



**American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Fairfield Inn & Suites
December 2, 2006
8:00 am**

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Tony Brazil.

Present:

Barney Fowler
Bronc Fleming
Bob Duke
Carrie Boyer
Judy Wolfe
Deb Borden
Robert Washington
Troy Veal
Mike Crum
David Edens
John Jones
Peggy Taylor

Absent:

Joe Wiley
Greg Patterson
Mark Seawell

Staff:

Robert Swize

Guests:

Kim Veal
John Edwards

- II. Approval of Minutes

Deb Borden moved to accept the Board of Directors Conference Call minutes of 10/3/2006. John Jones second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

Bronc Fleming moved to approve the Board of Directors Conference Call minutes of 10/26/2006. Barney Fowler second

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

- III. DNA Presentations

The Genetic Improvement Committee arranged for presentations from two well known DNA labs. Dr. Cecilia Penedo and Karen Norvelle represented the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory of UC Davis in California. Robert Wiebe presented Maxxam Analytics, Ltd in Ontario, Canada. Both presentations gave overviews of their respective facilities and procedures dealing with DNA in livestock. Both offered approximate costs based upon the number of animals tested per year. The cost per test seemed to run in the \$25 to \$30 range and costs are very similar with both groups. Cost continues to present some

concerns. Further investigation is ongoing into how ABGA may implement a voluntary DNA program in an affordable manner.

IV. ABGA Budget Review

If the year end projected revenues for ABGA of \$1,440,034.00 hold through to year's end as projected this will provide a surplus over the estimated expenses of \$1,354,824.00. The proposed budget for 2007 was presented by Executive Director Robert Swize.

A review of the area of registrations, transfers, and active memberships shows the following:

Registrations show an increase of 54 % since 2002

Transfers show an increase of 131% since 2002. Note that this large increase is due in part to the special membership drive that ABGA had in 2006.

Active memberships show a 31% increase since 2002.

V. 2007 Objectives for ABGA

Several objectives for ABGA in 2007 were discussed. The software update to be done between December 06 and February 1, 2007, the ABGA web site, the National Show Site, areas of Rules of Registration that deal with the DNA and Artificial Insemination are all areas that will receive focused attention. Discussion was also held on the possible outline of another special membership drive in 2007.

VI. The Board went into executive session to discuss the ongoing legal action between ABGA and David Gilliam. Attorney John Mark Hogg updated the Board on the status of the issue and the court dates that have been set. The date for the judge to hear the Motion for Summary Judgement filed by the ABGA attorney is December 13, 2006 with a possible trial date of January 15, 2007 depending on the outcome of 12/13/06.

Barney Fowler moved that the Board return to open session. Judy Wolfe second. Board reconvened in open session.

VII. Request from the South African Breeders Association

A request from the SABA to add 7 of their recent judges to the ABGA approved list of judges was received by the Board. Noting that a previous Board had voted that only the original list of SA approved judges would be added to the ABGA list of judges, the request to add additional SA judges was denied.

VIII. Committee Reports

Ennoblement Committee

David Edens, Chair of the Ennoblement Committee, presented the committee's recommendation for a re-structured point system for placings in classes having fewer than 10 animals per class. The suggested restructured point placings for 10 entries or less in a class were outlined as follows: (1) 1 to 3 entries in a class...the winner receives one point...(2) 4 to 5 entries in a class...the winner receives 2 points...(3) 6 to 7 entries in a class...the winner receives 3 points.. (4) 8 to 9 entries in a class...the winner receives 4 points. (5)10 entries in a class...the winner receives 5 points. All other class placings with 11 or more

entries remain as shown on the Placing Points Chart for ABGA Sanctioned Shows. The New Point System for Division Champions were suggested as follows: (1) 1-25 exhibited in the Gender Division....Division Grand receives 3 points and the Division Reserve Grand receives 1 point... (2) 26 to 50 exhibited in the Gender Division...Division Grand receives 5 points and the Division Reserve Grand receives 2 points...(3) Over 50 exhibited in the Gender Division...Division Grand receives 10 points and the Division Reserve Grand receives 5 points. One change was made to the Overall Champion Points....at present the Overall Reserve Champion of a Gender Division in which 10 or less or exhibited gets no points....It is suggested that be changed to give the Overall Reserve Champion in that Division 2 points. An implementation date of July 1, 2007 was set with the recommended point re-structure to be put out for member comment prior to that date.

Judy Wolfe moved to accept the new point system as recommended. Deb Borden second.

Show of Hands Vote 6 to approve 5 not to approve

MOTION PASSED

Education Committee

Bob Duke presented the Education Committee's report. The Education Committee is continuing to work on an outline for education programs using the materials available through ABGA with the intention of being able to present one of the education programs in the North East sometime in 2007.

Youth Committee

Bronc Fleming presented the Youth Committee report outlining the development of the JABGA By-Laws, election of the JABGA Directors, the JABGA Incentive Program, the JABGA selection process for the Junior National show Judge and the JABGA Code of Conduct.

- IX. Peggy Taylor outlined the draft proposal for the ABGA Regional Sale Program. Work has been ongoing on this issue for the past two years and is nearing completion. The Regional Sale Program will, at its' completion, offer the members of a given region an opportunity for marketing animals. It is recommended that the Sale Program be tied in with the ABGA Affiliate Club Program. Only members residing within a region will be able to consign animals to the region sale. The Committee recommended a pilot sale be tried to see how the outlined program would work and to find any area of the program that might need work or re-structuring before being released. Full details on the program will be available early in 2007. The Piney Woods Boer Goat Breeders Club, an ABGA Affiliate Club, offered to host the pilot sale in 2007.

Mike Crum moved that the PWBGBC be allowed to host the pilot sale.

Barney Fowler second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

- X. The National Show Judge Ballot was reviewed.
- XI. The Board discussed the selection of Superintendents for the National Show.

- XII. Recommendation for Certified Inspectors
Debra Borden presented a recommendation and request for certifying inspectors for the large regions which do not have access to the number of ABGA judges necessary to inspect animals.
After Board discussion Barney Fowler moved that ABGA hold an educational seminar followed by a Judges Certification Program in Region 13 during the spring of 2007.
John Jones second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
- XIII. Executive Director Robert Swize presented a proposal outline for the Judge's Continuing Education Program plus a Judge's Complaint and Disciplinary Procedure Rule. The Board directed that work continue on this and that it then be brought back to the Board for approval.
- XIV. Barney Fowler moved to accept the results of the November Judge's Certification course. Bronc Fleming second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
The following people were certified as new ABGA judges:
R. Glenn Avriett (Texas), Kelly Burch (Wyoming), Robert Dinsmore (Maryland), Anita Messer (Indiana) and Vicky Wetzel (Illinois)
- XV. Debra Borden moved that there be a committee formed to perform a feasibility study regarding the possible purchase of a building for ABGA. Carrie Boyer second.
Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED
- XVI. Amendment to Rule M
Executive Director Robert Swize presented an amendment to Rule M at the suggestion of the ABGA attorney to read as follows:
(1) Renumber existing paragraph 4.g to 4.i
(2) Add a new paragraph 4.g to read: If a complaint is brought against a Board member, he shall recuse himself from taking part in any aspect of the complaint procedure, investigation of misconduct, or hearing process under Rule M.
(3) Add a new paragraph 4.h to read: If a Board member becomes a Complainant under this Rule M., he shall strictly limit his participation in the complaint process to that of a Complainant and shall recuse himself from otherwise participating in any other aspect of the complaint procedure, investigation of misconduct, or hearing process.
- XVII. Barney Fowler moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss staff issues. Bob Duke second.

The Board reconvened in open session

Barney Fowler moved that Executive Director Robert Swize be given a three (3) per cent merit raise beginning in 2007 and extend his contract with ABGA for an additional two years. Judy Wolfe second.

Show of Hands Vote - President Tony Brazil noted that director Troy Veal had not voted. Director Veal was allowed to make his vote

Final Vote 7 to Approve 5 Not to Approve

MOTION PASSED

XVIII. Robert Washington moved that Robert Swize be given a \$1600 bonus for 2006. Debra Borden second.

Show of Hands Vote 7 to Approve 5 Not to Approve

MOTION PASSED

XIX. Mike Crum moved that the Executive Committee's duties be limited to financial proposals only. Motion died for lack of a second.

The next Board meeting will be held in January 2007. A time and date are to be decided.

Bronc Fleming moved to adjourn. Judy Wolfe second.

Meeting Adjourned.