# ABGA Board of Director Meeting (Face-to-Face) August 6-7, 2010 Indianapolis, Indiana

# Meeting Called to Order August 6, 2010 @ 8:03 am (est)

#### I. Roll Call

<u>Present</u>	Region 13 Troy Veal			
Region 1 Terry Brown	Region 14 John Morrow			
Region 2 Boyd Willoughby				
Region 3 Brian Faris	<u>Absent</u>			
Region 4 Kay Garrett	Region 11 Chris Shaffett			
Region 5 John Edwards	Region 15 Sara Davis			
Doug Widener	Region 16 Tina Owens			
Region 6 Kallie Kohls York				
Region 7 Dennie Clark	Others Present			
Region 8 Ervin Chavana	Sandy Smith, ABGA Office Manager			
Region 9 Vicki Stich	Luke Vickery			
Region 10 Tracy Diefenbach	Jackie Edwards			
Region 12 Paul Kinslow	Leza Namchick			

# II. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 12, 2010 Executive Committee (Conference Call) John Edwards moved to approve the minutes as presented. Troy Veal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. July 27, 2010 Executive Committee (Conference Call) Tracy Diefenbach moved that we accept the minutes with corrections (see II.b.i.). Ervin Chavana seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - i. Correction A parent, grandparent or stepparent should not be an advisor or a member of the advisory board if their child is on the JABGA board of directors
- c. March 2, 2010 Board Meeting (Conference Call). Kallie York moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tracy Diefenbach seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- d. March 9, 2010 Board Meeting (Conference Call). Kallie York moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tracy Diefenbach seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. July 6, 2010 Board Meeting (Conference Call). Kallie York moved to approve the minutes as presented with one correction (see II.e.i.). Kay Garrett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
  - i. Correction Kallie York had seconded Ervin Chavana's motion regarding the USBGA and ABGA agreement.

# III. Legal Update

- a. USBGA and ABGA have come to a mutual agreement. Both will provide a public statement, and the ABGA will create a data/software access policy outlining how we are going to allow members and other associations to use our software and online actions.
  - i. Anyone outside the ABGA would have access to pedigrees ONLY.

# IV. ABGA & JABGA Membership Dues and ABGA Premium Online

- a. Paul Kinslow moved that the ABGA increase the dues for Regular membership to \$60 which would include ABGA Premium Online for all membership to be effective October 1, 2010. John Edwards seconded the motion. Kay Garrett moved to amend the motion to increase Junior memberships to \$30 including ABGA Premium Online. The motion was seconded by Terry Brown. The amendment passed unanimously. The amended motion passed unanimously.
- b. Kay Garrett moved effective August 6, 2010, new members and current members applying for ABGA Premium Online will have their 2010 Premium Online fees waived if they apply for ABGA Premium online before December 31, 2010. Vicki Stich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

# V. ABGA Registry

a. Troy Veal moved the ABGA will no longer recognize goats registered from any other domestic Boer goat registry for registration or show purposes effective January 1, 2011. Dennie Clark seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

# VI. New ABGA Registration Certificate

- a. Brian Faris showed the board the draft of the new registration certificate noting that issue date and registry date are also reflected on the certificate which was not on the original draft but was a requested piece of information
- b. Kay Garrett moved that the bar code system should be a single field with registration number. Kallie York seconded the motion, and it passed with 1 opposition.

# VII. ABGA Face-to-Face Meetings

a. Some cost cutting measures were discussed related to sharing rooms on a voluntary basis, but no official action was taken.

# VIII. JABGA Face-to-Face Meetings

a. Kay Garrett moved that the JABGA Board's face-to-face meeting in January be funded with the junior funds. John Morrow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

# IX. National FFA Convention – JABGA Booth

- a. John Edwards moved the JABGA have a booth at the 2010 National FFA Convention. Kallie York seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  - i. National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 19-23, 2010

ii. Tracy could set the booth up on Tuesday and Wednesday, or ship it to Paul Kinslow. Then Vicki Stich and Paul Kinslow would take care of the booth the rest of the week.

# X. Ennoblement Announcements

- a. The board gave a directive to provide Ennoblement Announcements in *The Boer Goat* in the same manner as in the past that would include the animal's photo, name, registration number, sire, dam, number of offspring, and date of ennoblement accompanied by the breeder's and owner's name(s).
- b. The board also discussed the opportunity for creating a separate publication including announcements of Ennoblements, Sire of Merit, Percentage Doe of Excellence awards, as well as, the possibility of a sire and membership directory attached. Additional costs would have to be evaluated and considered. No official action was taken.

# XI. Membership Information Disclosure

a. Currently member's physical address and contact information is displayed via the ABGA Online system. Some members do not want their physical address displayed. It was suggested that members obtain a post office box that would be displayed. However, physical address would still be required so the ABGA office can still ship any type of item via FedEx, UPS, etc.

#### **LUNCH BREAK**

# XII. The Boer Goat - Magazine

- a. Discussions surrounded our current situation, ways to improve the magazine, and possible significant changes.
  - i. An email blast to the membership including survey of what they would like to see in the magazine was suggested. Suggested questions would relate to education, nutrition, reproduction, animal health, show results, and ennoblement updates.
  - ii. Ways of securing and delivering individual and company advertising in a timely manner was discussed.
- b. The Magazine Committee will begin putting magazine specs together and will look at acquiring bids from other vendors.

# XIII. Judges' Certification Course Report

a. Twenty six members participated in the course and netted \$2,665.16. No instructors were paid for their time. In the recent past, no instructors have been paid other than reimbursement of expenses. The Judges Oversight Committee will look into the efficacy of instructor compensation. No official action was taken.

# XIV. National Show Survey

- a. The Board discussed a request to provide a National Show Survey to obtain feedback from exhibitors. Method of delivery to get the best response was discussed (fill out at the end of the show, email blasts, surveymonkey.com, etc. Possible questions:
  - Location
  - Pre-registration
  - Website-which includes the one for sponsorship/awards
  - Fitting area
  - Cleanliness
  - Site-with ease of getting in and out
  - Concessions
  - Vendors
  - Activities
  - Convenience to hotels, restaurants, and airports

- Barn party
- Youth activities
  - o Boot scramble
  - Goat scramble
  - Judging contest
  - o Public speaking contest
  - Photo contest
  - o "old timers" showmanship
  - Scrapbook contest

Rate the total experience, and this is to be handed out to all JABGA AND ABGA members that showed in the national show

- b. National Show Group Classes rules were discussed. Clarification was provided for the following classes:
  - i. Best pair of kids Any pair that includes 1 Fullblood/Purebred buck and 1 Fullblood/Purebred doe that were exhibited in the Junior Division.
  - ii. Fullblood Get of Sire Three Fullblood/Purebred offspring, any age, of the same buck (both sexes represented). Do not have to be owned or bred by the same exhibitor.
  - iii. Percentage Get of Sire Three percentage does, any age, of the same buck. Do not have to be owned or bred by the same exhibitor. Only goats that are 1/2, 3/4, or 7/8 blood are eligible.
  - iv. Fullblood Produce of Dam Two offspring of the same Fullblood/Purebred doe, any age, any sex. Do not have to be owned or bred by the same exhibitor.
  - v. Percentage Produce of Dam Two offspring of the same registered Percentage doe, any age. Do not have to be owned or bred by the same exhibitor. Only goats that are 3/4, 7/8, or 15/16 blood are eligible.
  - vi. Fullblood Breeder's Herd The exhibitor of the Fullblood Breeder's Herd must be breeder of record. Animals owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeder's herd is the breeder of the included animal(s). Animals must be exhibited in individual classes. Must consist of: 1) Two Fullblood/Purebred does under 12 months old, 2) Two Fullblood/Purebred does 12 months or older, and 3) One Fullblood buck of any age.
  - vii. Percentage Doe Breeder's Herd The exhibitor of the Percentage Doe Breeder's Herd must be breeder of record. Animals owned by other exhibitors may be included provided the exhibitor of the breeder's herd is the breeder of the included animal(s).

Animals must be exhibited in individual classes. Must consist of: 1.) Two Percentage does under 12 months old, and 2.) Two Percentage does 12 months or older.

Kay Garrett moved that we approve the wording for the National Show group classes, and was seconded by Vicki Stich. Motion passed unanimously.

# XV. Marketing Opportunities

- a. John Edwards moved the ABGA purchase a booth at the Houston Livestock Show's International Room for \$300, and Kallie York seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - i. Kallie York and Ervin Chavana will be in charge of that booth from March 1-7, 2011.
- b. The JABGA may have an opportunity for a booth at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition's Rural Youth Day. More information is necessary and no action was taken.
- c. Country Lifestyle Experience to be held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on September 10-12, 2010. The board wanted to see the success of the event before ABGA decided to participate in the future due to the nature and versatility of animals involved. No official action was taken.

# XVI. American Goat Federation Report

a. Brian Faris reported the American Goat Federation (AGF) has been established and has a founding Board of Directors in place. He explained the goal of AGF is to unite the meat, dairy and fiber goat industries. The AGF would work, for the current time, with the American Sheep Industry (ASI) to have lobbying support in Washington to support goat producers. Brian stated that AGF was looking for funding support through some grants but a fee schedule had not been established for group or individual membership. He asked if ABGA would be interested in contributing to the newly found organization at this time. The board discussed the opportunity, but took no official action at this time.

# XVII. 2010 National Show Report

- a. The office is waiting on the Kentucky exposition bill as well as all of the expenses for the Crowne Plaza hotel. Once all of the books are closed, a report will be provided to the Board.
- b. The Board discussed a possibility of adding a bred/owned division in the JABGA National show to recognize young breeders. This division would have separate ribbons, buckles, banners and possibly prize money. No official action was taken as the opinion of the JABGA Board would be sought after.

# XVIII. Sanctioned Show Ribbon Packet Inquiry

a. Sanctioned shows who request a packet may receive ribbons. Major shows and fairs will be excluded from receiving ribbon packets.

# Dismissed for the evening at 5:20 pm (est)

# ABGA Board of Director Meeting (Face-to-Face) August 6-7, 2010 Indianapolis, Indiana

# Meeting Reconvened August 7, 2010 @ 8:15 am (est)

#### I. ABGA Committees

- a. The board recognizes there are many individuals who request positions on committees and are appreciative of the membership's willingness to serve. However, it is very difficult to get everyone in a position on one of the committees.
- A Board member will be responsible for overseeing a committee but does not have to serve
  as Committee Chair if another individual on the committee is better suited for the task.
   Committees will vary in size based on responsibility. Committees may add or remove
  members as necessary, and notify the board of such changes.

# <u>Judges Oversight Committee and Continuing Education</u>

Ch:	Kallie Kohls York	Chip Kemp	Donna	Jean	He	einr	ich	1
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Preston Faris Coni Ross
Terry Burks Kay Garrett

Finance Committee

Ch: Ervin Chavana Jamie Mitchel Dennie Clark Joe Mueller

Membership/Affiliates

Ch: John Morrow Lacie Dean
Becky Word Cary Hayward

Ennoblement

Ch: Doug Widener Mark Berry
Chris Shaffett Lacie Dean

Sanction Show

Ch: Terry Brown Kim Veal Lacie Dean

Co-Ch: Boyd Willoughby Linda Merrill Lauren Green Chris Shaffett

JABGA/Youth

CH: Tracy Diefenbach Becky Word Rhonda Edens

Joetta Boyd Dawn Steward Kay Garrett—Youth Builder

Kim Veal Jana Welmore & Scholarship

Julie Jordan Jesse Cornelius Kallie York—Youth Builder

Policies/Procedures

CH: Boyd Willoughby Tracy Diefenbach
Tina Owens Donna Jean Heinrich

Performance/Genetic Improvement

CH: Boyd Willoughby Kallie York John Edwards Brian Faris

**Breed Standards** 

CH: Vicki Stich Lauren Green Robert Washington
Co-Ch: Kay Garrett Lacie Dean Tracy Hyslope
Sherri Stevens Rosalina Vizina Mark Berry

Nan Walker Anita Dahnke

Ad/Marketing

CH: John Edwards Dr. Mark Watkins Becky Word

Tina Owens—Facebook Dr. Bob Dressler

**Magazine** 

CH: Dennie Clark Christine Kocuurek

Luke Vickery Terry Parker

Future National Show Site

CH: John Edwards Jesse Cornelius Sheryl Pearcy

Education

CH: Brian Faris Donna Jean Heinrich Mike Salisbury
John Edwards Coni Ross Beth Walker

National Show Committee

CH: Troy Veal \*Others to be announced

Co-CH: Tina Owens later

Kay Garrett moved the Board approve the committees as listed and Kallie York seconded. Motion passed with a 12 to 1 vote.

# II. Rule Changes

a. Kay Garrett moved to amend Rule 212.E. to read: "Once assigned, the herd prefix and tattoo sequence cannot be changed." with the exception to be RULE 212.F. Rule 212.F. is to be added and should read: "An ABGA herd prefix may be reassigned in the case of court order, inheritance, or sale of herd prefix by submitting a completed ABGA Name & Herd Prefix Transfer Form and appropriate fee to the ABGA office." The motion was seconded by Vicki Stich, and passed with one opposition.

- b. Kay Garrett moved to add Rule 213.G. and it should read: "An ABGA Herd Name that is no longer being used, may be purchased by submitting a completed ABGA Name & Herd Prefix Transfer Form and appropriate fee to the ABGA office." The motion was seconded by Ervin Chavana, and passed with one opposition.
- c. Kallie York moved to amend Rule 1400.A.i. to read "All goats must be registered in the ABGA herd book by the date specified by the show" and Rule 1400.A.i.a. to read: "All goats entered into non-major ABGA sanctioned shows must be registered with the ABGA in order to acquire Ennoblement points", and Rules 1400.A.i.b and 1400.A.i.c be deleted. It was seconded by Vicki Stich and passed unanimously.
- d. Terry Brown moved to amend Rule 1400.D.i. to read: "Any non-major show receiving ABGA sanctioning shall be open to all ABGA Registered Boer goats. Show Representatives may use their discretion and have the right to ban an individual if they consider it necessary for the good of the show." It was seconded by Boyd Willoughby and passed unanimously.
- e. Ervin Chavana moved that the above rule changes will take effect on January 1, 2011. Kay Garrett seconded the motion and it passed with one opposition.

# III. Show Packet Liability Form

a. The board discussed possible liability problems for major shows utilizing our sanction show liability form that protects the ABGA. This would only apply in cases where staff, board members, or anyone officially representing the ABGA would be working at a major show. An effort will be made to work with the major shows to resolve any potential problems.

# IV. JABGA members taking the Judges' Certification Course

- a. The Board provided clarification that...
  - i. a JABGA member may submit the appropriate fee and participate in the Judges Certification Course.
  - ii. In the event a JABGA participant passes the course, they will not be eligible to be an official ABGA Judge until they are 19 years of age or older, and an official ABGA member.

# V. Office Report

a. Sandy Smith, Office Manager, provided an office report reflecting the status of our staff, computer issues and possible solutions, the registration process, website updates, financials/audit process, sanctioned shows, and other minor details.

# **BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:20 PM**

# VI. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee Ervin Chavana stated the Finance Committee has met, and there is nothing to report at this time.
- b. Breed Standards Committee Kay Garrett and Vicki Stich reported they had recently met with the committee and will continue to work on details and provide an update in December.

# VII. Selection of National Show Judges

- a. It was suggested that a letter to determine interest in judging the National Show be sent out by November 1.
- b. Paul Kinslow moved the national show judges will be eligible every third year after judging the open ABGA nationals effective immediately, and John Morrow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Kay Garrett moved to allow JABGA members eligible under the same rules as open exhibitors to vote on the ABGA national show. Kallie York seconded and the motion failed with a vote of 5 affirmative and 7 negative.
- d. Dennie Clark moved in order to be an exhibitor at the JABGA National Show, the Junior member must be at least four years of age on the day of the show. The motion was seconded by Vicki Stich, and passed with 1 opposition.
- e. Ervin Chavana asked the Board make a decision as soon as possible on whether there would be a wether show this year due to funding, and the board provided a directive that it would be acceptable for the ABGA National Show funding subcommittee to send a letter to corporate sponsors.

# VIII. Next Face-to-Face Meeting

a. Troy Veal made the motion the Board have their next face-to-face board meeting December 10-12, 2010 in Grapevine, Texas. John Morrow seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 9-2.

# IX. Marketing Ideas

a. Ideas were discussed on how to become involved with some major shows and shows in general that could potentially be a marketing tool for the ABGA. There was no official action taken.

#### X. Miscellaneous Discussions

a. The Board discussed the pros and cons of implementing a Registration by Merit Program similar to some other livestock and dog associations. Realizing the importance of maintaining the highest possible level of accuracy in the ABGA Herdbook, the Board recognized this type of program must contain rigorous standards so only the very elite Boer goats, having the quality that could positively influence the Boer breed, would have the potential of making the herdbook. This discussion was merely a brainstorming discussion and no official action was taken.

# XI. Adjourn

a. Kallie York moved to adjourn the meeting and Kay Garrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.