ABGA Face to Face Meeting
Golden Nugget
Las Vegas, NV
December 8-9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Deric Wetherell at 8:12 am PST on December 8, 2017.

Roll call was taken with 15 directors, the immediate past president, 2 staff and 1 guest present.

Present:
Region 1 Kimberly Liefer  Region 2 Scott Pruett
Region 3 Clark Huinker  Region 4 Jeremy Church
Region 5 Kenny Elwood  Region 6 Paul Grafe
Region 7 Dawn Steward  Region 8 Robert Washington joined at 11:00 am
Region 9 Deric Wetherell  Region 11 Jesse Cornelius
Region 12 Kim Morgan  Region 13 Kathy Daves-Carr
Region 14 Denise Crabtree  Region 15 Susan Burner
Region 16 Sara Davis

Immediate Past President Cindy Westfall
Staff: Mary Ellen Villarreal, Lary Duncan
Guests: Stephanie Swartz

Absent: Region 10 Josh Stephans

1. Minutes: Sara Davis noted that the DNA Protocol should be attached to the November minutes. Jesse Cornelius moved to approve the minutes. Kenny Elwood seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

2. Committee Reports:
   Ambassador: The board reviewed the draft presented by Kimberly Liefer. Jesse Cornelius moved to send the concept to the JABGA Board for development. Sara Davis seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

   Breed Improvement and Research: Sara Davis reported the status of the NSIP program. This program deals with data on kidding and development of goats. She is looking for recommendations of farms that wish to participate in the pilot program. There will be analysis in the future on other traits. Kenny Elwood shared the idea of working with universities with goat research herds on tracking information and evaluating that information.

   Breed Standards: Kathy Daves-Carr reported that the recommended changes will be sent to the board this week. Discussion on teat charts, horns, pigment, ears and pictures used in training. Any changes will need board approval before implementation.
Building: Paul Grafe reported the construction contract is being reviewed and revised by attorney. Projected costs have increased due to selection of materials that will remain cost-effective over the coming years. Completion is on track for 9 months from the signing by both parties.

Clark Huinker moved to amend the total project budget to $550,000 for completion of the ABGA office building in San Angelo, TX. Scott Pruett seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Bylaws: Susan Burner reported on suggestions that have been made for changes. The committee will reword sections and have a document ready for review after the beginning of the year.

Meeting went on break at 9:43 am. Meeting resumed at 10:02 am.

Judges: Jesse Cornelius reported on moving judges forward in level and a judge issue. Board enters closed session at 10:04 am to discuss an inspection issue, soliciting judging assignments, and social media. Board exits closed session at 10:35 am.

Jesse Cornelius moves to approve the following judges from Level 2 to Level 1 based on the recommendation of the judges’ committee: Caleb Westfall, Chris Fleming, Cooper Bounds, Derrick Brown, Kyle Tate, Lane Reigle, and Maurice Erwin. Clark Huinker seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Based on the recommendation of the judges’ committee, one case will be sent to the Executive Committee for further review.

Judges committee is developing questions for future training and continuing education of certified judges.

Equipment: Lary Duncan reported on the status of our server and the options available for storage, with the intent to be up to date at the completion of building.

Judges Certification: Jeremy Church reported the next class will be June 21-23, 2018 at Evans Agricultural Complex, located in Perkins, OK. Class size will be set at 20-40 attendees. There will be further discussion after calls have been made to check availability of training judges for the dates set.

Robert Washington joined the meeting at 11:00 am.

Member Service/Education: Kim Morgan is planning on getting a breed standards presentation online as an educational tool for members.
National Show: Cindy Westfall gave updates.
Schedule: The Board reviewed and made changes to the schedule to include the additional JABGA events

Rules: The National Show rules were reviewed and updated.

Commercial Doe/Market Awards: Amount of monetary awards will be determined at a later date. ABGA will provide ribbons, buckles and banners.

Regional Show Program: Discussion held on payout for the wether/commercial shows. Fundraisers are being held and donations are being solicited and collected to support the awards to be given on the Regional level.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 12:24 pm. Meeting resumed at 1:35 pm.

National Show Committee: (Cont.)
JABGA Commercial Doe/Market Judge: National Show committee will select with approval of the board.

JABGA Show Help: Jesse Kimmel will assist with the JABGA events at Nationals.

National Show Shirts: Lary Duncan addressed ordering promotional items. Susan Burner moved to approve the new logo as an additional logo for ABGA. Kimberly Liefer seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

JABGA logo was shared with the board. It will be sent to the JABGA Board for consideration. Kimberly Liefer presented shirt options for the 2018 National Show shirt. The board selected a design to be used.

National Show Charity: The Stomp Out Bullying shirt is orange.

Dedication of Awards/Drives:
Scott Pruett moved to dedicate the 2018 National Show Fullblood Doe Champion Drive in memory of Minda Witt. Susan Burner seconded the motion.

Jesse Cornelius moved to amend the motion to include the 2018 National Show Buck Champion Drive in memory of Don Smith. Robert Washington seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Amended Motion to dedicate the 2018 National Show Fullblood Doe Champion Drive in memory of Minda Witt and the 2018 National Show Buck Champion Drive in memory of Don Smith. Voice Vote. Motion passed.
Clark Huinker will write an article on Don Smith, Scott Pruett will write an article on Minda Witt to be included in the program.

Scott Pruett shared the idea of naming a scholarship in memory of influential persons in the ABGA. Deric Wetherell appointed the Memorial committee with Scott Pruett as chair, to include Clark Huinker, Robert Washington, Jesse Cornelius and Ervin Chavana.

Ambassador of the Breed: Lary Duncan asked for recommendations for award recipients. Mary Ellen Villarreal will compile a list of past ambassadors.

3. Regional Show Rules: Cindy Westfall shared the changes to the 2018 Regional Show Program. Areas of concern were clarified.
   Commercial does are to be judged as a breeding animal. Does entered into the commercial cannot be entered in the market. Commercial does are broken by teeth and broken further by weight if necessary.
   Market goats will not have a tooth rule. There is no minimum or maximum weight.
   Market Goats will not be required to have an ABGA registration number to be exhibited in the show.

   The Public Speaking contest topics will be determined by the Youth Committee. All regionals will have the same topic. The scoresheet will be revised.

   Jesse Cornelius moved to remove the requirement for senior showmanship from the regional program rules. Robert Washington seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

   Regional Show Fundraising: Cindy Westfall reviewed the amount to date. Jesse Kimmel is providing stall placards for the winners at Nationals. Discussion held on advertising the regional show program with actions to be taken at future meeting.

   Meeting recessed for break at 3:20 pm. Meeting reconvened at 3:33 pm.

4. Committee Reports: (cont.)
   Public Relations: Clark Huinker updated the board on updating the ABGA website.

5. Sanctioned Show Concerns:
   Ribbon Package: Scott Pruett relayed feedback on the new ribbons. Shows may send back ribbons to repurpose packages as needed.
   Sanctioned Show Rules: Discussion held on show applications and results being completed on time.
Susan Burner moved to refer to Sanctioned show committee to review show rules for changes. Seconded by Jesse Cornelius. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Senior Doe Class Points: Kathy Daves-Carr reported on a member inquiry over the splitting of senior does further above 36 months to include additional age breaks for older females. Discussion held with no action taken at this time.

6. Committee Reports: (cont.)
Youth: Kathy Daves-Carr gave updates on items relating to JABGA
JABGA Awards - JABGA BOD tabled the show awards program until 2019. The new regional program will be the only awards program for 2018 at this time.

Discussion held on the status of the JABGA Board of Directors and details of possible upcoming recommendations from the board.

Jeremy Church moved that the ABGA board establish a committee to appoint a JABGA Advisory Committee. The committee will be comprised of 5 ABGA members aged 19-25 to act as intermediates between the ABGA and JABGA boards. Clark Huinker seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Selection of Youth Committee Members – Deric Wetherell discussed a finding from December 4, 2009 in relation to the selection of Youth Committee.

12. Committee Updates (continued)
c. Junior/Youth Committee (continued).
vii. The Board reviewed a Youth Advisor Policy The ABGA BOD will appoint one ABGA member from each of the 5 JABGA Areas to serve on the youth committee. The member appointed shall not be a parent, step parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, sibling or step-sibling of any JABGA BOD. Coni Ross moved to accept the Youth Advisor Policy presented by the Junior/Youth Committee chair. Ryan Kish seconded the motion. Voice vote. MOTION PASSED with one in opposition.

The committee appointments approved in July and August will remain for 2017-2018.

Youth Foundation: Cindy Westfall reported that the JABGA approved the name JABGA Youth Foundation. A mission statement is being developed.

Meeting was recessed at 4:55 pm until Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 8:00 am PST.

Meeting resumed at 8:02 am December 9, 2017.
Meeting enters closed session at 8:04 am for discussion on hearing procedures. Meeting exits closed session at 8:20 am.

7. Rule 900 #170717 begins with John Trimble and Glania Trimble in attendance. Deric Wetherell announced that the hearing would be recorded. Hearing ended at 8:46 am.

Board enters closed session at 8:47 am to discuss Rule 900 #170717. Board exits closed session at 9:13 am.


Meeting recessed for break at 9:30 am. Meeting resumed 9:49 am.

8. Meeting enters closed session at 9:49 am to discuss Rule 901 #170717. Board exits closed session at 9:55 am. Rule 901 #170717 is tabled until later in the meeting.

9. DNA: Lary Duncan presented rules that need to be changed to reflect the DNA protocol. The acronyms for notations will be added to the website and the rules. Robert Washington moved to accept the rule changes for the DNA protocol as presented and discussed. Kenny Elwood seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

***DNA Rule Updates are attached.

Meeting enters closed session at 10:33. Meeting exits closed session at 10:39.

Paul Grafe moved that Fred Homeyer be disciplined with a letter of reprimand and a one-year probation for violation of the ABGA Code of Ethics by contributing to the disruption at the OBGA Spring Classic Silver Series show held on April 23, 2017 in reference to Rule 901 #170717, effective 12-9-17. Scott Pruett seconded. Roll Call vote: Yea: Scott Pruett, Clark Huinker, Dawn Steward, Kim Morgan, Kathy Daves-Carr, Sara Davis, Kimberly Liefer, Jeremy Church, Denise Crabtree, Paul Grafe, Kenny Elwood, Jesse Cornelius, Robert Washington, Susan Burner. Motion passes unanimously.

Board enters closed session at 10:47 am to discuss Rule 900 #170824-1. Board exits session at 10:55 am.


Board enters closed session at 11:03 am to discuss Rule 900 #170824-2. Board exits session at 11:11 am.


13. Sara Davis moved to refer the incident at WV State Fair on August 18, 2017 to the executive committee for further consideration. Kenny Elwood seconded. Division was called for. Show of hands. Motion passed 7-6.

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:46 am. Meeting resumed at 12:33 pm.

14. JABGA Adult Agent Requirement: Susan Burner requested that the requirement of every JABGA member having an ABGA member as an adult agent be removed. Discussion followed. There will be clarification on the requirement in a future magazine.

Adult agent will be verified at the regional shows when signing new members.

15. ABGA Membership Agent: Susan Burner brought forward a concern about 2 youth that form an entity for regular membership in ABGA. Bylaws state the authorized representative must be 19 or over as of January 1. ABGA will update membership forms to include verification of at least one representative being over the age of 19.

16. UC Davis program – Lary Duncan shared an offer by UC Davis on testing for scrapie resistance.
Dawn Steward moved that ABGA offer the membership the option to test with UC Davis for scrapie resistance. Kathy Daves-Carr seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Dawn Steward moves that Lary Duncan get a quote on adding scrapie resistance to the pedigree. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

17. Budget: Lary Duncan presented the 2018 budget.
Susan Burner moved to increase the National Show Superintendents’ salary to $750 each. Scott Pruett seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.


19. Percentage Herd Book Registry Rule: Lary Duncan presented the rules. Animals will be calculated on actual percentage when the program begins.

20. Domestic Registry goats: Susan Burner moved that ABGA accept pedigrees from other domestic registries beginning January 1, 2019, with a committee formed to address specifics. Sara Davis seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

21. Deric Wetherell formed the Domestic Registry committee with Mary Ellen Villarreal as chair. Members will be Sara Davis, Kathy Daves-Carr, Paul Grafe, Scott Pruett, and Susan Burner.

22. Board enters closed session at 2:17 pm to discuss bonuses. Board exits closed session at 2:22.

Scott Pruett moved to give Lary Duncan and Mary Ellen Villarreal a bonus for meeting and exceeding expected goals. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Board recessed at 2:28 pm. Board reconvened at 2:37 pm.

23. Member concern: Denise Crabtree presented concerns over the JABGA age increase and the selection of the Region 3 regional show conflicting with an established ABGA/JABGA show. The locations of the regional shows are already under contract. An age change would require a change to the Bylaws which would require a vote by the membership for approval.

24. ABGA Online Auction: Deric Wetherell discussed the continuation of the Online Auction. Mary Ellen Villarreal will work with Jill Harvey for future auctions. Sara Davis brought up beginning a breeders classified area on the ABGA website.

25. IAFE report: Aaron Gillespie attended the event. Lary Duncan shared his findings from the sessions that were offered.

26. Committee Reports: (cont.)
   National Show Judge Selection: Scott Pruett shared the protocol the committee has developed. Susan Burner moved to rescind the current Judges Selection process. Roll Call vote: Yea: Scott Pruett, Clark Huinker, Kim Morgan, Kathy Daves-Carr, Kimberly Liefer, Jeremy Church, Denise Crabtree, Kenny Elwood, Jesse Cornelius, Robert Washington, Susan Burner Nay: Dawn Steward, Sara Davis, Paul Grafe. Motion passed 11-3.

   Susan Burner moved to use the National Show Judges Selection Committee proposal for determining judges beginning with the 2018 ABGA National Show. Clark Huinker seconded. Roll Call vote: Yea: Scott Pruett, Clark Huinker, Kim Morgan, Kathy Daves-Carr, Sara Davis, Kimberly Liefer, Jeremy Church, Denise Crabtree, Paul Grafe, Kenny

***National Show Judge Selection Proposal is attached.

27. Sanctioned Show Committee: Susan Burner presented the revised Placing Card Judging Procedure from the committee. Josh Stephans was brought on via conference call to discuss committee recommendations for changes to the procedure.

Jesse Cornelius moved to remove the placing card system and allow the judges to select the placings through discussion. Scott Pruett seconded. Roll call vote. Yea: Scott Pruett, Kim Morgan, Kathy Daves-Carr, Jeremy Church, Denise Crabtree, Kenny Elwood, Jesse Cornelius, Robert Washington, Susan Burner. Nay: Clark Huinker, Dawn Steward, Sara Davis, Kimberly Liefer, Paul Grafe. Motion passed 9-5.

28. The next face to face meeting will be announced at a later date. The January conference call will be January 9, 2017 at 7 pm CST due to the New Years holiday.

Dawn Steward moved to adjourn. Clark Huinker seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burner
Secretary
Rule changes needed for DNA PROTOCOL

Rule 209: Ineligible for Registration
A. Date of Birth Issues:
   i. A kid born less than one hundred forty (140) days after birth of its dam’s most recent kid(s) shall not be eligible for registration except in the case of embryo kids, as provided for in Rule 501.
   ii. An offspring born greater than 159 days from the service date as listed on the ABGA certificate, embryo transfer form, transfer records or other records.
B. Kids whose sire or dam was less than 90 days old at time of their conception
C. Kids whose sire does not have DNA testing on file with the Association in accordance with Rule 801.
D. Uncertain or Unknown Parentage:
   i. Whenever the eligibility for registration of any animal is in doubt because of uncertain or unknown parentage, DNA testing will be required by the Association.
   ii. If an animal submitted for registration has the documented sire or dam excluded through DNA marker testing, the animal will not be eligible for registration until a qualifying sire or dam is identified through DNA marker testing.

Rule 701: Registration of Offspring
In order to protect innocent third party owners of offspring which are the product of breeding of previously eligible parents taking place prior to date of cancellation of the certificate of a parent or parents, with the exception specified in Rule 705 below, such offspring are eligible for listing in the American Boer Goat herd book, if otherwise eligible. If an offspring currently has a numbered certificate, a new certificate will be issued.

Rule 704: Recall and Issuance of Offspring Certificate
Issued certificates, either by recall or original issue, of offspring by a parent whose registration certificate is cancelled, shall indicate the identity of the ineligible parent as follows:
   A. “(Name of goat) designated Sire or Dam Excluded.”
   B. The second and third generation notation on the certificate shall carry the designation “Unknown.”

Rule 711: Re-Registration Certificate
Re-registration certificates are issued to indicate a correction of the sire or dam.
   A. A re-registration certificate requires a properly completed registration application with proper supporting forms and a signed statement which gives details as to why the goat was incorrectly registered.
   B. ABGA must be provided with the original registration certificate before a re-registration certificate can be issued in the case of an owner-initiated re-registration.
   C. When the correct parentage has been established through DNA parentage qualification or verification, the Executive Committee may, in the interest of fairness and equity toward an innocent third party, authorize re-registration without the application and supporting breeding documents, if it is determined to be unreasonable to require these documents under the particular circumstance.
   D. Proper fees must be remitted.

Rule 801: ABGA DNA Testing
A. Until December 31, 2014, DNA testing of any animal will be on a voluntary basis.
B. Beginning January 1, 2015, DNA testing will be required for all bucks (registered or unregistered) before offspring are eligible for registration when the offspring is a result of:
   i. Live coverage mating occurring on or after January 1, 2015; or
   ii. Artificial insemination using semen collected after January 1, 2015; or
   iii. Embryo transfer using semen meeting the criteria in either Rule 801.B.i or 801.B.ii.
C. Parent qualification and/or parent verification will be performed on all animals submitted for DNA marker testing when required samples are on file with ABGA.
D. Beginning January 1, 2018, DNA testing will be required for does before offspring are eligible for registration when the offspring is a result of embryo flush occurring after January 1, 2018.
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E. In order for DNA test results to be recorded when an animal is ineligible for registration with the association, the animal must be issued either a:
   i. Record of Pedigree, in accordance with Rule 206; or
   ii. Listing Paper, in accordance with Rule 207.

F. The following acronyms will be used to designate DNA testing levels on pedigrees:
   i. **Sire DNA qualified (SQ)
   ii. ***Dam DNA qualified (DQ)
   iii. Parents DNA qualified (PQ)
   iv. Original DNA test (OT)
   v. Sire DNA excluded (SE)
   vi. Dam DNA excluded (DE)
   ** Without consideration of dam
   ***Without consideration of sire
Percentage Herd book registry rules:

I. To be eligible for registration and a registered percentage buck must have been conceived after January 1, 2015 and his sire or if sired by a commercial buck, his dam must have DNA on file with the ABGA office from U.C. Davis veterinary genetics lab and animals reported lineage must be fifty percent or more registered Boer goat and meeting these additional requirements:

1. 1st generation 50% buck from an unregistered parent must have one registered fullblood Boer Goat parent. Does and bucks with purebred pedigrees will not meet the minimum requirement to create a fifty % buck when mated to a commercial animal.
2. A buck created from any combination of registered percentage or purebred animals where the percent of registered Boer Goat lineage equals no less than fifty percent can be registered.
3. The highest actual percentage of registered Boer goat lineage a buck can accumulate without becoming a Purebred is 96.874%

II. To be eligible for registration a registered percentage doe must have a minimum Boer goat registered lineage equaling twenty five % or more and meet these additional requirements:

1. 1st generation twenty five % doe with an unregistered parent must have a fifty % ABGA percentage registered Boer Goat parent.
2. A doe created from any combination of registered percentage or purebred animals where the % of registered Boer Goat lineage equals no less than twenty five percent can be registered.
3. The highest actual percentage of registered Boer goat lineage a doe can accumulate without becoming a Purebred is 93.74%. To be register a 25% thru 49.999 % doe, she must have been conceived after January 1, 2015 and her sire must have DNA on file with the ABGA office from an U.C. Davis veterinary genetics lab that qualifies to the animals reported lineage.
(Note: we will need to inform membership six months prior to this happening of rule changes -- ie: the official effective date of start of program)
National Show Judges Selection Committee Proposal to Rescind and Replace Process from ABGA Board of Directors December, 2015 Face to Face Meeting.

In an unbiased and fair effort to return a voice to the membership regarding ABGA Judge Selection at their National Show, the Judge Selection Committee proposes the following:

1) Judges will be selected by teams of 3 (three), all judges residing in different regions.

2) Judges interested in participating will confer to construct the team and submit to ABGA Office.

3) No judge shall be represented on more than one team.

Have not judged the prior two National Shows

Membership paid no later than December 31 of the current year

Judge must be a level one judge by December 31 of the current year

Screening Committee will select top three teams

- Comprised of former ABGA National Show judges from previous 2 years.
- Shall not exhibit or have interest in, whole or part, any national show entry.

4) The winning team will be determined by vote, pending final approval by the ABGA Board of Directors.

5) Voters eligible will be represented by current ABGA members having exhibited at the ABGA National Show within the last 2 (two) years.

Multiply owned entries: membership number entering the animal will be the membership number eligible to vote

6) Any needed alternate(s) will be appointed by the screening committee from the runners-up team.

7) This selection process shall supersede any and all existing protocols regarding ABGA National Show Judge Selection.

It is our suggestion that the Board of Directors consider a motion and second to rescind the current process of record and replace immediately, by simple majority vote, the above process.