



American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors
Conference Call Meeting
July 2, 2007
7:00 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order by President John Jones

Present:

Barney Fowler
Carrie Boyer
Vicky Wetzel
Tina Owens
Mike Crum
Barry Watts
Jamie Mitchell
David Edens
Coni Ross

Bronc Fleming
Jan Carlson
Lisa Wolters
John Morrow
Greg Patterson
Tony Brazil
Troy Veal
Peggy Taylor

Absent:

Debra Borden

Staff: Robert Swize

NEW BUSINESS

- II. Approval of Minutes:

Greg Patterson moved to approve the minutes from the 5/24/07 and 5/31/07 Board of Directors Meetings Conference Calls. Barry Watts noted that he was not present for the May 24, 2007 meeting. A correction to the 5/24/07 minutes to reflect that is noted. Lisa Wolters second.

Directors John Morrow, Vicky Wetzel, Coni Ross and Jamie Mitchell abstained from the vote noting they were not part of those meetings.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

- III. Rule M Hearing Procedure

President John Jones outlined the process by which the Board of Directors will hear the pending Rule M complaint during the Board meeting of August 4, 2007, and the parties which are eligible to attend. The hearing will be held at the Ameri-Suites, 2220 Grapevine Mills Circle West, Grapevine, Texas, 76051. This address is located on the west side of Texas Highway 121 North in Grapevine (north of the airport). The hearing will begin at 1 PM.

The working Board meeting will begin at 8:30 AM Saturday, August 4, 2007. The working meeting will resume after the hearing, should reasonable time allow. If business is not finished on Saturday then the Board will reconvene at 8 AM on Sunday Morning, August 5, 2007, with anticipation of finishing any work by noon.

IV. Cal Davis Request for member participation a Foot and Mouth Survey Model

ABGA received a request from Cal Davis to advise ABGA members that they are doing a model program to detect how fast and by what means an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the US livestock industry might spread. The director of this program asked ABGA to place the link to their informational survey site on the ABGA web site for those members that might be willing to voluntarily participate in this program. According to the request all information in this survey will be confidential to the program and used within the model only.

After discussion and with the notation that this is voluntary to each member the following action was taken:

Greg Patterson moved that the Cal Davis Foot and Mouth Disease survey program web link be provided to the membership through the ABGA Internet Newsletter.

John Morrow second

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

V. Approval of 2007/2008 ABGA Committees:

The following ABGA committees have been completed:

1. Rules and Regulations Committee:

Jan Carlson, Peggy Taylor, Mike Crum, Jan Smith, Judy Kaye

2. Judges Oversight and Continuing Education Committee:

Peggy Taylor, Jamie Mitchell, Coni Ross, Vicky Wetzel, Lisa Wolters, Sherry Watkins, Ervin Chavano

3. Grievance Committee:

John Morrow, Greg Patterson, Bronc Fleming, Tina Owens, Julie Brown
Jeff Gibbs, Brian Kleiman

4. By-Laws Committee

Barry Watts, Vicky Wetzel, Tracy Diefenbach

5. Ennoblement Committee:

David Edens, Randall White, Jeremy Gurley, Pete Warlick, Vicky Wetzel
John Edwards, Peggy Taylor

Mike Crum moved to approve the above committees. John Morrow second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

Director Coni Ross abstained from the vote feeling the Breed Standards Committee could be approved as well although two persons had not officially accepted the committee position.

Several other committees are being filled and will be approved at the August Board meeting.

VI. Request for Information

Executive Director Robert Swize advised the Board of problems that the ABGA office staff is having in obtaining necessary substantiating information from USBGA on animals registered with USBGA that are being presented for registration with ABGA.

The Board feels animals coming from other registries should meet the same guidelines that ABGA members must meet in registering animals. Since January 2007 the ABGA office staff continues to have numerous problems obtaining the necessary information in spite of working within a time frame for inquiries that was specified by the USBGA office. As a courtesy, ABGA has allowed USBGA access to the On-Line Data base for pedigree research. The Board was advised that ABGA continues to have an excellent working relationship with the International Boer Goat Association.

After discussion of the situation the Board of Directors recommended, as a first step, that President John Jones direct a letter to each member of the USBGA Board of Directors outlining the problems encountered and asking for their assistance in the matter.

Peggy Taylor moved that this letter be sent to the members of the USBGA Board of Directors. Greg Patterson second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

VII. National Show Site Committee Report

The Board of Directors was advised that San Angelo is unable to accommodate the dates of the National Show for 2008 and has therefore asked to be taken out of consideration. The two sites under assessment for 2008 are Tulsa, Oklahoma and West Monroe, Louisiana. Initial proposals have been received from both facilities. After discussion of the information already in hand the Board directed Greg Patterson (Chair of the National Show Site Committee) to ask for final figures with a two year contract from each of the facilities...This information should be in hand within two weeks. At which time the Board will make a final decision as to the location for the 2008 National Show.

Time constraints prevented addressing any of the items listed as "Tabled from Previous Meetings."

There being no further business, Greg Patterson moved to adjourn. Coni Ross second. The meeting adjourned.