

ABGA Board of Directors Face To Face Meeting
July 18, 2013
Marriott
San Antonio, TX

Meeting called to order July 18, 2013 at 8:07 a.m. by President Ervin Chavana

Roll Call

Present:

Terry Brown
Scott Pruett
Jeff Gibbs
Kay Garrett
John Edwards
Linda West
Mark Anderson
Vicki Stich
Tracy Diefenbach
John Morrow
Brad Mackey
Sara Davis Paul Kinslow
Dr. Mark Watkins
Shon Callahan

Not Present:

Scott Hawthorn

Others Present:

Sandy Smith, Operations Manager
Lynn West
Kallie York
Kelly Edwards
Dakota Smith
Quincy Edwards
Sherri Watkins
Dan Bell
Tonia Bell

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kay Garrett to approve May 30, 2013 Board of Directors conference call minutes with the addition of Region 15 to Item 7.

Second to the Motion by John Morrow.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Kay Garrett to approve June 20, 2013 Executive Committee conference call minutes.

Second to the Motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

2. ABGA Office

Board of Directors enter executive session at 8:16 a.m. to discuss office issues.

Executive session ends at 9:22 a.m.

Motion by Brad Mackey to terminate Sandy Smith as Operations Manager immediately.
Second to the Motion by Kay Garrett.
Voice vote. 1 oppose. 1 abstain. Motion passes.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss office issues.
Executive session ends at 9:37 a.m.

Break at 9:37 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 10:08 a.m.

3. New Board Member Orientation

Existing board member introductions and introduction of new board members.

4. 2013 National Show Review

Discussion held regarding tally of points for National Show Premiere Percentage Exhibitor Award.
Software error incorrectly totaled points for the awards.

Motion by Kay Garret to correct 2013 National Show Premier Percentage Exhibitor award.
Second to Motion by Mark Anderson
Voice Vote. Motion passes.

Review of 2013 National Show check in. Numbers on vehicles matched to numbers on packets assisted procedure. Discussion held regarding streamlining paperwork at check in.

Directive by President Irvin Chavana for Kay Garret and Mark Anderson to contact ILR to determine the status of the software update to allow use of the new registration certificate.

Scott Pruett volunteers to coordinate with local FFA/4-H to assist with unloading at the 2014 National Show.

5. 2013 National Show Refund

a. Request by a 2013 JABGA national show entrant for refund of entry fees due to mandatory summer school attendance by exhibitor. No action taken.

b. Request from Rolling M Auctions for refund of expenses incurred for canceled National Show Sale. Consensus of Board of Direction that no refund will be given.

6. ABGA/JABGA Raffle Review

Expenses	10,429
Income	20,773
Net	10,344

Discussion held regarding distribution of net proceeds from raffle. Decision tabled until after presentation by the JABGA program.

Lunch break at 11:31 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:08 p.m.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 1:08 p.m. to discuss office issues.
Executive session ends at 2:33 p.m.

7. ABGA Office

Motion by Linda West to purchase office furniture and office supplies for the back office space as needed with a total budget of \$2,000.00. In the event the expenditures exceed \$2,000.00 said expenditures must be approved by the ABGA President.

Second to Motion by Kay Garrett.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

8. Northeast Gate Company Contract

Review of contract with Northeast Gate Company Contract. Contract expired in 2013. Northeast Gate Company does not wish to renew the contract. Discussion held regarding status and location of current arena. President Ervin Chavana will contact Northeast Gate Company and advise that John Edwards will pick up and store the arena.

9. ABGA Election Policy

Discussion held regarding the different membership renewal/payment deadlines for members to be able to participate in various ABGA elections (Natl show judges, directors, etc.). The differences in membership renewal/payment deadlines are addressed in the draft by-laws currently under review.

10. By-Laws

Review of draft of by-laws. Discussion of status of draft and status for proposed by-law amendment as submitted by members.

Motion by Sam Abney as presented by Director John Edwards that 5.3 Election of Directors; Removal of Directors be amended as follows:

5.3 Election of Directors; Removal of Directors (a)(iv) Directors must be the registered owner of a minimum of ten animals registered with the Association and (Removal) (h)(ii) failure to register a minimum of five new animal registrations with the Association per year.

Second to Motion by Kay Garrett.

Vote by Board of Directors as to whether to include proposed amendment in the by-law changes.

Vote taken by show of hands. 5 in favor, 10 opposed.

Motion by Brad Mackey that 5.4 Director Term Limit be amended as follows:

Subject to the provisions of Section 5.5 below, Directors shall be limited to serving two full three (3) year consecutive terms on the Board of Directors.

Second to Motion by Paul Kinslow. Vote by Board of Directors as to whether to include proposed amendment in the by-law changes.

Voice vote. Nays have it.

Directive to Sara Davis by President Ervin Chavana to prepare final draft of by-law amendments and forward said draft to association counsel for review.

Break at 4:00 p.m.

Resume at 4:12 p.m.

11. National Goat Expo

Report by Vicki Stich on request by the National Goat Expo for ABGA Representative to be present at the 2013 National Goat Expo.

Discussion regarding status of photographs and graphics for the new booth display banners to be used for future promotional displays.

Motion by Kay Garrett that Vicki Stich attend National Goat Expo as ABGA Representative with booth and travel expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00

Second to Motion by Linda West.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 4:18 p.m. to discuss Rule 901 #040113
Executive session ends at 4:31 p.m.

12. Rule 901 #040113

Discussion held regarding status of Executive Action in reference to Rule 901 #040113.

Motion by Shon Callahan to revoke judging credentials for Tye Fowler.
Second to Motion by Linda West.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Linda West to refund Mike Hopkins \$250.00 Rule 901 Filing Fee.
Second by Scott Pruett.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Directive to ABGA office to send a letter to Tye Fowler advising that his judging credentials have been revoked for violation of Rule 901 (iv)(a),(c),(d).

Notice of said revocation to be posted on the ABGA website.

13. Rule 1400 Review

Discussion held regarding addition of list of banned substances and unethical fitting practices to Rule 1400.

Rule development is referred to a committee.

Discussion held regarding Rule 1400 Disqualification at the national show and application of DQ policy for improper tattoos. Item to be reviewed when 2014 National Show addressed.

Meeting concludes for the day at 5:50 p.m.

Meeting in session at 8:11 a.m. on July 19, 2013.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 8:11 a.m. to discuss office matters with Mary Ellen Villarreal and Laurie Evans.

Break at 9:52 a.m.

Mtg resumes at 10:20 a.m. in executive session. Mary Ellen Villarreal and Laurie Evans are excused from executive session.

Mary Ellen Villarreal returns to the mtg at 11:03 a.m. Office discussions continue in Executive Session.

Laurie Evans returns to the meeting at 11:52 a.m.
Lunch break at 11:54 a.m.
Executive Session resumes at 1:09 p.m.
Executive Session concludes at 1:12 p.m.

14. JABGA

Presentation by Aaron Gillispie, JABGA Youth Coordinator and Sara Brend, JABGA President. regarding future plans for improvement of the JABGA including promotional, fundraising and junior national show activities.

Suggestion by Board to add JABGA regional show results to the web page and send JABGA Regional Show photos and show results to the Boergoat Magazine.

Break 2:42 p.m.
Resume at 2:55 p.m.

15. Elections

Board takes up Election of Officers

President

Shon Callahan nominates Brad Mackey as President.

Second to Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins

John Edwards nominates Tracy Diefenbach

Tracy Diefenbach respectfully declines.

Kay Garret moves that nominations cease and Brad Mackey is elected as President by acclamation.

Second to motion by Tracy Diefenbach

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Brad Mackey is elected as President.

Vice-President

John Edwards nominates Tracy Diefenbach for Vice President.

Tracy Diefenbach respectfully declines.

Shon Callahan nominates Jeff Gibbs.

Second to Motion by Mark Anderson.

Kay Garret moves that nominations cease and Jeff Gibbs is elected as Vice-President by acclamation.

Second to motion by Mark Anderson

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Jeff Gibbs is elected as Vice President.

Treasurer

Tracy Diefenbach nominates Dr. Mark Watkins as Treasurer.

Second to Motion by Kay Garrett.

Kay Garret moves that nominations cease and Dr. Mark Watkins is elected as Treasurer by acclimation.

Second to motion by John Morrow.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Dr. Mark Watkins is elected as Treasurer.

Secretary

John Edwards nominates Tracy Diefenbach as secretary.

Second to Motion by Linda West.

Kay Garret moves that nominations cease and Tracy Diefenbach is elected as Secretary by acclimation.

Second to motion by John Morrow.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Tracy Diefenbach is elected Secretary.

Executive Committee

Terry Brown nominates John Edwards.

John Morrow nominates Dr. Mark Watkins.

Dr. Mark Watkins nominates Paul Kinslow.

Jeff Gibbs nominates Mark Anderson.

Jeff Gibbs nominates Kay Garrett.

John Edwards nominates Sara Davis.

Paul Kinslow nominates Tracy Diefenbach.

Kay Garrett moves that nomination cease.

Second to motion by Sara Davis.

Written votes tallied by Mary Ellen Villarreal and Marla Brend.

The following have been elected to the Executive Committee:

Dr. Mark Watkins

Mark Anderson

Tracy Diefenbach

Paul Kinslow.

16. Audit Review

Board reviews results of 2012 Audit Performed by Chilton, Wilcox & Fortenberry for the year ended December 31, 2012.

17. 2014 National Show

a. National Show Entry Date. Discussion held with Mary Ellen Villarreal and Aaron Gillespie regarding slot entries v. registration number entries and the effect on the workload for the national show.

Motion by Jeff Gibbs that herd book will close and entries will be due for the National Show by May 1, 2014. Registrations and entries for the national show must be received in the office by May 1, 2014.

Second to Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

b. Discussion held and board consensus that substitutions will be allowed out of class.

Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins that the fee for substitutions will be \$25.00.

Second to Motion by Jeff Gibbs.

Vote by show of hands. Tie vote. President votes in favor. Motion passes.

c. Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that the 2014 National Show will once again support an organization similar to our pink out day in 2013.

Second to Motion by John Morrow.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

d. Rules - clarification of the disqualification for tattoos under national show rules.

Sara Davis is drafting proposed language to address the issue of goats disqualified in class for improper tattoos and permitting lower placing goats to move up in class.

(Paul Kinslow departs the meeting).

e. Discussion held regarding establishing drug testing guidelines for the national shows.

Motion by John Edwards that 1st and 2nd place winners in each class in the open and youth national shows will be drug tested.

Second to motion by Tracy Diefenbach.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Shon Callahan to amend motion by John Edwards to add ABGA reserves the right to perform random drug testing at the discretion of the ABGA.

Second to Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Board of Directors enters to executive session at 5:13 p.m. to discuss national rules and registration rules.

Executive Session ends at 6:37 p.m.

Meeting breaks for the day at 6:37 p.m.
Meeting resumes at 8:06 a.m. on July 20, 2013.

17. 2014 National Show discussions continue.

Motion by Ervin Chavana to amend our rules and regulations to state if an animal tests positive for a performance enhancing substance at a national show that animal will be banned from competing in any future ABGA and JABGA sanctioned shows. The owner must surrender the registration certificate to the ABGA office within 30 days of receipt of notice for labeling as ineligible to show. In the event the owner fails to surrender the registration certificate to the ABGA office the owner shall be subject to further sanctions by the ABGA Board of Directors.

Second to Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins.

Voice vote. Motion passes, 1 oppose.

Motion by John Edwards to amend Rule 101 as follows: E. In cases of registration applications submitted where multiple owners qualify as the First Owner as defined in Rule 103, where one of those owners is a non-member, applicable non-member rates will apply to that transaction.

Second by Linda West.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Shon Callahan prohibit transfer for one year from date of purchase/transfer of a goat exhibited at a JABGA Sanctioned Show back to the seller and/or seller's agent.

Second by Jeff Gibbs.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that all goats that are not bred and owned over the age of ninety (90) days must be in the individual's name ninety days prior to being exhibited at a JABGA sanctioned show.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Directive by ABGA Board of Directors to Mary Ellen Villarreal and Aaron Gillispie to order 2013 JABGA National Show Bred and Owned awards. Awards and premiums will be distributed to the winners as previously approved by the board.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that in order to participate in the JABGA National Show Bred and Owned division you must enter the JABGA National Show and pay an additional \$10.00 entry for the JABGA Bred and Owned division. The 2014 JABGA Bred and Owned show will be held as a show within the JABGA National Show.

Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.

Voice vote. 2 opposes. Motion passes.

Motion by Sara Davis that all premiums for class and Grand and Reserve Winners for Bred & Owned division at the 2014 JABGA National show will be doubled.

Second to Motion by Jeff Gibbs.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that Bred and Owned entries be defined as: All JABGA National Show entries reflecting that the JABGA member as both the Breeder and the continuous Owner will be eligible for entry into the applicable JABGA Bred & Owned Class.

Second to Motion by Mark Anderson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Break at 9:50 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:03 a.m.

Directive to the JABGA Board to prepare a budget regarding proposed expenditures to be presented at the December, 2013 ABGA Face to Face.

18. 2014 National Show Site

Presentation by Dr. Mark Watkins regarding 2014 National Show Site.

19. 2015 National Show Site

Discussion held regarding proposed 2015 national show sites. Sites to be considered Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchison; KS, Tulsa State Fairgrounds, Tulsa, OK; The Ranch in Loveland, CO; Ike Hamilton, West Monroe, LA; and Stephens County Fairground, Duncan, OK. ABGA Board of Directors will review proposals for the above sites at the December 2013 ABGA Face to Face.

20. Stats/Data

Review of email request by John Edwards regarding current statistics and data regarding membership averages for registration and transferring to assist with strategic planning. Directive to the ABGA Office staff to compile the requested data for the strategic planning meeting in December.

21. Request to Vicki Stich by member to remove member's address from ABGA online.

Option exists on the ABGA renewal form for a member to advise to elect to display personal contact information on the website. The requesting member will be advised that she may make this election at the present time by make the request in writing to the ABGA office.

22. Rule 1400

Discussion held regarding establishing rules under 1400 for enforcement of unethical fitting.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 12:50 p.m.

Shon Callahan and Vicki Stich depart during lunch break.

Board of Directors enter Executive Session at 12:51 p.m. to discuss unethical fitting practices.

Executive session ends at 1:34 p.m.

Review of Rule 1400 changes continues. Draft of proposed Rule 1400 will be provide to the board for further review.

New President Brad Mackey presents Immediate Past President Ervin Chavana with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time and dedication to the American Boer Goat Association.

23. Office Building

President Brad Mackey discusses feasibility of the purchase of land for the purpose of building office space. Jeff Gibbs presents building plans. Brad Mackey appoints Dr. Mark Watkins, Brad Mackey and Ervin Chavana to the Building Committee.

24. Committees

National Show Committee - President Brad Mackey appoints Dr. Mark Watkins as chair of the National Show Committee with the assistance of Lee Dana and Scott Pruett.

Youth Committee - President Brad Mackey appoints Shon Callahan as Chair of the Youth Committee.

25. December Face to Face Meeting

December 2013 Face to Face Mtg will be held in Nashville, TN. Mark Anderson will investigate possible motel meeting locations. Dates to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Kay Garrett.

Second to Motion by Linda West.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourns at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy Diefenbach
Secretary
American Boer Goat Association