



**American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010
3:02 PM EST**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm in Louisville, KY, at the Kentucky Exposition Center by President Troy Veal.

Started with roll call and introductions:

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 8	Ervin Chavana
Region 9	Vicky Stich
Region 10	Tracy Diefenbach
Region 11	Chris Shaffett
Region 12	Paul Kinslow
Region 13	Troy Veal
Region 14	John Morrow
Region 16	Tina Owens

Absent

Region 7	Dennie Clark
Region 15	Sara Davis

Election of Officers:

Kallie York nominated Brian Faris for President. After hearing of no other nominations, Kallie York moved to close nominations-seconded by Ervin Chavana. Brian Faris was elected for President with no opposition, and assumed the leadership of the meeting.

Nominations were opened for Vice President. Chris Shaffett nominated Paul Kinslow. John Edwards nominated Tracy Diefenbach. Kay Garrett moved to cease nominations and seconded by Chris Shaffett. Ballots were counted by Ervin Chavana and Sandy Smith. Tracy Diefenbach was elected Vice President.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. John Morrow nominated Kallie York. After hearing of no other nominations, Kay Garrett moved to cease nominations and Paul Kinslow seconded. Kallie York was elected Secretary with no opposition.

John Edwards nominated Dennie Clark for Treasurer. Chris Shaffett nominated Ervin Chavana. Kay Garrett moved that nominations cease and seconded by Chris Shaffett. Votes were counted by Sandy Smith and Kay Garret. Ervin Chavana was elected as the Treasurer.

Nominations were opened for Executive Committee after recognizing Brian Faris (President), Tracy Diefenbach (Vice President) and Troy Veal (Past President) will automatically serve on the committee according to the by-laws of the ABGA. Tina Owens nominated by Troy Veal, Paul Kinslow nominated by Kallie York, Chris Shaffett nominated by Paul Kinslow, John Edwards nominated by Troy Veal, and Ervin Chavana was nominated by Vicky Stich. Kallie York moved to cease the nominations and Tina Owens seconded. Elected for the four remaining Executive Committee positions were Paul Kinslow, Chris Shaffett, John Edwards and Ervin Chavana.

Troy Veal submitted to the board a new confidentiality agreement to be signed by the board of directors. All board members signed the document. Kay Garrett left to continue judging the national show and did not sign her agreement.

The board went into Executive session at 3:35 pm and came out at 3:50pm.

Next the board discussed the various committees & assignments and nothing will be finalized until the August meeting. Lists were handed out on individuals in the ABGA that wanted to participate in the various committees to date. Some members may not have had the opportunity to sign up for a committee. Discussion was mentioned that board members would be brought forth as committee leaders, but do not necessarily have to chair the committees. As a whole the board discussed that complaints and criticisms need to be minimized, and encourage membership to participate in committees that they are passionate about. Try to keep things on the positive.

First committee discussed was the JABGA Advisory/ Youth committee. Tracy Diefenbach will chair the committee and it is her recommendation that no parent of the JABGA board member could serve as an advisor or be on the committee. Kallie York discussed years ago how advisors and jobs were broken down, and they were elected by the youth on the JABGA board. Later Tracy Diefenbach mentioned that the committee should have one head advisor for the youth, as well as, two more advisors to help take charge of different sections of the youth activities. Possible subcommittees for the juniors would entail scholarships, contests, youth leadership camp, and team builder activities. It was suggested to add Linda Zander to the committee to assist in the scholarship portion of the JABGA and Kay Garrett for the leadership camp. Other committee members would include: Julie Jordan, Joetta Boyd, Kyle Tate, Kim Veal, Jesse Cornelius, Dawn Stewart, Jana Witmore, and Becky Word. These are subject to change as people sign up via the internet.

Tracy Diefenbach mentioned that we need to put policies, procedures and guidelines in place for all the committees. Paul Kinslow recommended that office staff should be on, at least, the national show committee. Sandy Smith, office manager, agreed that it would better help the communication and clarify job responsibilities for the show. The office staff would be allowed on the committee in a consulting capacity.

Continuing on with discussions of the National show committee, Troy Veal and Tina Owen will be the chairpersons for the committee. Paul Kinslow commented on the website that was set up this year, and that it should be maintained to help get sponsorship for the national show. Troy Veal suggested that the board of directors decide what the banner ads on that website will cost so we can get that put out to everyone in a timely manner. Troy also wanted to know the total pricing of the website, prizes, and how everything was broken down. Ervin Chavana suggested a subcommittee to also find corporate sponsors. It was suggested that he along with Paul Kinslow and Nan Walker take the lead on the subcommittee for sponsorship. In the next 60 days we should be ready with a list for corporate sponsors to target. Also, added to the National show committee is past committee chairperson, Vicky Wetzell, as well as, Robert Washington, Jesse Cornelius, Lance Ward, Sheryl Percy, Chris Shaffett, Paul Anderson, Reggie Pillans. Kallie York suggested Warren Cude, Mike Masters, and John Edwards be added to the committee.

Future Show Site committee will be chaired by John Edwards. We have a four year contract made available for us with the Ike Hamilton in West Monroe, LA for the fixed price of \$25,000, but does not have to be used consecutively. If the board approves this idea, then there will be a possibility of only a 5% increase during that time for possible increases in energy costs. John Edwards suggested that we look at the major part of the membership, and try to hold the nationals within a 600 mile radius. We also need to make sure that the facilities that we choose can handle 1000 pens. It was mentioned that the Houston Livestock show would like to host the ABGA nationals in conjunction with the Houston Livestock show. Other suggested sites to look into were but not limited to Belton, TX, San Angelo, TX (Spur Arena), San Antonio, TX, Hutchinson, KS and Tulsa, OK.

The Ennoblement committee will be chaired by Doug Widener, and the Sanctioned Show committee will be chaired by Terry Brown and Boyd Willoughby. Ervin Chavana will chair the Financial committee with Dennie Clark and add Jamie Mitchell and Joe Mueller to that committee as well. The Breed Standards committee will be chaired by Kay Garrett and Vicky Stich. The Breed Standards committee changes, if any, will be recommended to remain in place for a minimum of five years once passed by the board of directors. The forms committee and region boundaries committee have been temporarily dismissed because everything has been updated.

Next committee discussed was the Judges Oversight which will be chaired by Kallie York. For this committee the association would like to see a "type conference" to maintain judge's certification, thus serving as a continuing education opportunity. The details have yet to be decided. There will be surveys given out at these "type" conferences, hands on training, time to update their resumes, and educate the judges on where the industry is headed. Judges have expressed a need to get together and discuss some of the issues in the association and be a part of the Breed Standards committee. As far as the regular judge certification school, it was suggested

that it be moved around the country as well and have 32-35 participants per school. Availability of goats was mentioned as a vital component of moving the school.

John Morrow will be chairman of the Membership/Affiliate committee. Major question being asked, "What are we getting for being a member or affiliate?" It was also added that affiliate directors to review website and vamp program to request participants contact information for educational events to office.

The magazine committee is a critical area that we need to look into and speak with Sara Davis if she still wants to be chairman. Members put in applications and sent resumes for this committee. It was mentioned that Luke Vickery needs to be added to the committee, and Vicky Stich would like to see points added back into the magazine. The magazine needs to make a serious turn around in quality, and we need to check on ad prices.

The ad and marketing committee will be changed to Ad/Marketing/Internet committee. The board would like to see a possibility of adding either a Twitter or Facebook page for the association and will be looked into by Tina Owens. John Edwards, Dr. Dressler, and Dr. Watkins will be working more on the published side of the marketing and will speak with others that signed up for the committee if they still want to be a part of the committee.

Policies and Rules committee will be co-chaired by Tina Owens and Tracy Diefenbach. Sandy Smith suggested that there be education given to the membership on rules and policies, because one-third of the membership is new every year. Also, rules and policy changes need to be easier to find on the website. Also, give alerts to possible rules and policy changes on the front page of the website.

Once again, the talk of an Export committee to be founded with the use of members, as well as, various state and federal organizations, and this will be worked on by Kallie York and Brian Faris.

Brian Faris will be chairman of the Education committee, and he would like to add Coni Ross and John Edwards to the committee. Brian Faris also spoke about the American Goat Federation (AGF) and its goals. Goal one is to join the three types of goats-meat, milk, and fiber. Goal two is to have one voice speaking together in Washington D.C. Goal three is act on its own, but work with ASI (American Sheep Industry).

The Performance committee will have Boyd Willoughby as chairman, as well as, Brian Faris and John Edwards helping with this committee. Brian Faris will be talking with Dr. Dan Waldron on using the B.G.I.N. program, and what is the cost.

We will have a conference call the first Tuesday of each month, when necessary. Tuesday, July 6th at 7:00 pm (CST) will be the first conference call. Tina Owen has been working on minutes over the last 10 years and indexing these minutes so that we can try to discuss them in August at our first face-to-face meeting. A motion was made by Terry Brown to have the face-to-face meeting in Indianapolis, IN August 6-8, and it was seconded by Kallie York. The motion

passed. We would like to spend time at this meeting discussing policies and procedures along with these past 10 years of minutes, and try to stop the repetitiveness related to some issues.

Kallie York moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Vicky Stich. The motion passed, and the meeting concluded at 6:30 pm.