

ABGA Board of Directors Face to Face Meeting  
July 18-19, 2014  
Indianapolis, IN

Meeting called to order July 18, 2014 at 8:10 a.m. by President Brad Mackey

Roll Call

Present:

Terry Brown  
Scott Pruett  
Janis Wesson  
Mark Anderson  
Tracy Diefenbach  
Shon Callahan  
Paul Kinslow  
Vicki Stich  
Cecil Swepston  
Cindy Westfall  
Paul Grafe  
JR Patterson (arrives at lunch)

Not Present:

John Edwards  
Earl Peacock  
Sara Davis  
Ervin Chavana

Others Present

Mary Ellen Villarreal  
Anita Dahnke  
  
Sharon Swepston  
Don Wesson

Roll call and introduction of directors

1. Motion by Scott Pruett to approve ABGA Board of Directors conference call minutes for March 27, 2014, April 28, 2014 and May 22, 2014 and general membership minutes, June 11, 2014.

Second to motion by Mark Anderson.  
Voice vote. Motion approved.

Motion by Mark Anderson to approve Executive Committee conference call minutes for April 22, 2014 and June 26, 2014.

Second to motion by Paul Kinslow.  
Voice vote. Motion approved.

2. 90 day Transfer Rule

Discussion held regarding 90 day rule.

Motion by Mark Anderson that all goats that are not bred and owned over the age of ninety (90) days must be in the herd book thirty days prior to being exhibited at a JABGA sanctioned show.

Second to motion by Shon Callahan.  
Voice vote. One opposed. Motion passes.

3. Batch Pricing

Discussion held regarding batch pricing for registration applications. Directive to the ABGA office to amend fee list to indicate that batch pricing applies to specific herd book.

4. AI Registrations

Discussion held regarding requirement for AI registrations to provide proof of semen ownership. Discussion tabled to be taken up with DNA discussions.

5. National Show

a. Alcohol in the Barn

Discussion held regarding how to control the possession of alcohol in the barn at the national show. The alcohol policy for the national show will follow the facility rules. Association will request that the facility security enforce the alcohol rules.

b. Vendor Table

Board of Directors enters executive session to discuss the vendor table\end cap issues. Board of Directors exit executive session at 9:23 a.m.

Meeting recesses for break at 9:24 a.m.

Meeting in session at 9:33 a.m.

c. Show Programs

Discussion regarding printing of show programs for 2015 national show. Consensus held time permitting we will provide show programs for 2015 national show. IT development will look at the feasibility of different methods to collect weight data to include in the show program.

d. Wether show

Tabled until presentation from JABGA board.

e. National Show Judges

Discussion held regarding reinstating the rule to prohibit national show judges from judging ABGA sanctioned shows prior 90 days prior to the national show. Consensus of the board to leave the rule rescinded.

f. Top Ten Placings

Discussion held regarding use of score cards for national shows. Board agrees that a committee should be formed to explore different avenues of judging procedures for the national show.

President Brad Mackey appoints Scott Pruitt (Chair), Paul Grafe, Cindy Westfall, Cecil Sweptson and Shon Callahan to a committee to explore national show scoring options.

g. Rearranging Check-in

Discussion held regarding changing check in and show dates for national show. Tabled until decision on national show location.

h. Weigh and Show Under 1 year and Aging Goats

Discussion held regarding showing animals under 1 year of age by weight and aging goats. No action taken.

i. Seminars at National Show

Discussion held regarding holding seminars at the national show. Suggestion by Shon Callahan to hold Regional field days to address the educational needs for the members and prospective members. Board directs Marketing and Promotions to review and report back to the board.

j. Charity T-Shirt for 2015 National show

The board agrees to support the National Down Syndrome Association.

k. Acceptable Excuses for JABGA member to be absent from Sanctioned show

Tabled until JABGA presentation.

Meeting recesses for break at 10:52 a.m.

Meeting in session at 11:05 a.m.

l. National Show Location

Request by member that judges ballots include a list of national association location. No action taken.

Discussion held regarding national location. Matter tabled until receipt of contract.

Break for Lunch at 11:31 a.m.

In session at 12:55 p.m.

6. Presentation by Kentucky Exposition Center and Louisville Convention Bureau

Presentation by representatives for Kentucky Exposition Center and Louisville Convention Bureau to host the 2015 ABGA National show.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 1:19 p.m. to discuss Rule 900 #140326, #140602 and member vendor issue.

Executive session ends at 2:15 p.m.

Meeting recesses for break at 2:15 p.m.

Meeting in session at 2:25 p.m.

In reference to Rule 900 #140602 the Board of Directors directs that all future registrations by Jessica Lankey as a member, owner, and/or agent be suspended until DNA proof of parentage is provided in reference to goats registered as set forth in Rule 900 #140602.

In reference to the member vendor\end cap issue, the Board of Directors hereby directs that ABGA member account no. 30858 for Evie Gates is hereby frozen and the membership suspended for a period of 12 months. During said suspension Evie Gates shall be barred from attending any ABGA/JABGA events. At the conclusion of the 12 month period, Evie Gates shall have 15 days to pay the balance due of \$300.00 and her membership fee to be reinstated. In the event Evie Gates fails to pay the balance due, said account shall remain frozen and the suspension shall remain in effect for an additional 12 months and shall continue until said payment is made.

Motion by Cecil Sweptson to refund filing fee for Rule No. #140326.

Second to motion by Scott Pruett.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Scott Pruett to refund filing fee for Rule No. #140618.

Second to Motion by Cecil Sweptson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

7. Board Terms

Board of Directors enters executive session at 2:31 p.m. to discuss Board Terms, Board of Director Conduct, Employment Contracts, Social Media and Financial Statements, . Executive session ends 3:15 p.m.

Meeting recesses for break at 3:15 p.m.

Meeting in session at 3:30 p.m.

8. Finance and Investment Committee

President Brad Mackey appoints Cindy Westfall, Paul Grafe, Paul Kinslow and Scott Pruett to the Finance and Investment Committee.

9. Election of Officers

Scott Pruett nominates Brad Mackey as President.  
Second by Shon Callahan

Terry Brown nominates Tracy Diefenbach as President.  
Second by Cecil Sweptson.

Motion by Scott Pruett that nominations cease.  
Second by J.R.Patterson.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Brad Mackey is hereby elected as President.

Scott Pruett nominates Mark Anderson as Vice President.  
Second by Shon Callahan.

Cecil Sweptson nominates Tracy Diefenbach as Vice President.  
Second by Paul Grafe.

Paul Kinslow nominates Vicki Stich as Vice President.  
Second by Janis Wesson.

Motion by Scott Pruett that nominations cease.  
Second by Paul Grafe.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Mark Anderson is elected Vice President.

Motion by Paul Kinslow to elect Tracy Diefenbach as Secretary.  
Second by Cindy Westfall.

Motion by Paul Kinslow that nominations cease.  
Second by Scott Pruett that nominations cease.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Cecil Sweptson to elect Scott Pruett as Treasurer.  
Second by Paul Kinslow.

Motion by Cecil Sweptson that nominations cease.  
Second by Vicki Stich.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Nominations to Executive Committee.

Terry Brown nominates Tracy Diefenbach.  
Second by Cecil Sweptson.

Vicki Stich nominates Paul Kinslow.  
Second by Cecil Sweptson.

Tracy Diefenbach nominates Paul Grafe  
Second by Shon Callahan.

Paul Kinslow nominates Shon Callahan  
Second by Scott Pruett.

Mark Anderson nominates Cindy Westfall.  
Second by Tracy Diefenbach.

Janis Wesson nominates Cecil Sweptson.  
Second by Terry Brown.

Motion that nominations cease Tracy Diefenbach.  
Second by JR Patterson

Following elected to the EC:  
Shon Callahan  
Cindy Westfall  
Paul Kinslow  
Paul Graft

Meeting recesses for the day at 4:05 p.m.  
Meeting resumes at 9:06 a.m. on 7/19/2014.

## 10. Committees

Judges Committee - President Brad Mackey appoints Scott Pruett, Chip Kemp, Mark Anderson and Ron Dilley.

#### 11. Crede Garriot

Mary Ellen Villarreal reports that Crede Garriot has paid his disciplinary fine. ABGA office is directed to contact Crede Garriot in reference to the publication of the letter of apology in the ABGA magazine.

#### 12. 30 day ownership rule

Motion by Cecil Swepton to amend the JABGA ownership rule to clarify language.  
Second to Motion by Terry Brown.  
Vote by show of hands. Motion fails.

#### 13. Judges and Breed Standards

Discussion on enforcement of the ABGA Breed Standards in the show ring. Matter to be addressed in Judges Education discussion.

#### 14. Automated Show Registrations/Posting Results

Mark Anderson discusses automated show registration software that will allow the show secretaries to be able to use a software program that will interface with the data base to handle show entries and show results. Mark Anderson to report back to the board with program details.

Motion by Cecil Swepton to postpone the implementation of the rule:

"That any member that exhibits a goat at 6 or more ABGA sanctioned shows during the calendar year immediately preceding the upcoming national show or at one of the two immediate national shows shall receive a national show judge ballot until 2016"

to allow for the updating of the data base to compile that information.

Second to motion by Scott Pruett.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for break at 9:59 a.m.

Meeting in session at 10:09 a.m.

#### 15. Show Results

Terry Brown requests that the class placings page of the show results reflect the number of animals entered in the class. Anita Dahnke advises that the new data base will offer that information on the show results. Request by Mark Anderson that the new database reflect point breakdown toward Sire of Merit.

## 16. Judge Evaluation Form

Discussion held on the distribution of the Judge Evaluation Form. Suggestion by Tracy Diefenbach that the office prepare a show approval packet to send back to show secretary upon approval of the show.

Motion by Scott Pruett that the show secretary and judges must complete the evaluation form and return it to the office before show points will be assigned.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. One oppose. Motion passes.

## 17. Rule 1601 Change - Judge Certification Program

Scott proposes to amend Rule 1601 to remove the following language:

"The judges' panel will set the passing score above 70% of total points, with a minimum of 70% required in each test area."

Motion by Scott Pruett to set the passing score for ABGA judges school at 85%.

Second to motion by Cindy Westfall.

Voice vote. Two oppose. Motion passes.

Motion by Scott Pruett that the Judges Panel develop an apprentice program for judge's certification participants that the Judges panel has determined with additional instruction will qualify as a an ABGA certified judge.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Request by JR Patterson that the Judges Panel develop a program for certification of ABGA Inspectors. Action referred to committee.

## 18. Sample Show Contracts

Scott Pruett will work with Anita Dahnke to prepare a sample contract for use by shows and judges for contracting judging services.

## 19. Social Media Issues

Discussion held regarding creation of individual email accounts by the ABGA Office for each region to allow for direct contact to the director and in turn, to allow the directors to have email contact for their entire region.

Motion by Shon Callahan that all ABGA Director Region Facebook pages be discontinued to allow focus to be directed to the ABGA Website.

Second to Motion by Paul Grafe.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 11:27 a.m. to discuss Facebook issues.

Board of Directors exit executive session at 11:35 a.m.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Meeting in session at 12:58 p.m.

Board of Directors enter executive session to discuss Rule 900 140618 and Accounting Firm at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors exit executive session ends at 1:20 p.m.

Motion by Paul Kinslow to terminate the current accounting firm that we are using and continue with in house accounting.

Second to motion by Scott Pruett.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

20. Presentation by the JABGA Board of Directors and Cindy Dusek.

21. DNA

Discussion regarding current status DNA testing.

Meeting recesses for break at 2:27 p.m.

Paul Grafe departs for the airport.

Meeting resumes at 3:00 p.m.

22. Continuation of JABGA presentation.

Cindy Dusek and the JABGA Board of Directors presents July 2014 report.

23. EPD/BGIN Program

Presentation by Anita Dahnke on programs available for EPD calculation. Directive by the ABGA Board of Directors for Anita Dahnke to do additional research on the available programs and fees.

24. Family Memberships

Discussion held on the structuring of family membership. President Brad Mackey appoints Cindy Dusek, Terry Brown, Shon Callahan, Cindy Westfall and Mark Anderson to a committee to develop a recommendation.

25. National Show Superintendents

President Brad Mackey appoints a JR Patterson, Cecil Swepston, Janis Wesson, Vicki Stich (Chair) and Brad Mackey to review show superintendents and national show ring stewards.

26. Redistricting

Directive to Mary Ellen Villarreal to gather necessary statistics to review region redistricting.

27. National Goat Expo

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to approve up to \$1,000.00 in expenses for Vicki Stich and Robyn Scherer to attend National Goat Expo.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Board of Directors goes into executive session to discuss employee matters at 4:26 p.m.

Board of Directors exits executive session at 4:53 p.m.

Meeting recesses for break at 4:53 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 5:03 p.m.

28. Next Face to Face Mtg

September 26 and 27, 2014 in Oklahoma City, OK.

Motion to Adjourn by Scott Pruett.

Second to motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.