

ABGA Board of Directors Executive Committee Telephone Conference
July 27, 2015

Meeting called to order on July 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM CST by President Cindy Westfall

Roll Call

Present:

Cynthia Price-Westfall

Shon Callahan

Scott Pruett

Janis Wesson

Paul Morgan

Brad Mackey

Sara Davis

Mary Ellen Villarreal

1. NOTICE WAIVED
2. National Show Drug Test Results and Testing Procedures

ABGA has taken and maintains a strong position against the administration of any banned substances to goats exhibited at any ABGA sanctioned event. In the event of a positive drug test result, the Association aims to take appropriate disciplinary action against the responsible parties. In the process of reviewing the 2015 ABGA National Show drug test results, potential weaknesses in the current drug testing procedures have been identified. At the September Face to Face Board meeting, the drug testing rules and procedures will be reviewed to minimize the risk of a positive drug test resulting from animal tampering. A representative from one or more of the laboratories that conduct testing for banned substances will be invited to that meeting for insight into best practices.

As a result of drug testing conducted at the 2015 ABGA National Show, two goats have tested positive for banned substances. The owners have been notified and are cooperating fully with the investigation, including having promptly surrendered the registration certificates for the animals in question. The EC is thoroughly reviewing all available evidence. Care is being taken to ensure that the owners are not unjustly punished if there is a high likelihood that the positive drug tests were the result of animal tampering. The case of an animal being poisoned at a previous ABGA National Show was discussed and measures will be taken to increase security at the 2016 ABGA National Show. The possibility of a contaminated batch of feed containing trace amounts of a banned substance is also being investigated. Once all investigations have been completed, a full report will be provided to the Board for review and possible additional disciplinary actions.

3. Clarification of Sanctions Resulting from Rule 900 Filings

It was agreed that exhibiting animals for an individual currently banned from exhibiting at ABGA events constitutes a violation of the ABGA Code of Ethics and may result in disciplinary action.

There being no further business, Scott Pruett moved to adjourn.

Janis Wesson seconded the motion.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Davis

American Boer Goat Association