

**ABGA Board of Directors Conference Call
February 15, 2011**

I: Roll Call

Present

**Region 1- Terry Brown
Region 2- Boyd Willoughby
Region 3- Brian Faris
Region 4- Kay Garrett
Region 5- Doug Widener
 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 12- Paul Kinslow
Region 14- John Morrow
Region 15- Sara Davis
Region 16- Brad Mackey**

Absent

Region 13- Troy Veal

Others Present

Sandy Smith, Office Manager

II: Minutes

A: December 10, 2010, corrections to the minutes:

I: Roll Call: add Vicki Stich.

X: Office manager Sandy Smith reported that the host hotel for the 2011 National Show is the Quality Inn.

Kallie York moved to approve the minutes with the corrections, Ervin Chavana seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously

B: January 4, 2011, conference call minutes were reviewed and minor typographical errors were corrected. It was also noted that “Judge’s Oversight Committee” should be added to section V.

Tracy Diefenbach moved to accept the minutes with the corrections, Vicki Stich seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C: January 20, 2011, conference call, corrections to the minutes:

Roll Call: Remove Terry Brown and Tina Owens from the roll call, as regions 1 and 16 were not represented at that time.

Add: The Board of Directors was notified that the Youth Coordinator resigned the position but has offered to provide direction.

Add: Sandy Smith told us there was someone wanting to hold a show in Greenville, TX, at the end of our ABGA National Show. We directed her to get into contact with those people and explain that they had to wait until the completion of the ABGA National Show.

Kallie York moved to approve the minutes with corrections, John Morrow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III: Letter of Support

Langston University sent a letter to President Brian Faris, asking for support of a program that they are working on. Chris Shaffett moved to respond back, giving our support to the program. Kay Garrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV: National Show Packet

A: Instead of a barn party there will be an Award/Appreciation Dinner.

B: The Hilton Garden Inn lowered their price to \$99. They have enough rooms for the superintendents, ABGA board of directors, JABGA board of directors, judges, and office staff, and the Quality Inn does not.

Dennie Clark moved that we accept the Hilton Garden Inn as our host hotel and Ervin Chavana seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C: Typographical errors were noted in the show packet, and will be corrected.

D: Adjustments to the Group classes:

1: Friday, June 10: Produce of Percentage Dam before full blood pairs.

2: Percentage doe herd on Wednesday, June 8th.

3: Percentage Get of Sire on Wednesday, June 8th. The goats do not have to be owned by the same person. Percentage does of any age sired by the same buck.

4: Add Best Pair classes for Percentage doe kids and senior does, Fullblood/Purebred doe kids and senior does, and Fullblood/Purebred buck kids and senior bucks.

5. Saturday, June 11th: Group classes with the potential of both sexes being represented.

E: Computing ages is still the same, but in the open show, classes with more than 50 entries will be divided by age. All class winners will come back for the champion drive.

F: Any goats without proper identification will be disqualified.

G: In the Junior show, cash prizes may be subject to an IRS 1099 form, and prizes will not be awarded until required documentation is returned to office.

H: Wether show

- 1: Wethers must be slick shorn to 3/8 inch or less (with no indication of blocking) above the knees and hock joints, to include the head but excluding the tail switch.**
- 2: Cash premiums may be available for classes, depending on sponsorship donations.**
- 3: No buckle will be given to the wether show judge. Buckles will be awarded to the grand and reserve grand champion wethers.**

I: “Bred and Owned by Exhibitor” classes will be added to the JABGA National Show.

- 1: Goats bred by the junior exhibitor, as indicated on the original ABGA certificate, will be automatically entered.**
- 2: Any “bred by exhibitor” goats in the top 10 will be pulled forward after the regular class placing, and another set of ribbons will be awarded.**
- 3: “Bred by Exhibitor” class winners will return for a separate championship drive, and plaques will be awarded.**

Kallie York moved to approve the changes to the National Show packet and Vicki Stich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V: National Show

A: Northeast Gate Company, represented by Randy Knowles, stores and delivers the panels for the show ring. The ABGA now owns the ring, but we need a contract that reflects the agreement with Northeast Gate Company that they will deliver the show ring to ABGA nationals, store the show ring after the show, and that for this service, NE Gate Co will receive a booth space at the ABGA National Show. Ervin Chavana was directed to draw up a contract and have it looked at by both parties.

B: Sandy Smith applied to the West Monroe Visitors and Tourism Bureau for monetary support. We received \$5,000 from the Bureau. We have to use their logo on all advertisements, and it was suggested that we make a large banner to hang at the show in appreciation of this funding.

C: Judges selected this year for the national show:

- 1: Open Show: John Edwards • Sherri Stevens • Anton Ward
Alternate: Phil Stacey**
- 2: Junior Show: Jackie Edwards.
There was a tie for alternate.**

3: Wether Show: Barney Fowler

The vote was 15 to approve the ballots and judges, and 2 abstentions.

D: ABGA will provide Ennoblement certificates, but will not mat or frame them.

VI: Registration work in office

A: Large orders for registrations have been coming into the office to meet the March 1 deadline of accepting goats from other registries. Some of these orders cannot be fully processed for various reasons, so the office has open-ended work orders. The office will send requests for further information (RFI) so that the work orders may be closed.

B: B: Members that submit large work orders (25 or more) and request extended time to pay the registration fees will have the request considered on a case-by-case basis.

C: Sandy was directed to adjust the wording on the *ABGA Registry Related Press Release* to be changed from “in office” to “post marked”.

VII: Elections

A: President Faris clarified that whoever is elected as director for regions 1 and 2 will finish the remaining 2 years of the 3 year terms. Those positions are currently filled by appointment.

B: The regions that are up for election have been posted to the ABGA web-site, as well as the length of each term. Applications for director positions must be in the office by March 1, 2011, and the applicants must be paid up on their membership dues.

VIII: Breed Standards

A: Vicki Stich asked that Breed Standards be tabled until March 1st, so that the membership has time respond to the survey going out in an e-mail blast.

B: The committee will organize the survey so that the Board of Directors can see membership wishes.

IX: Meeting

The next conference call will be held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. cst.

X: Judge's Certification

Redlands Community College in El Reno, OK, is being considered as a site for a Judge's Certification. There are sufficient goats available in the area.

XI: Other Business

A: Sara Davis asked if we are going to have a face-to-face meeting this spring. Following discussion, it was decided that one is not warranted at this time, and that the conference calls are more cost efficient.

B: We were reminded that the ABGA office no longer keeps credit card information on file.

C: We need to get a Youth Coordinator in place at the next meeting, but Brian said only one person has inquired about the position.

D: JABGA Youth Builder program has added a business plan.

Having no further business, John Morrow moved that we adjourn the meeting. Dennie Clark seconded the motion. The call was adjourned at 9:54 pm