



**American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2007
Grapevine, TX
8:30 am**

- I. The meeting was called to order by President John Jones.

Present:

Greg Patterson	Jamie Mitchell
Barry Watts	Tina Owens
John Morrow	Troy Veal
Tony Brazil	Debra Borden
Bronc Fleming	Carrie Boyer
Lisa Wolters	Barney Fowler
David Edens	Jan Carlson
Coni Ross	Vicky Wetxel
Mike Crum	Peggy Taylor

Staff: Robert Swize

Guests: John Edwards	Tricia Jones
Kim Veal	Julie Brown
Earl Owens	Sherri Clark
Denny Clark	

- II. Approval of Minutes:

Bronc Fleming moved to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of: 6/14/07 National Show BOD meeting, 6/14/07 National Show Membership meeting and 6/15/07 National Show BOD meeting continuation. Lisa Wolters second
Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

- III. Committees:

The Board discussed committee function and size. The Board has advised the committees of the following: (1) committees must have defined objectives that the Board will approve; (2) must have timelines for presentation of recommendations to the Board and completion of work; (3) the chairperson of a committee is responsible for setting meeting dates; (4) the entire committee should participate in the work; (5) ABGA By-laws require that committee meetings keep minutes of each meeting; (6) committees should keep the cost of conference calls within reason by doing as much research as possible by e-mail within the committee prior to a conference call.; (7) the chairperson should contact the Executive Director directly with requests for information, documents, etc for the committee.

Peggy Taylor moved that committee chairpersons contact the Executive Director rather than office staff for information necessary to committee work. Barney Fowler second
Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

Barney Fowler moved that committee recommendations and presentations be reviewed by the office to be sure that they are workable within the frame of the rules already in place with ABGA before they are presented to the Board. John Morrow second
Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

IV. Committee Approvals:

1. The Rules and Regulations Committee requested to add John Edwards to that committee.
Jan Carlson moved to approve. Tina Owens second
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
2. Coni Ross moved to approve the Regional Sales Committee. Lisa Wolters second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
3. Peggy Taylor moved to approve the Youth Committee. Mike Crum second
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
4. Barney Fowler moved to approve the Breed Standards Committee. John Morrow second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
5. John Morrow moved to approve the National Show Site Committee. Barney Fowler second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
6. Mike Crum moved to approve the Finance Committee. David Edens second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
7. David Edens moved to approve the Affiliate Club Committee. Jamie Mitchell Second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
8. Tony Brazil moved to approve the Sanction Show Committee. Jan Carlson second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
9. Lisa Wolters moved to approve the Magazine Committee. Vicky Wetzel second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
10. Peggy Taylor moved to approve the Genetic Improvement Committee.
Troy Veal second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED

The National Show Committee and Education Committees were not ready for approval.

V. Committee Objectives:

The committees that had their "Committee Objectives" ready presented those to the Board in draft form for review as well as input from the Board.

Barry Watts moved that committee objectives be presented to the Board for approval at the September 2007 BOD meeting. Peggy Taylor second.

Barry Watts moved to amend the previous motion to read.....that all "currently" approved committees have their objectives ready and published to the board for approval at the September BOD Meeting. Carrie Boyer second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

Barry Watts moved that committees not currently approved be completed and approved at the September BOD meeting with their "Committee Objectives" to be approved at the October BOD meeting. Vicky Wetzel second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

The Board recessed for lunch. Board is to re-convene at 1 PM.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1 PM.

VI. Rule M Hearing:

The Board was advised by President John Jones of the procedure which would be followed through out the Rule M Hearing. The proceeding in its entirety will be recorded by a bonded stenographer.

The Board was called into Executive Session to hear the Rule M Complaint.

Present for this hearing: Attorney Woodrow Glass for Mr. J. R. Patterson

Mr. J.R. Patterson

Attorney Walter Pfluger

Stenographer: Ms. Patterson

The Board was addressed by Attorney Walter Glass in representation of Mr.J.R. Patterson

The Board moved into closed session with only the elected Board of Directors present to review the evidence of the complaint, the information presented by Attorney Glass and to determine whether to proceed with the hearing.

Finding merit to proceed with the hearing, the Board returned to executive session .

President Jones then requested the Rule M hearing process begin.

Attorney Walter Pfluger was requested to present the ABGA case by President Jones.

Attorney Pfluger then requested Executive Director Robert Swize present the facts as ABGA had determined them. Executive Director Swize did so.

Attorney Glass was then allowed time to question the Executive Director on events leading up to the Rule M hearing.

Attorney Glass then questioned Mr. J.R. Patterson regarding the complaints involved in the Rule M complaint.

Attorney Pfluger then questioned Mr. Patterson about the issues.

Mr. Patterson then answered several questions from the Board which were presented to Mr. Patterson through President Jones.

Attorney Glass then waived calling further witnesses and further testimony. Attorney Glass then presented his closing remarks including recommendations in regard to any disciplinary actions that might be taken against his client.

The Board then moved into closed session with only the elected Board of Directors present to deliberate and review disciplinary action

The following action was taken in regard to findings:

On August 4, 2007 the ABGA Board of Directors convened for a Rule M hearing on Mr. J.R. Patterson ABGA Member #3823. As a result of testimony and evidence presented during that hearing, the Board of Directors finds the following:

1. In regard to Complaint #1 we find misconduct due to misrepresentation of pertinent registration information.
2. In regard to Complaint #2 we find misconduct due to misrepresentation of pertinent registration information.
3. In regard to Complaint #3 we find misconduct due to fraudulent presentation of registration information.
4. In regard to Complaint #4 we find misconduct due to fraudulent alteration of a registration document.

The following disciplinary action was taken:

On August 4, 2007, the ABGA Board of Directors issues the following disciplinary action in regard to the above findings on the Rule M Complaint heard on August 4, 2007.

1. There will be a lifetime ban from holding an ABGA office, participating on ABGA committees or serving as an ABGA judge
2. There will be a two year ban from all ABGA services effective August 4, 2007.
3. There will be a two year ban from participation in all ABGA sanctioned or sponsored events effective August 4, 2007.
4. A one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) fine made payable to the JABGA scholarship fund is levied.
5. The current herd prefix of "J R P" and current ABGA membership number of 3828 is to be terminated effective August 4, 2007.
6. Membership application may be made after a two year period effective from August 4, 2007. If ABGA membership is granted at that time it will be under a new ABGA membership number and a new herd prefix. Membership will not be granted if there is any violation or failure to comply with any part of these disciplinary actions.
7. Assuming membership is granted at any time in the future, any further proven act of misconduct will result in immediate lifetime termination from all ABGA services and activities.

All findings of misconduct and disciplinary action will be published in the next available issue of the Boer Goat Magazine and on-line at abga.org for a period of one year.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous vote of 18 to 0 to approve the above findings and disciplinary action

Mr. Patterson was advised of the disciplinary actions taken by the ABGA Board of Directors.

The Rule M Hearing was adjourned and the Board moved into open session.

VII. 2008 ABGA National Show Site

The Board discussed and reviewed contract information in regard to the 2008 site for the ABGA National Show. The two sites under consideration are Tulsa, OK and West Monroe, LA.

Barry Watts moved to have the 2008 ABGA National Show in Tulsa, OK. Lisa Wolters second.

Roll Call Vote:

Tony Brazil	YES	Troy Veal	NO
Barry Watts	YES	Peggy Taylor	NO
John Morrow	YES	Jan Carlson	YES

Greg Patterson	YES	Barney Fowler	YES
Bronc Fleming	YES	Carrie Boyer	YES
Coni Ross	NO	Debra Borden	YES
Vicky Wetzel	YES	Tina Owens	NO
Lisa Wolters	YES	David Edens	YES
Mike Crum	YES	Jamie Mitchell	NO

MOTION PASSED on a 13 to 5 vote.

Mike Crum moved that the meeting adjourn for the day. Vicky Wetzel second.
The meeting adjourned until 8:00 AM Sunday morning, August 5, 2007.