



American Boer Goat Association
ABGA National Show Membership Meeting
June 14, 2007
West Monroe, LA 8 PM

- I. The meeting was called to order by out going President Tony Brazil
- II. Introduction of the ABGA Directors for 2007/2008
President Tony Brazil introduced the new Board of Directors to the membership

Region 1 - Jan Carlson	Region 10 - Bronc Fleming
Region 2 - Carrie Boyer	Region 11 - Vicky Wetzel
Region 3 - Lisa Wolters	Region 12 - J. Barry Watts
Region 4 - David Edens	Region 13 - Tony Brazil
Region 5 - Barney Fowler	Region 14 - Mike Crum and Greg Patterson
Region 6 - John Jones	Region 15 - Troy Veal
Region 7 - Peggy Taylor	Region 16 - John Marrow
Region 8 - Jamie Mitchell	Region 17 - Debra Borden
Region 9 - Coni Ross	Region 18 - Tina Owens
- III. Recognition of Retiring Directors:
President Tony Brazil recognized the outgoing directors of ABGA

Region 1 - Judy Wolfe
Region 8 - Robert Washington
Region 9 - Bob Duke, who was also recognized as 2003-2006 Past President of ABGA
- IV. ABGA Association Highlights:
 1. Director Debra Borden addressed the membership in regards to the new region structure and the criteria used by the committee in determining the new structure. This new region structure allowed ABGA members to be more thoroughly represented by creating 3 new regions which then elected an ABGA Director for each of those regions.
 2. Director David Edens addressed the membership in regard to the new Ennoblement point system. David requested the membership contact him or other members of the Ennoblement Committee with concerns, questions, etc. An article detailing the complete point system is being developed to go to each member.
 3. Youth Director Katie Harrell presented the membership in attendance with an overview of the programs available to the JABGA members and what programs those members are participating in. Included in the presentation was a review of the JABGA Youth Builder Program and how it works for the JABGA members. A very interesting video interview with several participating JABGA members was shown.
 4. Executive Director Robert Swize presented the following reviews to the membership:
 1. The ABGA website, it's possibilities in the future and at present
 2. Membership growth and trends. ABGA is currently in 4th place when ranked against the major cattle breed associations. In actual membership numbers ABGA is outranked by only the Angus Association. 58% of the ABGA registrations and transfers in 2006 came from members who had joined ABGA within the last 4 years. The need for continued growth in registrations, transfers, and memberships was stressed.

3. Addressed the changes that occur in livestock industries and how this might apply to the meat goat industry in the future.
4. Addressed the things that might need to be considered in the future within ABGA:
 - (a) Breed Standards
 - (b) ABGA Sanction Shows (165 Sanction shows in 2006)
 - (c) Expanded Ennoblement Program
 - (d) DNA Testing
 - (e) Maternal Traits in the Boer females
 - (f) Genetics (which will change by demand)

V. Executive Director Robert Swize introduced members of the ABGA office staff present at the meeting. The girls were warmly welcomed and appreciated by the membership and directors.

VI. Outgoing President Tony Brazil introduced incoming 2007/2008 ABGA President John Jones of Region 6.

VII. New President's Address:

President John Jones expressed the ABGA's appreciation to outgoing President Tony Brazil for his service as 2006/2007 ABGA President. President Jones then introduced himself to the members present explaining his family's beginnings and involvement in the Boer Goat industry. The President then presented his vision for ABGA in the future and his desire to serve the membership as President with emphasis on member involvement and participation.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.