 fee for the web inquiry system (12 month membership)
- $3 fee for animal listing
- $3 per picture
- $50 per catalog

A rush fee of 100% of the cost of animals fee being rushed will begin July 1st, 2004. ABGA will charge for registration and transfers on application of registration/transfer beginning July 1st. Fee changes will be effective July 1st.

President Duke reported on the letter from Tom and Carrie Boyer requesting the board redistricting regions 7, 11, and 12. No action was taken as redistricting was discussed in the bylaws review and the regions will remain the same.
President Duke set up a conference call meeting for April 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to review and approve nominates for the director elections.

VI. Board went into executive session for ABGA legal review. The board returned from executive session.

**Jessie Cornelius moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Peggy Taylor.**

The meeting adjourned.