American Boer Goat Association  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call Meeting  
February 15, 2007  
7:00 pm

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

Present: Barney Fowler   David Edens  Mark Seawell  
Bronc Fleming   Mike Crum  
Bob Duke   John Jones  
Carrie Boyer   Joe Wiley  
Debra Borden   Troy Veal  
Greg Patterson  Peggy Taylor  
Judy Wolfe  
Robert Washington

Absent:  

Staff: Robert Swize

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION PASSED

III. NATIONAL SHOW RULES AND SHOW SCHEDULE:
Robert Washington as a National Show Superintendent and Robert Swize presented an updated draft of the 2007 ABGA National Show Rules and Schedule from that Committee. The Board was advised that the Ike Hamilton Center is providing another 300 pens bringing the total pens on site to 950. The following dates and deadlines were approved:

1. The Herd Book will close on May 15, 2007. All animal to be entered in the National Show must be entered in the herd book by that date.

2. Entry fees will be $30 per animal up to May 25, 2007. Entries from May 26, 2007 to June 11, 2007 will be $60. There will be a $10 substitution fee for an animal substituted at check in.

3. Registration numbers will be required on all entry forms.

4. Pens will be assigned based upon a formula of 1.5 goats per pen.

Complete Rules for entry and the approved Show Schedule will be published in the next issue of The Boer Goat magazine as well as enclosed in the National Show Packets.

IV. AUDIT OF ABGA FINANCIALS FOR THE YEAR 2006
Peggy Taylor moved that ABGA accept the “Engagement Letter” from the ABGA Accountant by which the CPA will begin the audit of ABGA Financials for the year 2006. Carrie Boyer will serve, as required, as the person outside management for contact about any area of this audit that might need examination.
John Jones second. Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED

V. DRAFT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OBJECTIVE:
The Board listed this objective as one of priority for ABGA at its' December 2, 2006 meeting as a part of the Strategic Plan for ABGA. President Tony Brazil appointed a working committee of Peggy Taylor, John Jones, and Carrie Boyer to review the current draft of the Rules and Regulations. The committee is to present an updated draft of this objective to the Board at the April board meeting.

VI. RESEARCH REQUEST:
ABGA received a research funding request from the Texas A & M Research Station for the following project: “In Vitro Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations of Tulathromycin for Strains of Cornyebacterium Psuedotuberculosis and Pilot Efficacy Study in Naturally Occurring Infections”. The Project Director is Dr. Kevin Washburn.

Excerpt from the project description:
“Although its’ efficacy is unknown, tulathromycin has the properties with the potential to successfully treat or mitigate the effects of CL. Therefore, this project has the potential to improve the health and economics of small ruminant herds throughout the United States. “

The Objectives of the Research Are:
1. To determine the in vitro susceptibility of C. pseudotuberculosis small isolates to tulathromycin.
2. To determine the efficacy of administering tulathromycin systemically or intro-lesionally to small ruminants with naturally occurring caseous lymphadenitis

Since this particular health issue has such an important financial impact upon the entire goat industry, both registered and commercial, the ABGA Board felt that funding this base research is of significant importance to the overall industry. Therefore the following action was taken:
Bob Duke moved that ABGA fund the base research project request in the amount presented of $8,613.60. Carrie Boyer second. Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED

There being no further business Peggy Taylor moved the meeting adjourn. Carrie Boyer second.

Meeting Adjourned.