

ABGA Board of Directors Face to Face Meeting
Golden Nugget
Las Vegas, NV
December 11 and 12, 2015

Meeting called to order December 11, 2015 at 8:06 a.m. by President Cindy Westfall

Roll Call

Present:

Joe Airoso
Susan Burner
JR Patterson
Brad Mackey
Terry Brown
Brant Knotts
Paul Grafe
Lee Dana
Dawn Steward
Tracy Diefenbach
Vicki Stich

Others Present:

Lary Duncan
Mary Ellen Villarreal
Alexis Briley
Tisha Diefenbach

Not Present:

Scott Pruett
Shon Callahan
Janis Wesson
Sara Davis

President Cindy Westfall calls the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. Roll call taken.

1. Minutes

Board of Directors review minutes from November 3, 2015 telephone conference.
Motion by Susan Burner to approve the November 3, 2015 minutes.
Second to motion by Joe Airoso.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

2. Committee Reports

Education – Dawn Steward. Committee has completed the compilation of the documents and loaded the documents on a jump drive. Lary Duncan is exploring loading the documents on a website. Discussion held. Lary Duncan will move forward with EDJE to begin process of setting up page to load educational materials.

Membership – Susan Burner. Susan Burner is still receiving inquiries regarding the need for the letter from the office for the JABGA member exhibit. Discussion held. Lary Duncan and Mary Ellen Villarreal will develop the letter to send out to JABGA members. The letter will be sent out upon request to allow exhibition of goats in a JABGA show under the new rules.

Discussion held regarding rule requiring all agents to purchase an ABGA membership.
Motion will stand.

Discussion held regarding changes to membership to allow pro-rated fee for new memberships received later in the year. Office staff will review new membership applications received after October 1 and will contact the applicant to determine if the application is for the current year or should be applied to the next calendar year.

3. Budget

Board of Directors review budget presentation by Lary Duncan.

Motion by Joe Airosso to hire Karla Blackstock to publish the ABGA magazine through 7/5/16.

Second to Motion by Brad Mackey.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting break at 9:58 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:19 a.m.

Budget review continues.

Motion by Paul Grafe to approve the budget as presented.

Second to Motion by JR. Patterson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:03 p.m.

Board of Directors review JABGA proposed budget prepared by the Junior Board.

4. Committee Reports Continued

Building Committee - Report by Paul Grafe regarding the building status. Paul Grafe presents drawing of proposed layout of the interior and exterior of the building. Plans will be finalized by architect and then we will be ready to solicit bids.

Breed Standards – Tracy Diefenbach reports on the breed standards review. Breed standards committee is currently reviewing the standards to propose clarifications in the areas that are not clear. Additionally, the committee will be preparing a document to accompany the standards that will contain illustration to assist our members.

Sanctioned Show Committee – Sanctioned show committee will test the placing card system in Sedalia, Missouri at the Show Me Spring Spectacular. Tracy Diefenbach requests that the ABGA send the 2016 National Show Superintendents, Lary Duncan and possibly Mary Ellen Villarreal to the test show. The MJBGA will be responsible for judge fees, facility fees, insurance, etc. MJBGA requests that ABGA pay the travel expenses for the superintendents and office staff.

Motion by Paul Grafe for ABGA to pay travel expenses for superintendents and office staff to the Test Show April 23 and 24, 2016 in Sedalia, MO for purpose to practicing the score card system.

Second to Motion Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Judges Committee – Lary Duncan reports that the committee has met and discussed Judges continued education program. Judges Continuing Education program will be held annually at the ABGA National show.

Inspections – Motion by Susan Burner that no visual inspections for ennoblement will be required if:

Members pay a \$20 fee to nominate the goat for ennoblement when the total number of points earned by the goat and it's progeny totals 100 points. The animal cannot contribute more than 70 points toward its' own ennoblement. A total of one hundred (100) points may be earned by the progeny. Minimum number of progeny to contribute is 3. Minimum ABGA points earned by an individual progeny is 5.

Second by Terry Brown.

Motion passes.

Meeting breaks at 2:50 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 3:02 p.m.

Committee reports continue.

Judge Committee report by Lary Duncan.. Lary Duncan reports that the office has located unprocessed judge/show evaluations that had been returned. The Judges Committee recommends that the evaluation form procedure continue. The committee believes that it is valuable tool. President Cindy Westfall advises that the evaluation forms are currently optional for the shows.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 3:10 p.m. to discuss ABGA certified judges.
Board of Directors exits executive session at 3:30 p.m.

Judges Certification – discussion held regarding Judges Certification program and apprentice program.

Motion by Terry Brown to approve Patrick Aliff as an ABGA certified judge.

Second to motion by Brad Mackey.

Vote taken by show of hands.

Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for the day at 3:52 p.m.

Meeting Resumes at 8:05 a.m. on 12/12/15.

Robin Walters joins the meeting.

Robin Walters provides ABGA with copies of letters to the Board of Directors. Robin Walters addresses the Board of Directors.

Robin Walters departs the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 8:33 a.m. to discuss Robin Walters.
Board of Directors exit executive session at 8:48 a.m.

Motion by Terry Brown that Robin Walters suspension be reduced to a period of 1 year.
Second by Susan Burner.
Motion fails.

Meeting breaks at 9:00 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 9:15 a.m.

Board of Directors enter into Executive Session at 9:14 a.m. to discuss NAILE
Board exits Executive Session at 9:32 a.m.

5. DNA

Dawn Steward inquires on what the association intends to do with DNA and the cost to the association. Discussion held. DNA program will continue and an article will be published in an upcoming issue of the magazine regarding the program.

Meeting recesses for break at 10:25 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 10:42 a.m.

6. National Show

Vicki Stich reports on the 2016 National Show.

Dawn Steward nominates Jim and Lynn Farmer as ambassador of the breed.

Motion by Susan Burner to use a single voting procedure to elect the national show judges.

Second to Motion by Dawn Steward.

Discussion held.

Motion does not proceed to vote.

Motion by Brad Mackey beginning 2016 the ABGA Board of Directors will select the National Show Judges.

Second to Motion by JR Patterson.

Discussion held.

Motion does not proceed to vote.

Amended Motion by Brad Mackey beginning 2016, and for a period of five years, the ABGA Board of Directors shall annually appoint a committee consisting of 5 ABGA members, with the option of one member to be an ABGA certified judge, to be chaired by the CEO, to nominate the ABGA National Show Judges to the Board of Directors for approval.

Second to Motion by JR Patterson.

Vote by show of hands. One opposed. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 12:53 p.m.

National Show Continued.

Lary Duncan presents different drug testing options. Board of Directors agree to amend the national show rules to allow the use of any of the available testing procedures. Lary Duncan will determine the type of testing to be used at the 2016 nationals.

Motion by Susan Burner to permit the Boer Goat Youth Foundation to hold a live auction at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening during the 2016 National Show with all expenses related to the auction to be paid by the foundation.

Second to Motion by Terry Brown.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

7. Scholarship

Discussion held regarding establishment of memorial scholarships. Board agrees to use the existing scholarship program for the memorial scholarships. The scholarships would be named in memory of an ABGA/JABGA member for a period of five years.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that ABGA Board of Directors use the existing scholarship program for memorial scholarships. Upon approval of the ABGA board of directors, a scholarship may be named in memory of an ABGA/JABGA member for a period of five years.

Second to Motion by Lee Dana.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

8. ABGA Show Judge Listings

Discussion held regarding show secretaries are not providing the names of the show judges to the ABGA office. Lary Duncan to review ABGA show rules with the show coordinator to determine what changes and additions are needed.

9. Youth Coordinator

The youth coordinator will resign at the end of the year. Lary Duncan to review position to determine if it can be staffed internally.

10. Research Funding Request

Board of Directors review funding request for a research project to study Australian and New Zealand meat goat production practices and marketing channels.

Motion by Dawn Steward to donate \$2,000 to the research project.

Second to motion by Terry Brown.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

11. Micro Chip

Motion by Terry Brown to amend the rules to allow the use of microchips as official identification for the ABGA with the owner is responsible to provide the chip reader.

Second to motion by Paul Grafe.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

12. ABGA Judges Certification

Motion by Joe Airosso to allow Brant Knotts to participate in the 2016 ABGA Judges Certification program.

Second to Motion by Brad Mackey

Voice vote. Motion passes.

13. Tulsa State Fair

JR Patterson reports on issues with the Tulsa State Fair. JR Patterson advises that the OBGA will not be applying for sanctioning future ABGA shows at the Tulsa State Fair.

14. March Meeting

March Face to Face Meeting scheduled for March 11 and 12, 2016. Location to be announced.

Meeting breaks at 2:24 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 2:38 p.m.

15. Apprentice Program.

Discussion held regarding the current apprentice judge program. Lary Duncan to review current program for any additions and changes

16. Next Meeting Assignment

Paul Grafe requests that each board member bring two ideas to the next meeting.

1. how to further our membership; and
2. how to increase our registrations.

Please provide to Cindy Westfall in advance of the March, 2016 mtg.

17. Executive Committee Replacement.

Brad Mackey nominates Joe Airoso.

Terry Brown nominates Lee Dana. Lee Dana declines.

Brad Mackey moves that nominations ceases.

Second to motion by JR Patterson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Joe Airoso elected to executive committee by acclamation.

Motion by Brad Mackey to adjourn.

Second to motion by Dawn Steward.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourns at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Tracy Diefenbach, Secretary
American Boer Goat Association