

ABGA Board of Directors Face To Face Meeting
July 20-21, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn
Grapevine, Texas

Meeting called to order July 20, 2012 at 8:01 a.m. by President Troy Veal

Roll Call

Present:

Terry Brown
Boyd Willoughby
Jeff Gibbs
Kay Garrett
John Edwards
Linda West
Mark Anderson
Ervin Chavana
Vicki Stich
Tracy Diefenbach
Scott Hawthorn
Paul Kinslow
Troy Veal
John Morrow
Brad Mackey
Dr. Mark Watkins

Not Present:

Brian Faris – Past President
Sara Davis

Others Present:

Sandy Smith, Operations Manager
Sheri Watkins
Kim Veal
Jackie Edwards

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kay Garrett to approve minutes from the May 29, 2012 Board of Directors Conference call.

Second to Motion by Vicki Stich. Voice Vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Kay Garrett to approve June 15, 2012 General Membership Meeting minutes with the correction to remove Brad Mackey from not present.

Second to Motion by Jeff Gibbs. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Ervin Chavana to approve minutes from the June 28, 2012 Executive Committee Conference call.

Second to Motion by John Edwards. Voice Vote. Motion passes.

2. President Troy Veal reviews responsibilities of the ABGA Board of Directors.

3. Board of Directors enters Executive Session at 8:10 a.m. to discuss 2012 National Show. Out of Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

4. Judges Certification

Board takes up discussion of Judge's Certification Program and reviews certification results 2009, 2011 and 2012.

Motion by Scott Hawthorn to approve Brandon Morgan and Bryan Bernhard as ABGA certified judges.

Second to Motion by Mark Anderson. Voice vote. Motion passes.

5. Review of 2012 ABGA National Show Rules

ABGA National Show Rules proposed changes as recommended ABGA National Show Committee:

Paragraph re: Eligibility - add word "agent" after custom fitters.

Paragraph re: Defining Exhibitor - Interpretation and Violation of Rules: Change to read Any exhibitor, custom fitter, agent or spectator who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and be subject to such penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

Paragraph Superintendents - National Show rules will be adhered to and enforced by the ABGA National Show Superintendents.

Add Participant Definition - the term "participant" includes but is not limited to any exhibitor, agent, custom fitter, vendor, office staff, superintendent or spectator.

Board enters Executive Session at 10:51 a.m. to discuss National Show incident.
Out of Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

Paragraph re: Judges Decision – Put in bold print: Judging procedures and method are at the discretion of the judges.

Paragraph re: Official Protests - Strike the sentence "The protest must be delivered to the Superintendent immediately upon the occasion for such protest". Add Executive Committee reserves the right to refund the \$300.00 fee.

Meeting Recesses for lunch at 11:32 a.m.

Meeting Resumes 12:27 p.m.

Review of National Show Rules continues.

Motion by Scott Hawthorn to no longer hold the JABGA National Wether Show.
Second to Motion by Ervin Chavana. Vote by Show of hands. Motion carries.

Recommendation to the national show committee to expand the JABGA show to two days.

Motion by Kay Garrett JABGA classes with more than 50 entries will be divided into classes as equal as possible with no more than 50 to a class and all class breaks will be done by age. Date of birth as listed on the ABGA registration certificate will be used to determine the class breaks. The first and second from each class will return to the ring for the Championship Drive.

Second to Motion by Linda West. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by John Edwards that the JABGA National Breeding Stock show go to a 3 judge system.

Second to Motion by John Morrow. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Showmanship judging is referred to the JABGA Board directors for discussion regarding judging system.

JABGA Bred& Owned - check in form to be revised to include a column to check for bred and owned. Bred and owned goats in the top ten of each class will be recognized separately. First and second place bred and owned goats will compete in their respective drives for division and overall champions.

Paragraph re: Heelers - Change to read Heelers in allowed JABGA national show.

Paragraph re: Unauthorized Goats - removed sentence – “If an exhibitor has unauthorized goat(s), the exhibitor will be required to either pay \$100 per head or remove the animals(s) from the show grounds.”

Paragraph re: Participant Conduct shall read: If any Participant, in any way, whether in person or by agent or employee, interferes with the judges, show officials or staff during their adjudication or shows any disrespect to them or the show, ABGA may demand a proper apology from the exhibitor, may exclude the exhibitor and animal in question from competition, bar exhibitor from the grounds, and may also withhold prizes that may have been awarded. The Executive Committee may apply other penalties and sanctions from time to time as deemed appropriate.

Paragraph re: Fitting - edit sentence to read: The use of any performance enhancing drug and/or chemical, their substitutes or derivatives, is prohibited.

Paragraph re: DNA Testing: Edit heading to read DNA Testing/Urine Testing. Change paragraph to read: ABGA reserves the right to DNA test and/or urine laboratory test any goat entered for competition. The conclusions based upon the analysis of any of these tests by the veterinarian in charge shall be final, conclusive, and without recourse against ABGA, any officer, director, volunteer or employee thereof or any veterinarian appointed by the ABGA. The exhibitor waives any right of action which he might have for action taken under this rule and releases ABGA and the veterinarian from any claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such goat or any ruling or action taken due to the conclusion of the veterinarian. All testing required by the ABGA will be performed at a laboratory selected by ABGA, will be paid for by ABGA and will be completed within 60 days after the show.

Paragraph re: Disqualifications add: Any animal testing positive for any performance enhancing drug and/or chemical, their substitutes or derivatives will be disqualified,

Paragraph re: Tack & Display Pens shall read:

Tack & Display Pens

Exhibitors can use their assigned animal pens for tack or displays. One additional pen may be purchased at the fee of \$40, limit 1 pen per exhibitor/fitter. Displays must fit in the pen space as allocated. Displays cannot be located in a walk area, end cap or alley. Superintendents can remove displays at their discretion. Exhibitors are permitted to display prize ribbons or trophies at their allocated space during the entire show at their own risk in a pen. If the display area needed is larger than 2 pens, commercial exhibit space may be purchased by contacting the ABGA office. NO TACK PENS will be assigned. Horse stalls in the fitting area will be available for rental. *No vendor/individual sales from display/tack pens.*

Paragraph re: Pair Classes- Pair entries must be owned by the same exhibitor.

Board enters Executive Session at 3:31 p.m. to review Rule 900 and liability insurance review.

Out of Executive Session at 3:54 p.m.

6. Election of Officers

Tracy Diefenbach nominates Ervin Chavana as President.
Kay Garrett hereby moves that nominations cease and Ervin Chavana be elected by acclimation.
Second to Motion by Tracy Diefenbach. Voice vote. Motion Passes.

Jeff Gibbs nominates Brad Mackey as vice president.
Kay Garrett seconds the motion.
Linda West nominates Tracy Diefenbach. Tracy Diefenbach declines.
Kay Garrett hereby moves that nominations cease and Brad Mackey be elected by acclimation.
Second to Motion by John Morrow. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Terry Brown nominates Tracy Diefenbach as secretary.
Second to Motion by Scott Hawthorn. .
Kay Garrett hereby moves that nomination cease and Tracy Diefenbach be elected by acclimation.
Second to Motion by John Morrow. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Paul Kinslow nominates Ervin Chavana as Treasurer. John Morrow seconds. Ervin Chavana declines.
Kay Garrett nominates Dr. Mark Watkins as Treasurer.
Second to Motion by Linda West.
Kay Garrett hereby moves that nominations cease and Dr. Mark Watkins be elected by acclimation.
Second to Motion by Tracy Diefenbach. Voice vote. Motion passes.

ABGA Board elects the following members to the executive committee: Vicki Stich, Kay Garrett, Paul Kinslow and Jeff Gibbs.

7. Audit

Board of Directors review of audit report for year end of 12/31/11.

8. Child Labor Law

Board of Directors Review of current status of child labor law. No action taken.

9. Agriculture Internships

Board of Directors reviews of request from Agriculture Exchange Union of China-Europe (EUC) for information on need of interns. Board recommends no action.

10. By-Laws Attorney

Board of Directors takes up retention of a By-Laws Attorney. Upon review the recommendation of the board is to use Jackson Walker LLP as the firm to review any by-laws changes.

Motion by Dr. Mark Watkins to retain Jackson Walker LLP as the firm for by-law review.

Second to Motion by John Morrow. Voice vote. Motion passes.

11. Electronic Signatures

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that the ABGA accept documentation with electronic signatures.

Second to Motion by Brad Mackey. Voice vote. Motion passes with one abstention.

Board of Directors Review of Rule 102(D)(E). The term electronic equivalent shall be added after signature.

12. Update on Transfer history on ABGA online

Sandy Smith reports on current status of programming changes for ABGA transfer history on ABGA online.

Meeting in recess for the day at 4:50 p.m.

Mtg Convenes at 8:01 a.m., Saturday, July 21, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Ervin Chavana.

13. Premier Sire Award.

Board reviews award point tabulation description for the national shows of the Premier Sire Award.

The Premier Sire Award shall read as follows:

The Premier Sire Award will be given to the sire that has accumulated the most class points earned by three or more exhibited offspring during the 2012 National. If there are 10 or more goats in the class, the first place goat will receive 10 points, second place 9 points, etc., through tenth. If there are less than 10 goats, the first place goat will receive points equal to the number in the class. Class totals will be determined from the total number of animals entered in a class from the official class sheets. The Premier Sire Award will be presented to the current owner of record according to ABGA.

14. ABGA Registration Paper Update

Board of Directors discuss current status of implementing the registration paper changes. Board reviews of programming samples for the online transfer.

Directive to Sandy Smith to contact ILR regarding hardware/software requirements to allow us to utilize scanners.

15. Embryo Ownership Transfer Document

Discussion held regarding forms currently being used for Embryo Ownership Transfer form. Determination is that the old form requiring recip number is invalid for a frozen embryo transfer.

Motion by Troy Veal to make a registration software programming change to remove recip ear tag number requirement from the system.

Second to Motion by John Edwards. Voice vote. Motion passes.

16. National Goat Expo

Discussion held regarding status of booth space at the National Goat Expo and display items.

Motion by Scott Hawthorn to budget \$500.00 to use toward a new table top display for use at fairs/expos/conventions.

Second to Motion by Vicki Stich. Voice vote. Motion passes.

John Edwards to check availability of promotional video for playback at the NGE.

Directive to Vicki Stich to determine if an affiliated club in Iowa would be interested in manning the booth.

17. Sunbelt Ag Expo

Troy Veal presented information on the upcoming Sunbelt Ag Expo. Directive to Mark Anderson to investigate possibility of attendance for himself or another member in the area to man an ABGA booth. Discussion held regarding sending Aaron Gillespie as an ABGA representative to the expo during the youth day.

18. Goat Link Directory

Review of request from GoatLink Directory. No action taken.

19. Chameleon

Update by Sandy Smith on current status of Chameleon store front. Ervin Chavana to contact Chameleon directly for status update.

20. ABGA/JABGA Raffle Tickets Review

Report by Ervin Chavana regarding status of ABGA/JABGA Raffle tickets.

21. 2013 National Show - Pink Out Day

Request by Vicki Stich to schedule a Pink Out Day during the 2013 National Show and collect donations for local cancer society.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to designate Friday of the 2013 ABGA National Show as Pink Out Day and to collect donations for the American Cancer Society.
Second to motion by John Morrow. Voice vote. Motion passes.

22. Sanctioned Show Points

Presentation by Kay Garrett regarding adjustment of sanctioned show points. Discussion held. No action taken.

Meeting recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvene at 1:02 p.m.

23. Committees

Discussion held regarding appointment of 2012/2013 committees. President Ervin Chavana appoints the following committee chairs:

National Show Site - John Edwards, Chair

National Show Committee - Linda West, Chair

Finance - Dr. Mark Watkins, Chair

Youth - Kay Garrett, Chair, Aaron Gillispie

Judge's Certification - John Edwards, Chair, Vicki Stich, Paul Kinslow

(Scott Hawthorn - departs 1:33 p.m. for airport)

Discussion held regarding hosting a 2013 certification program.

Motion by John Edwards to pay the judges instructing the judge's certification program \$150.00 a day beginning with Judge's Certification 2012.

Second to motion by Linda West. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Kay Garrett for an online and magazine published survey asking the members:

1. Are you interested in taking ABGA Judge's Certification;
2. Are you interested in becoming an ABGA certified judge;
3. Are you interested in becoming an ABGA certified inspection;
4. What area of the United States would you consider traveling to the attend the Judge's Certification program.

Second to motion by Tracy Diefenbach. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Paul Kinslow to add ABGA Certified Inspector option to the ABGA Judge's Certification program and add a question to the survey to determine member interest in the ABGA Inspector program.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich. Voice vote. Motion passes.

24. Inspection Forms

Discussion held about the ability of the office to send blank inspection forms to show secretaries.

Motion by Mark Anderson that the ABGA office provide show secretaries with 10 inspection forms upon the request of the show secretary on the official ABGA sanction show application.

Second to motion by John Edwards. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Old Business

25. Request by John Morrow to revisit the revision of the teat standards.

Discussion held.

Motion by Mark Anderson to rescind the 2013 breed standards in its entirety and continue with the current breed standards.

Second to motion by Jeff Gibbs.

Amended motion by John Edwards to rescind the 2013 breed standard in its entirety with a five year moratorium.

John Edwards withdraws the amended motion.

President Ervin Chavana calls for the vote on the current motion.

Votes in favor: Paul Kinslow, Mark Anderson, Linda West, John Morrow, Boyd Willoughby, Kay Garrett, Jeff Gibbs, Dr. Mark Watkins, Tracy Diefenbach.

Votes in opposition: Troy Veal, Vicki Stich, Brad Mackey, Terry Brown and John Edwards.

Motion passes.

Motion by John Edwards for a moratorium until January 1, 2016 for any revisions to the breed standards.

Second to motion by Dr. Mark Watkins. Voice vote, one opposed. Motion passes.

26. Office Computer Equipment

Brad Mackey inquires on the status of the purchase of the new computer equipment slated for purchase in 2012. President Ervin Chavana advises that the new computer equipment will be purchased in the near future.

27. JABGA Contact Information

Request by Dr. Mark Watkins for contact information for JABGA members in his region so they may be contacted regarding raffle tickets. Office advises that the JABGA information is not provided but the JABGA coordinator will contact the JABGA members and direct them to contact their ABGA Director regarding raffle tickets.

28. Judge's Continuing Education Program.

Terry Brown inquires regarding the status of the judge's continuing education program. John Edwards reports regarding current status.

29. Appearance of title for Sire of Merit and Ennoblement on registration papers.

Inquiry by Kay Garrett as to whether change has been made so that Ennoblement and Sire of Merit appear on the papers. Sandy Smith advises that it has not. ILR will be contacted.

30. By-Law Changes

Review of email from Kallie York re: status of bylaw changes. Troy Veal advises the changes are awaiting review by By-Laws attorney.

New Business:

31. Presentation by President Ervin Chavana to outgoing President Troy Veal.

32. Sanctioning of youth show

Inquiry by Mark Anderson as to whether their state youth show can be sanctioned. Mark Anderson is advised that since it is a closed show, it cannot be sanctioned.

33. Ervin Chavana distributes raffle ticket.

34. December Face to Face mtg.

Discussion held regarding scheduling December Face to Face mtg. Board of Directors selects December 7th and 8th, 2012.

Motion by Kay Garrett to hold December Face to Face mtg 12/7 and 12/8, 2012 in New Orleans, LA.

Second to motion by Brad Mackey. Voice vote. Motion carries.

Motion by Kay Garrett to adjourn.

Second to motion by John Morrow. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Diefenbach
Secretary
American Boer Goat Association