

ABGA Board of Directors Face To Face Meeting  
December 13 and 14, 2013  
Gaylord Opryland  
Nashville, Tennessee

Meeting called to order December 13, 2013 at 8:03 a.m. by President Brad Mackey.

Roll Call

Present:

Scott Pruett  
Jeff Gibbs  
Dr. Mark Watkins  
Shon Callahan  
Cecil Swepston  
Linda West (departs 12/13/2013 at 2:34  
p.m.)  
Mark Anderson  
Vicki Stich  
Tracy Diefenbach  
Paul Kinslow  
John Morrow  
Sara Davis  
Ervin Chavana  
John Edwards  
Jesse Cornelius

Not Present:

Terry Brown

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Villarreal  
Jeff Pearcy  
Sheryl Pearcy  
Tisha Diefenbach  
Kim Erwin  
Jackie Edwards  
Rochelle Gates  
Evie Gates  
Hilde Wright  
Peter Stich  
Cindy Dusek  
Dan Bell  
Tonia Bell  
Sherry Watkins

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve minutes of September 30, 2013 Executive Committee call by Jeff Gibbs.

Second to motion by Mark Anderson.

Voice vote motion. Motion passes.

Motion to approve minutes of October 1, 2013 Board of Directors Conference call by Paul Kinslow.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion to approve minutes of October 15, 2013 Executive Committee Conference call by Dr. Mark Watkins.

Second to motion by Jeff Gibbs.

Voice vote. Motion passes

Motion to approve minutes of November 11, 2013 Executive Committee Conference call by Mark Anderson.

Second to Jeff Gibbs.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

2. Resignation of Scott Hawthorne.

Due to resignation of Scott Hawthorne President Brad Mackey has appointed Jesse Cornelius as the director for Region 11. Request by President Brad Mackey to the Board of Directors to approve appointment Jesse Cornelius.

Voice vote.

Appointment passes. Jesse Cornelius is appointed to fill the vacancy in Region 11.

3. Board Issues

Discussion held regarding misinformation posted by members on public forums that members have stated came from ABGA Director Linda West. Linda West advises that she never informed Mr. Jack Mauldin or Mr. Fred VanderMartin of the following: that she requested the reciprocal registration issue be tabled; that she made a motion in any manner in reference to the reciprocal registration. She also states that she did not advise the board during the meeting that John Edwards was on the way to the meeting and she did not request the discussion be tabled until he arrived.

Motion by Paul Kinslow for removal of Linda West from the ABGA Board of Directors.

Second to Motion by Jeff Gibbs.

Roll call vote.

In Favor: Pruett, Gibbs, Kinslow, Anderson, Diefenbach

Opposed: Morrow, Cornelius, Callahan, Chavana, Watkins, Swepston, Davis, Stich, Edwards

5 in favor, 9 opposed. Motion fails.

4. Mentor Program

Request by Shon Callahan to develop a mentor program. The Mentor Program would allow members to volunteer to assist new adult and youth members. The mentor list would be available on the website and in the magazine.

Motion by Jeff Gibbs to form a committee consisting of Linda West, Shon Callahan and Sara Davis to develop the criteria for a mentor program.

Second to motion by Tracy Diefenbach.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

5. Family Registration

Discussion held regarding the feasibility of forming family membership and the effect that it will have on the ability to show in JABGA sanctioned shows. Issue is referred

back to committee for development of a proposal. Jesse Cornelius is added as an additional committee member.

Meeting breaks at 9:02 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 9:18 a.m.

6. National Show Update

Presentation by Dr. Mark Watkins on current status of the 2014 National Show facility. Dr. Watkins presents layout of pens, show arena and sponsor tables. Discussion held regarding online auction for sponsor tables.

Board reviews photographer bids and directs Dr. Watkins to make additional contact with Rural Route Creations in reference to providing class winner photos.

Proposed show schedule to be provided at a later time after consultation with the JABGA.

Review of unloading procedure. Committee proposes unloaded time of 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Jeff Gibbs to change unloading time to 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Second to Motion by Cecil Swepston.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Discussion held regarding documentation that will be accepted as proof of pregnancy at the ABGA National Show. The rule will be reviewed and is tabled for further discussion after review.

7. DNA Testing Presentation

Cecelia Penedo, Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, UC Davis, makes presentation of DNA Testing Program.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:34 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:08 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins to implement a DNA typing program to be coordinated through ABGA in conjunction with UC Davis. From January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 the program will be voluntary. Beginning January 1, 2015 DNA typing will be mandatory for all bucks (registered or unregistered) used in live coverage after January 1, 2015, all bucks born after January 1, 2015, or for any semen collected after January 1, 2015 before any offspring can be registered.

Second to motion by Cecil Swepston.

Voice vote. One oppose. Motion passes.

Mark Anderson and Cecil Swebston will meet with Cecelia Penedo to discuss contract details and report to the board of directors tomorrow.

Board of directors enters executive session at 1:48 p.m. to review budget report and to discuss email received by President Brad Mackey in reference to a board member.

Board of Directors comes out of executive session at 2:28 p.m.

Motion by Cecil Swebston to approve the budget.  
Second to motion by Jesse Cornelius.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Jesse Cornelius to remove Linda West from the Board of Directors.  
Second to motion by Shon Callahan.  
Roll call vote.  
In Favor: Edwards, Stich, Davis, Anderson, Kinslow, Watkins, Gibbs, Diefenbach, Chavana, Callahan, Cornelius, Pruett  
Opposed: Swebston, Morrow  
12 in favor. 2 opposed. Motion passes.

Meeting in recess at 2:34 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 2:49 p.m.

## 8. Show Rules

Vicki Stich requests modification to show report. Discussion held regarding providing a sanction show report form in spreadsheet form to show secretaries and request that they use the approved form to capture all entry information including the ABGA number for the owner for each animal entered and the number entered in class. Directive by the board to the ABGA office to develop a show report form for the website, to include exhibitor membership number and number of animals exhibited by each member.

Vicki Stich requests addition of standard language to show entry forms as follows:

### *Consent*

*By attending an ABGA or JABGA sanctioned show or event, the owner warrants that animals shall be presented free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a sanctioned show is the giving of consent by the owner for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. In the case that there is a violation of these rules, the act of entering the animal in a sanctioned show is giving consent to have any disciplinary action taken by the ABGA against such individual published in any publication of ABGA's choosing.*

No action taken.

## 9. Judge Evaluation Form

Vicki Stich makes a presentation regarding completion of a judge evaluation form for each show by the show secretary and an exhibitor. Discussion held about the possibility of setting up an electronic survey for exhibitors complete.

Motion by John Edwards that Sara Davis and Vicki Stich develop a show survey to be sent to the exhibitors to evaluate ABGA judges after each show. Survey would be distributed using the ABGA member number as listed on the show results through an electronic survey service.

Second to motion by Jesse Cornelius.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

10. Tulsa Drug Test Results

Review of drug test results from Tulsa State Fair ABGA show. All animals tested were negative for the banned substances defined by the testing agency.

11. Goat Expo Report

Vicki Stich reported on the 2013 Goat Expo.

12. National Show T-Shirt

Vicki Stich presents the design for the 2014 ABGA National Show Diabetes Support T-Shirt.

Mary Ellen Villarreal and Cindy Dusek advise that discussion has been held regarding T-Shirt design contest by the JABGA.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that the JABGA hold a 20th Anniversary Design contest and the winning design be used for 2014 National Show merchandise sold through an online vendor through our National Show website.

Second to motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

13. Ambassador for Breed Nominations

Request by Ervin Chavana that the Board members present to the Board tomorrow any name(s) that they would like to nominate.

Meeting recesses for the day at 3:59p.m.

Meeting resumes 12/14/2013 at 8:18 a.m.

14. JABGA

Cindy Dusek shares literature provided to attendees during the 2013 National FFA Convention. Discussion held on the type of literature that we have available and the need to update the promotional packets for the advisor.

Directive to Cindy Dusek to compile promotional literature on CDs and/or USB devices for distribution to FFA Advisors and 4-H County Agents and present the Board of Directors with a cost estimate to prepare for distribution.

Discussion regarding JABGA finances. Directive by President Brad Mackey to Shon Callahan, Jesse Cornelius, Scott Pruitt and Cindy Dusek to prepare a proposal for development of a JABGA foundation and the handling of expenditures of JABGA funds.

Discussion held regarding payment of parent motel rooms for the JABGA Face to Face Meeting. Directive by the Board of Directors to the JABGA Coordinator to oversee the arrangement of rooms.

Directive to the office to purchase ten sets of ribbons for JABGA sanctioned shows.

15. ABGA Sanctioned Shows

Discussion held regarding reinstatement of requirement for minimum number of entries in a show to be awarded championship points and to implement sanction show application fee.

Motion by Cecil Swepston to table discussion.  
Motion dies for lack for second.

Meeting breaks at 9:53 a.m.  
Meeting resumes at 10:14 a.m.

16. Performance Testing

Presentation by Sara Davis regarding performance testing.

Motion by Sara Davis that ABGA designate \$1,000 to be prorated to the top four performers and \$500 be designated for awards in all ABGA sanctioned performance tests in addition to ennoblement points awarded based on a sliding schedule to be developed by a committee made up of Sara Davis and John Edwards.

Second to motion by Ervin Chavana.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Request by Sara Davis to sanction the 2014 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Livestock Evaluation Center Gain test.

Motion by Jeff Gibbs to grant sanctioning to the 2014 Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Livestock Evaluation Center Gain test, which includes a 70 day test period vs. the 84 day minimum currently in our rules.

Second to motion by John Morrow.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

17. Registration Issues

Review of request to transfer goats pursuant to Letters of Testamentary. Directive to the ABGA office to transfer the goats as requested.

18. ABGA Judge Certification Program Proposal

Review of 2014 Judge Certification Program Proposal by Scott Pruett.

Sara Davis moved to approve 2014 Judge Certification Program Proposal as presented.

Second to Motion by Jeff Gibbs.

Discussion held.

Voice vote. One opposed. Motion passes.

19. American Bred Class

Presentation by Shon Callahan regarding American Bred Class.

No action taken.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:25 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:07 p.m.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 1:08 p.m. to discuss Code of Ethics violations.

Board of Directors exits executive session at 2:07 p.m.

Motion by Mark Anderson for the ABGA Code of Ethics Violation. Dakota Smith is fined \$1,000 and suspended from all ABGA events for a period of 6 months effective December 14, 2013 for contacting ABGA judges requesting a competitive advantage prior to ABGA Sanctioned Events. During said suspension Dakota Smith shall be barred from attending any ABGA/JABGA events. In addition, Dakota Smith shall write a letter of apology to be submitted to the ABGA Board of Directors for approval. The letter of apology shall be published in ABGA Magazine at the expense of Dakota Smith. In the event Dakota Smith fails to pay the \$1,000 fine and write the letter of apology at the conclusion of the six month period of suspension, said terms of suspension shall continue until the above requirements are fulfilled. The disciplinary action will be published on the ABGA website and will remain published until all requirements are fulfilled.

Second to motion by Dr. Mark Watkins.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Vicki Stich For violation of the ABGA Code of Ethics. Betty Peterson is to receive a letter of reprimand for contacting an ABGA judge requesting a competitive advantage prior to an ABGA Sanctioned Event. In addition, Betty Peterson shall write a letter of apology to be submitted to the ABGA Board of Directors for approval by March 31, 2014. The letter of apology shall be published in ABGA Magazine at the expense of

Betty Peterson. The disciplinary action will be published on the ABGA website for a period of 6 months.

Second Scott Pruett.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that all disciplinary actions shall remain on the ABGA website for no less than 6 months from the date the disciplinary action is ordered by the ABGA Board of Directors.

Second Cecil Swepston.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Discussion held regarding updating Code of Ethics to address Social Media. Directive by the Board of Directors that the Code of Ethics be referred to the ABGA Attorney for review and be updated to address social media.

Meeting breaks at 2:18 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 2:30 p.m.

13. Ambassador for the Breed Nomination (revisited)

Motion from Ervin Chavana to have Ervin Chavana, Jesse Cornelius and John Edwards serve on a National Show sub-committee to organize presentation on the history of the ABGA and present the 16 founding members of ABGA with the Ambassador to the Breed award during the 2014 ABGA National Show.

Scott Pruett seconds.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Directive from the President to appropriate funds to procure the awards.

20. Show by Weight

Discussion of a suggestion from a member regarding splitting classes in the junior division of ABGA sanctioned shows by weight. Further discussion regarding reinstating weighing all junior animals at the ABGA National Show.

Jesse Cornelius moves to reinstate weighing all junior animals at the 2014 ABGA National Show and publish that information in the show program and results.

Second by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

21. Commercial Doe Show

Discussion of a member request to have a committee put together a proposal for ABGA to support unregistered commercial junior doe classes as part of ABGA sanctioned shows.

Directive from the President to have Shon Callahan chair a committee including Terry Taylor, Jesse Cornelius, Micky Latolais, and Jeremy Church to provide a proposal in



March 2014 to the Board regarding JABGA supporting breeding doe classes (with milk teeth, divided by weight).

22. Breed Standards

Discussion of interpretation of Breed Standards as a requirement for an animal to be horned in order for an animal to be shown.

Directive from the President to have a statement put on the ABGA website and Facebook page clarifying that Boer goats without horns can still be shown in accordance with Rule L.ii.f.i, but are not eligible to pass Ennoblement inspection. Animals without horns are still eligible for Ennoblement through offspring points.

Meeting breaks at 3:35 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 3:40 p.m.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 3:41 p.m. to discuss specifics of the DNA program.

Board of Directors exits executive session at 4:05 p.m.

23. Website Review

Sara presented the new website development progress to the Board.

The goal is for the new site to go live on January 1, 2014.

24. ABGA Trademark

The Board is advised that the terms “American Boer Goat Association” and “ABGA” are trademarked and should be removed from any unauthorized use, electronic or otherwise, that may be interpreted as trademark infringement.

Jeff Gibbs moves to adjourn.

Mark Anderson seconded.

Meeting adjourns at 4:28 p.m.