

December 10, 2010
ABGA BOARD OF DIRECTOR FACE TO FACE MEETING
GRAPEVINE, TX
Meeting called to order @ 8:05 am (cst)

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Region 2 Boyd Willoughby
Region 3 Brian Faris
Region 4 Kay Garrett
Region 5 John Edwards
Region 6 Kallie York
Region 7 Dennie Clark
Region 8 Ervin Chavana
Region 9 Vicki Stich
Region 10 Tracy Diefenbach
Region 11 Chris Shaffett
Region 13 Troy Veal

ABSENT

Region 1 Terry Brown
Region 5 Doug Widener
Region 12 Paul Kinslow
Region 14 John Morrow
Region 15 Sara Davis
Region 16 Tina Owens

Others Present

Sandy Smith, ABGA Office Manager
Kim Veal
Sherri Clark
Jackie Edwards
Lynn and Linda West

II. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

- a: First make changes to May 26, 2009 meeting the spelling of Brian Faris's name. Chris Shaffett moved to approve the minutes with the changes, and John Edwards seconded.
- b: John Edwards moved to approve the April 6, 2010 as written, and seconded Tracy Diefenbach.
- c: Kallie York moved to approve the minutes for the special meeting on May 18, 2010, and Dennie Clark seconded the motion.
- d: Kallie York moved to approve the May 27, 2010 minutes with the change to Vicki Stich's spelling of her name, and seconded by Tracy Diefenbach.
- e: Tracy Diefenbach moved that we approve the August 6-7,2010 face-to-face meeting, and Kallie York seconded with the changes of the following:
 - i: Add Paul Kinslow in Region 12, that he was present at the meeting.
 - ii: Spelling Lacie Dean's name under Sanction Show Committee
 - iii: Troy Veal moved to amend the motion made on 8-6-2010 that the effective date be moved to March 1, 2011 and it was seconded Tracy Diefenbach .
 - iv: Effective March 1, 2011 the American Boer Goat Association will no longer accept registration papers from any domestic registry for registrations, shows or

for any other purpose. Please refer to Rule 1400 D. i. regarding registration requirements for non-major shows*

Only original registration certificates accompanied by a completed transfer to the ABGA applicant from the domestic registries will be accepted for ABGA registration until March 1, 2011. Effective immediately, the cost to dual register goats from any domestic registry is a flat fee of \$15.00

*At the discretion of the ABGA sanctioned major shows, registration certificates from other domestic registries may be accepted. Please refer to rules of the individual major show rules.

III: Post Johnne's Disease booklets on the ABGA website. Kallie York moved to post the booklet and Kay Garrett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

IV: American Goat Federation (AGF)

A: Glenn Fisher, the President of the AGF came to speak to the ABGA board of directors on its purpose, its involvement giving us a better lobbying voice in Washington D.C., and the cost to be a member.

B: Kallie York made the motion that the ABGA pay \$1000 to become a founding member and Vicki Stich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V: National Meat Goat and Hair Sheep Symposium

A: Kallie York explained that this year will be the first annual National Meat Goat and Hair Sheep Symposium being held May 27-29, 2011 in San Angelo, Texas at the Angelo State University MIR Center. She read through the schedule of events and vendor possibilities.

B: Kallie York moved that the ABGA spend \$250 to purchase a booth at the symposium and Ervin Chavana seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

VI: Judges

A: Judges are still required to be members in good standing with the ABGA.

B: Tabled the issue of judges payment for inspections.

VII: Eligibility to Vote for the National Show

A: Kay Garrett moved that to be eligible to vote for the ABGA National show judges, that the member number or the owner must have exhibited at least one goat in the last three years. This rule is to be effective for the 2012 ABGA Nationals. Kallie York seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 4-6.

VIII: The Bracing Rule will stay as it reads and put into rule 1400.

IX: ABGA - Breed Standards

Fullblood – Purebred – Percentage

Effective Date – January 1, 2012

Any extreme occurrence of an undesirable trait in any category listed below is a disqualification.

A. CONFORMATION

HEAD

The head should be prominent and strong with brown eyes and a gentle appearance. The nose should have a gentle curve, wide nostrils, and well formed mouth. The goat must have no under or over bite. Teeth must erupt in the proper sequential positions.

The forehead should be prominent and form an even curve linking the nose and horns.

Horns should be dark, round, strong, of moderate length, positioned well apart and have a gradual backward curve before turning outward symmetrically.

Ears should be smooth of medium length and hang downward.

FAULTS: concave forehead, straight horns, jaw too pointed

DISQUALIFICATIONS: blue eyes, ears folded lengthwise, short ears, overshot bite, undershot bite

NECK AND FOREQUARTERS

The neck should be of moderate length and in proportion with body length.

Forequarters should be full, well-fleshed, and limbs well jointed and smoothly blended. The chest should be broad. Shoulders should be fleshy, well proportioned with the rest of the body and smoothly blended and fitted into the withers. Withers should be broad and well rounded and not sharp. Legs should be strong, well placed and in proportion with the depth of the body. Pastern joints should be strong and hooves well-formed and as dark as possible.

FAULTS: Neck too short or too thin, shoulders too loose, and any structural foreleg, and muscle, bone, joint, or hoof deformities or abnormalities to include but not limited to knock knees, bandy legs, hooves pointing outward or inward, splay toes, buck knees, hollow legs, straight or weak pasterns

BODY

Body should be boldly three-dimensional: long, deep and wide. Ribs should be well sprung. Loin should be well muscled, wide and long. The top line should be strong and reasonably straight. The shoulder well rounded with an abundance of muscle from shoulder through hip.

FAULTS: concave or swayback, chest too narrow or shallow or flat, shoulders weakly attached or too straight, inadequate muscle through the back and loin, pinched heart girth

HINDQUARTERS

Rump should be broad and long with a gentle slope. Rump and thigh should be well muscled.

Legs should be strong. When viewed from the rear, legs should have a straight axis from the hip through the hock, and pastern. When viewed from the profile, legs should have a straight axis from the pin through the hock and dewclaw.

Base of the tail must be centered and straight. The remainder of the tail can curve upward or to one side.

Hooves should be well-formed and as dark as possible.

FAULTS: weak pasterns, straight pasterns, rump too steep, cow-hocked, bow legged, sickle-hocked, post legs

DISQUALIFICATIONS: wry tail

B. SKIN AND COVERING

Skin loose and supple.

Eyelids and other hairless areas should be pigmented.

The entire hairless area under the tail should be at least 75% pigmented: 100% is preferred. Any shade of pigment is acceptable.

Short glossy hair is desirable. A limited amount of winter down or under-coat will be accepted during winter, especially in colder environments.

FAULTS: hair too long or too coarse

DISQUALIFICATIONS: less than 75% pigmentation on the hairless area under the tail

C. REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

DOES

Does should have well formed udders with good attachment with the number of completely separated functional teats not to exceed two per side. One functional teat per side is preferred. Non functional teats are acceptable but not preferred. It is most important that the udder is constructed so that the offspring are able to nurse unassisted.

Kidding or Pregnancy: does must have kidded or have proof of pregnancy by 24 months of age.

FAULTS: udder and teat abnormalities or defects to include but not limited to oversized or bulbous teats and a pendulous udder

DISQUALIFICATIONS: more than 2 functional teats per side, fishtail teats, split teats, does that have not kidded or shown proof of pregnancy by 24 months of age

BUCKS

Bucks must have two large well-formed, functional, equal sized testes in a single scrotum with no more than a 1 inch split in the apex of the scrotum.

FAULTS: slight twist at the apex of the scrotum

DISQUALIFICATIONS: testicles with a small scrotal circumference, abnormal or diseased testes, scrotum with a split more than 1", absence of one or both testes

D. COLORATION

The typical Boer goat is white bodied with a red head. All other color variations are acceptable.

Revised December 10, 2010

Tracy Diefenbach moves to approve the ABGA breed standards revised on 12-10-2010, and for them to take effect January 1, 2012. Kallie York seconded the motion and it passed with one opposition.

X: 2011 ABGA National Show-Troy Veal Chairman presented

A: National show packet changes include

- 1: Monday, June 6, 2011 that unloading start at 6am or even sooner if possible.**
- 2: No Barn Party, and have an Appreciation Dinner instead with an awards banquet to give away Ennoblement Awards on Thursday, June 9, 2011.**
- 3: Pay for first bag of shavings—estimate \$5/6**
- 4: Risers on one side of the arena and have 25 sponsor tables for \$550/table
Snack trays will be provided for each table.**
- 5: Host Hotel this year will be the Quality Inn**

6: Deadlines for goats being registered in the ABGA herdbook and the Junior and Open shows must be in the office by May 13, 2011.

7: Goats shown in the JABGA national show must be entered and owned by the JABGA exhibitor.

8: Junior Exhibitors must be 4 years of age to exhibit, and all special needs requirements must be in writing for these youth by June 1, 2011.

9: Wethers must be slick sheared.

10: Under FULLBLOOD GET OF SIRE needs to add the words purebred or fullblood offsprings.

B: Class Break Changes

1: Large classes of goats will be broken down by age by the superintendants that are closer in age and size. (Example: 120 goats in class break in Class 1 a, b, c with 40 in each class)

2: All class winners will go out for division championship.

3: Possible classes with breaks are doe and buck kids, and possibly 12-20 months, and will receive a certificate to receive their belt buckles.

Troy Veal moved that we approve class break changes, as well as, national show packet with changes. Ervin Chavana seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C: Buckles

1: We will be giving out certificates to the class winners to get their buckles

2: Kay Garrett made the motion that we use Frontier buckles for the 2011 National show and Kallie York seconded, and it passed unanimously.

D: Sponsorship Schedule/Website

1: Instead of Barn Party listed-Appreciation Dinner

2: Web site banners for businesses will be raised to \$200, and a directive was given that the sponsors on the website and banners on the website run from January 1- October 31 of that year of the perspective national shows

3: Buckle Prices would be raised to \$150

4: 25 Sponsor Tables at \$550/table

5: Outside vendors for \$400 removed

Vicki Stich moved to approve sponsorship schedule for National show and Kallie York seconded. It passed unanimously, and a directive was given that all the sponsorship for the website would stay up January 1-October 31 of that particular year.

E: Photos/Live Broadcast

1: Linda's Photography and Picture Perfect Photo was chosen to do the pictures, and they will be ready on site.

a: \$15/night for RV hookup

b: \$500 for gas

John Edwards moved to use Linda's, and Ervin Chavana seconded the motion, and it passed with one opposition.

2: DV Auction will be broadcasting the National show

a: They will have opportunities for people to put banners up along both sides of the broadcast that will rotate every 5 seconds, and it will cost \$300. 25% of the sales of the banners for this will come to the ABGA

b: They will make us a CD to burn, which will contain the entire show for the association to sell.

c: They are going to charge a flat fee of \$1500-no extra expenses

Tracy Diefenbach moved to approve using DV Auction, and Dennie Clark seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

F: Show program will cost \$10 per person, and we will make this as an addition to the entry form, so that we know how many we need to have preprinted before the show.

G: Sandy Smith brought up grant money from the city for funding of the show, and Ervin Chavana will contact the people in charge of that.

Meeting was stopped for the evening at 7:12 pm.

MEETING RESUMED AT 8:05 AM ON 12-11-2010.

XI: Magazine Committee

A: Dennie Clark suggested that we have 4 quarterly theme issues (does, bucks, nationals, directory), and the first one be ready to go by mid-February.

B: A directive was given to Dennie Clark to investigate price quotes whether it be a 4 or 6 issue magazine per year.

XII: Judges Committee

A: Kallie York gave a report of possibly having the Judge's Certification School in Lakeville, IN due to facility availability and the number of goats at Newton Farms.

B: Judging school trainer availability wasn't available, so a directive was given to talk to the four judges that were supposed to be used to get together and get dates that they could possibly make work. (Executive Session for a moment from 9:05 am-9:15am) Try to utilize the four that were selected if possible.

XIII: Executive Session on a membership coming back 9:25-9:45 am-no action taken

XIV: Marketing in Hobby Farms Magazine

A: John Edwards gave the report about his discussion with Hobby Farm Magazine, and that it would cost approximately \$18,000 to advertise.

B: Tracy Diefenbach moved the ABGA will use Hobby Farms magazine as an advertising source as long as the budget holds up, and John Edwards seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

XV: Proposals for New Servers

A: Looked at proposals from CALTECH and NEW QUEST IT SOLUTIONS

B: Motion was made by Ervin Chavana the ABGA purchase servers to replace the currently outdated equipment, and with additional budgeted funds may purchase individual station computers, or scanners, using NEW QUEST as our consultant. Kay Garrett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

XVI: Possible show sites-John Edwards gave a presentation on numbers of goats and members by states, and trying to look for a show site approximately within a 600 mile radius.

XVII: BUDGET

A: Ervin Chavana presented the board the budget for 2011

B: Kallie York moved to add \$250 for a bronze to be made in memory of Priscilla Kennedy, and the motion was seconded by Ervin Chavana. Motion passed unanimously.

C: Kallie York moved to approve the budget and changes as presented, and Vicki Stich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII: OFFICE REPORT

A: Sandy Smith, Office Manager, gave the report on the office, and that at this time they are eight days out on registrations

B: Mileage rate will go up to \$.51/mile

C: Cross training in the office is going well with new staff

XIX: Executive Committee meeting from 4:20 pm to 5:02pm- more investigation and no action taken at this time

XX: Minutes

A: Executive Committee minutes for 10-28-2010 had one change, and that was the spelling of Diefenbach. John Edwards moved to approve the minutes and Ervin Chavana seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

B: The 11-2-2010 Conference call minutes were moved to be approved as written by Ervin Chavana, and it was seconded by Tracy Diefenbach. It passed unanimously.

XXI: New Registration Paper

A: Sandy Smith showed us samples of various watermark paper.

B: Kallie York moved to use the blue, watermark paper with it having preprinted lines and association information. Vicki Stich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Kallie York moved that we adjourn the meeting and Dennie Clark seconded the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.**