

ABGA Board of Directors Face To Face Meeting  
March 14 and 15, 2014  
Courtyard by Marriot DFW Airport South\Irving  
Irving, Texas

Meeting called to order March 14, 2014 at 8:04 a.m. by President Brad Mackey  
Roll Call

Present:

Terry Brown  
Scott Pruett  
Earl Peacock  
Jesse Cornelius  
Mark Anderson  
Tracy Diefenbach  
Sara Davis  
Shon Callahan  
Paul Kinslow  
Vicki Stich  
John Morrow  
Cecil Swepston

Not Present:

Jeff Gibbs  
John Edwards  
Ervin Chavana

Others Present

Mary Ellen Villarreal  
Vann Gates  
Rochelle Gates  
Sharon Swepston  
Janis Wesson  
Cindy Dusek  
Randy Dusek  
Linda West  
Sunni Glidden  
Sheila Bennett  
Betty Peterson  
Tisha Diefenbach  
Dan Bell  
Tonia Bell  
Kelly Edwards  
Jordan Daigle

1. Meeting called to order by President Brad Mackey.
2. Roll Call
3. Introduction of board members and visitors.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 8:10 a.m. to discuss current status of lawsuit and board matters.

Executive session ends 9:33 a.m.

Meeting in recess at 9:39 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 9:52 a.m.

4. Minutes

Board of Directors take up approval of the following minutes:

12-31-2013 and 2-11-2014 Executive Committee Conference Calls.  
1-8-2014, 2-13-2014 and 3-5-2014 Board of Directors of Conference Calls

Motion to approve minutes by Jesse Cornelius.  
Second to motion by Cecil Swepston.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

5. National Show Judge Election

Discussion held regarding manner of election of national show open judges.

Motion by Jesse Cornelius 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.

Second by Sara Davis.  
Voice vote. One oppose. Motion passes.

Motion by Cecil Swepston that the top six candidates from the above election shall be placed on a ballot to be sent to all members that cast a ballot in the above election for selection of the national show judges.

Second by Vicki Stich  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Cecil Swepston to rescind the Motion from December 30, 2003 Motion that reads:

Terry Blair made a motion to accept Judges Committee recommendation for section 6 in the Judges Standard - No judge/inspector, who is selected to judge the ABGA National Show, can not judge any show three months prior to judging the ABGA National Show.

David Carter moved to amend the motion to read a national show judge can not judge or inspect 90 days prior to the national show.

Second to Motion by Paul Kinslow.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Cecil that ties for national show judges be broken by ballot.  
Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.

Motion by Jesse Cornelius to table motion until the next face to face meeting  
Second to Motion by Shon Callahan.  
Voice vote. Two oppose. Motion passes.

6. By-Laws Update

Update by Sara Davis. We have received feedback from counsel after review of the proposed by-laws. Sara Davis will prepare document of suggested changes and clarifications for review by the Board of Directors during the 3/15/2013 session of the face to face meeting.

7. Staff Cross-Training

Mary Ellen Villarreal advises that the part-time show coordinator has left employment. Mary Ellen Villarreal is still the only party that is able to process batch orders. Remainder of staff trained on registrations.

Mary Ellen Villarreal requests that Aaron Gillispie be hired to assist with the national show. Board of Directors give authority to Mary Ellen Villarreal to retain additional staffing as needed to assist with national show.

8. First Owner vs. Breeder

Set of goats were incorrectly registered using breeding prefix instead of first owner prefix. Office is aware of the error and are working with owners to correct.

9. Transferred Papers

Owner sends in registration application with a transfer and the transferred papers are being returned to the applicant and not the new owner. This is an error in the office and staff will be advised that the papers should be returned to the owner as listed on the registration papers.

10. Office Request for Verification of Sale and Charge for Transfer

INT'LBGA papers submitted by party not listed as owner on INT'LBGA papers with an accompanying bill of sale. Papers were handled by the office in the manner as previously directed by the Board of Directors for acceptance of INT'LBGA papers.

11. Multiple Registrations Issued for One Animal

G number is an ancestral number used as a reference for ABGA animals with no pedigree data. If members are in possession of the G certificate and an ABGA certificate they may return both certificates to the office and the registrations can be merged.

12. G # Registration

Animals that have multiple registration certificates may return all certificates to the association, pay a registration fee and request the registrations be merged.

13. Member assistance fund

Discussion held about the feasibility of setting up an account to receive monetary donations through the website to be earmarked for member benefit during fund raising activities. Board takes no action.

14. ABGA Online

Discussion held regarding the termination of the online access to members who did not return the signed renewal form. Website to be updated and the online sign-on page to reflect the statement that the member agrees to terms of use at the time of sign on.

15. Membership Dues

Discussion held regarding dues paid in November/December which were applied to the current year and should have been applied to the upcoming membership year.

Motion by Sara Davis - full fee new membership applications received after 12/1 shall include membership for the month of December and additionally be applied to the next calendar year,

Second by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. One opposes. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for break at 11:07 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 11:18 a.m.

Board of Directors enters Executive Session at 11:19 a.m. discuss pending lawsuit and disciplinary actions. Betty Peterson joins the executive session at 11:37 a.m. Betty departs the Executive Session at 11:46 a.m. Van Gates joins the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Van Gates departs executive session at 11:51 a.m. Board takes up status of pending Rule 900 110713.

Executive session ends at 12:08 p.m.

Motion by Cecil Swebston that fee for the Rule 900 110713 be refunded to filer.

Second by Mark Anderson.

Voice vote. One abstain. Motion passes.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 12:08 p.m.

Meeting Resumes at 12:58 p.m.

16. Presentation by Dr. Kevin Cummings.

Presentation by Dr. Kevin Cummings regarding salmonella research in boer goats.

Meeting recesses for break at 1:59 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 2:11 p.m.

17. Presentation by Robyn Scherer

ABGA Director of Communication and Marketing Proposal.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 2:52 p.m. Robyn Scherer remains present during executive session to answer additional questions from the board. Robyn Scherer departs executive session at 3:24 p.m.

Executive session ends at 3:53 p.m.

Meeting recesses for the day at 3:53 p.m.

Meeting in session at 7:59 a.m. on 3/15/2014

18. Software/Website

Update on current status of software development and website. Review of contract from Huber and Associates and proposal from ABRI.

Board of Directors enter Executive Session at 8:03 a.m. to discuss current software development, Dr. Cummings proposal, presentation by Robyn Scherer and executive director position.

Executive session ends at 9:33 a.m.

Meeting recesses at 9:33 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 9:43 a.m.

19. DNA Testing

Report by Mark Anderson on current status of DNA program.

Process is:

Member will request the form online or by calling the office. Testing fee will be paid at that time.

Test form will be returned to member.

Member will mail testing packet to UC Davis.

UC Davis will return the test results to the office.

The ABGA office will notify the members of the testing results

A sticker with the ABGA registration number denoting DNA verified will be mailed to the member to be affixed to the registration papers.

2014 cost to member is \$28.00.

2015 cost to member will increase by \$5.00.

Non-members will pay an additional \$5.00 per test.

20. Treasurer

Brad Mackey request approval to appoint Scott Pruett as treasurer.

Motion to appoint Scott Pruett as treasurer by Jesse Cornelius.

Second to motion by John Morrow.

Voice vote. Motion Passes.

21. Proposed Rule changes to address DNA testing

Board of directors review rule change proposal by Sara Davis to address addition of DNA testing program. See attached.

Motion by Paul Kinslow to approve rule changes a proposed by Sara Davis.

Second to motion by Mark Anderson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

22. Meeting Broadcasts.

Request by Jesse Cornelius to explore possibilities of broadcasting meetings. Brad appoints Jesse Cornelius, Sara Davis, Cindy Dusek and Tracy Diefenbach as a committee to review request and report results.

23. Diabetes T-Shirt

Request to modify approved T-Shirt design to add anniversary and ABGA logo.

Motion by John Morrow to modify T-Shirt design to include ABGA logo and 20th anniversary notation.

Second to motion by Jesse Cornelius.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

24. Judges and Show Evaluation form

Vicki Stich provides samples of judge evaluation form to be provided to the secretary and show evaluation form to be completed and returned to the ABGA office.

25. National Show Proposal by Rochelle Gates

Review of proposal by Rochelle Gates regarding sale of end caps and penning for the national show. No action taken.

26. Breeding Doe Show

Presentation by Shon Callahan regarding development of JABGA sponsored Doe Kid Goat Show. See attached. Discussion held.

Meeting recesses for break at 11:16 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 11:28 a.m.

27 Kelly Edwards

Kelly Edwards addresses the board and expresses her gratitude to the members for their support.

28. Building Update

President Brad Mackey advises the Board of Directors regarding the current status of the building project. Discussion held regarding possibility of hiring a general contractor to oversee the project.

29. By-Laws Review.

Review of suggested changes to the proposed By-Laws. Directive to Sara Davis to return proposed by-laws to the attorney for final approval.

30. Presentation by Jeremy Church

Presentation by Jeremy Church in support of the breeding doe show. (Continuation of 26.)

Request by Cecil Swepston to table breeding doe show.

Meeting recesses for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting Resumes 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Cecil Swepston that the breeding doe show proposal be tabled to July.

Second to Motion by Mark Anderson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

31. Director Travel to National Show

Motion by John Morrow that all directors be present at the 2014 National Show.

Discussion held regarding meeting dates during the national show.

32. Membership Status of Shows

Earl Peacock presents request by Carol Rochester that members not in good standing not be permitted to show. Discussion tabled for executive session.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss national show travel, members not in good standing, JABGA issues and national show

Meeting in recess at 2:31 p.m.

Executive session resumes at 2:40 p.m. with Cindy Dusek present.

Executive session ends at 3:32 p.m.

33. JABGA

Cindy Dusek reports on the proposed revisions for the JABGA By-Laws and the upcoming JABGA directors elections. Due to clerical error the date for JABGA directors application was incorrectly published and application have not been received for all regions. Any JABGA director vacancy remaining after 2014 JABGA election will be filled by the ABGA Board of Directors.

Cindy Dusek requests approval for travel expenses to the 2014 JABGA National show for the JABGA board of directors. ABGA Board of Directors approves travel expenses for the 2014/2015 JABGA Directors to the national show.



Cindy Dusek presents JABGA logo design.  
Jesse Cornelius moves to approve the design.  
Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Cindy Dusek presents proposed ABGA 20th anniversary T-shirt design.  
Cecil Swepston moves to accept the T-shirt design as presented.  
Second to Motion by Sara Davis.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

34. ABGA National Show Penning Proposal

Proposal by Jeremy Church to assign pens at the national shows. No action taken.

35. National Show

Report by Mark Anderson.

Vicki Stich will be the new 2014 National Show Chair.

Unsold ring side tables will be placed on the website for sale for \$550.00 beginning April 1.

End cap package - for sale on the website beginning 4/1 for \$600.00. End cap package will be 12 foot wide and will include the pens immediately adjoining the purchased end cap and will include an ad on the big screen.

Kendall Breshear will announce.

Mason Photography will provide national show photos.

VIP concession area will be available through the facility. Admittance to the VIP area will be by pass. Passes will be available for purchase for \$100.00.

Motion by Shon Callahan to assign all pens at 2014 Nationals.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Roll call vote. 6 Yes. 6 No. Tie breaker vote. President votes Yes. Motion passes.

DV Auction will broadcast the show.

There is a possibility that RFD TV will be present to broadcast the 20th Anniversary show.

Advertising package is available for the big screen TV.

36. AGF

Vicki Stich reports that the AGF is working on a goat check off.

37. Judges Certification

Report by Scott Pruett on the current status of the 2014 ABGA Judges Certification.

38. JABGA Bred and Owned

Cindy Dusek inquires about bred and awards. Discussion held and directive that awards will be ordered to be available to hand out at the show.

39. ABGA Board Candidates

Region 3: Edward Kiser, J.R. Patterson and Robin Graham

Region 4: Cecil Swepston

Region 7: Carol Rochester and Earl Peacock

Region 10: Tracy Diefenbach

Region 11: Janis Wesson, Micky Latiolais, Jesse Cornelius

Region 14: John Morrow and Cynthia Westfall

Region 15: Sara Davis

Region 16: Brad Mackey

Motion by Scott Pruett to approve the slate candidates.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

40. July Face to Face

Board agrees that the 2014 face to face mtg will be held in Indianapolis, IN July 18-20.

Motion to adjourn by Paul Kinslow.

Second to Motion by Cecil Swepston.

## DNA Program Rule Changes

### **Rule 206: Percentage Boer Bucks and Wethers; Record of Pedigree**

Bucks of 15/16 or less Boer blood will not be eligible for registration. Animals of ½ (50%), ¾ (75%), 7/8 (88%), or 15/16 Boer Blood are eligible for a “Record of Pedigree” certificate. This “Record of Pedigree” will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the buck’s herd prefix, herd name, *tattoos*, *date of birth* and a three generation history. ~~Record of Pedigree bucks are not eligible as sires for registered offspring.~~

### **Rule 207: Animals Otherwise Ineligible for Registration or Record of Pedigree; Listing Paper**

*Animals that are otherwise ineligible for registration or a Record of Pedigree will be eligible for a “Listing Paper” with the association. This “Listing Paper” will be issued after the proper documentation has been submitted with the applicant’s herd prefix, herd name, tattoos, date of birth, and a copy of any applicable registration certificate issued by another association.*

### **Rule 209: Ineligible for Registration**

- A. Date of Birth Issues:
  - i. A kid born less than one hundred forty (140) days after birth of its dam’s most recent kid(s) shall not be eligible for registration except in the case of embryo kids, as provided for in Rule 501
  - ii. An offspring born greater than 159 days from the service date as listed on the ABGA certificate, embryo transfer form, transfer records or other records
- B. Kids whose sire or dam was less than 90 days old at time of their conception
- C. *Kids whose sire does not have DNA testing on file with the Association when required by Rule 801.*
- D. Uncertain or Unknown Parentage:
  - i. Whenever the eligibility for registration of any animal is in doubt because of uncertain or unknown parentage, *DNA testing* will be required by the Association.
  - ii. If an animal is found to have incorrectly listed parentage, the animal will not be eligible for registration *until correct parentage is confirmed through DNA parentage verification.*

### **Rule 711: Re-Registration Certificate**

Re-registration certificates are issued to indicate a correction of the sire or dam.

- A. A re-registration certificate requires a properly completed registration application with proper supporting forms and a signed statement which gives details as to why the goat was incorrectly registered.
- B. ABGA must be provided with the original registration certificate before a re-registration certificate can be issued
- C. When the correct parentage has been established *through DNA parentage verification*, the Executive Committee may, in the interest of fairness and equity toward an innocent third party, authorize re-registration without the application and supporting breeding documents, if it is determined to be unreasonable to require these documents under the particular circumstance.
- D. Proper fees must be remitted.

### **Rule 800: ABGA DNA Program**

*ABGA has designated the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California Davis as the ABGA-approved DNA testing facility.*

### **Rule 801: ABGA DNA Testing**

- A. *Until December 31, 2014, DNA testing of any animal will be on a voluntary basis.*
- B. *Beginning January 1, 2015, DNA testing will be required for all bucks (registered or unregistered) before offspring are eligible for registration when the offspring is a result of:*
  - i. *Live coverage mating occurring on or after January 1, 2015; or*
  - ii. *Artificial insemination using semen collected after January 1, 2015; or*
  - iii. *Embryo transfer using semen meeting the criteria in either Rule 801.B.i or 801.B.ii.*

- C. *In order for DNA test results to be recorded when an animal is ineligible for registration with the association, the animal must be issued either a:*
  - i. *Record of Pedigree, in accordance with Rule 206; or*
  - ii. *Listing Paper, in accordance with Rule 207.*

**Rule 802: ABGA DNA Marker Testing Procedure**

- A. *DNA test kits may be requested through the ABGA website or directly from the ABGA office.*
- B. *All DNA test kit requests must be accompanied by the appropriate test fee.*
- C. *All DNA test kit requests will be assigned a laboratory case number by the ABGA-approved DNA testing facility.*
- D. *ABGA will mail the DNA test kit directly to the member.*
- E. *The following will be submitted directly to the ABGA-approved DNA testing facility:*
  - i. *Fully completed test kit; and*
  - ii. *All required samples.*
- F. *The ABGA-approved DNA testing facility will remit all results directly to ABGA to be included in the animal's permanent record.*
- G. *ABGA will mail a sticker bearing the individual registration number of the DNA tested animal to the owner of record to be affixed to the front of the corresponding ABGA animal registration certificate.*
- H. *Upon submission of the original certificate of a DNA tested animal to the ABGA office for transfer or correction, the ABGA certificate will bear the printed statement "DNA Marker Tested."*
- I. *In cases where the submitting party is not the owner of record, an unopened vial, straw, or other container containing semen that has been identified in accordance with Rule 401.B is required for DNA test results to be accepted by ABGA.*

**Rule 802: DNA Parentage Verification**

*For parentage to be verified through DNA marker testing, each of the dam, sire, and offspring in question must be verified through individual DNA marker testing.*

**Rule 803: Independent DNA Testing**

*ABGA will accept DNA marker testing performed independently of this program, at the discretion of the ABGA-approved testing facility. Eligible testing results may be submitted directly to the ABGA-approved DNA testing facility by including:*

- A. *Complete test results and any associated case number(s); and*
- B. *Individual animal's ABGA registration number; and*
- C. *A release form that allows ABGA to utilize the submitted test results without limitation or prior notification.*

**Rule 804: Ownership of DNA Samples and Results**

*All genetic material submitted, samples, and results of DNA testing performed as part of the ABGA DNA Program will become property of ABGA. A copy of the official test report will be released to the owner of record.*

February 27, 2014

Board of Directors  
American Boer Goat Association  
1207 S. Bryant Blvd., Suite C  
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RE: Jr. Breeding Doe Kid Show

This proposal was prepared for the purpose of developing a JABGA sponsored Doe Kid Goat show(s) similar to the model that exists in Oklahoma, Louisiana and other states. It is not the intention of this proposal to compete with or eliminate the current JABGA National Show in any form.

- 1 The Jr. Doe kid show goat program is a highly respected, well organized, Youth driven program currently found in the States of Oklahoma and Louisiana. It is time to embrace the future not only in terms of expanding the Goat Industry, but in consideration of our Youth.
- 1 At present, JABGA exhibitors are limited in opportunities that provide funding, scholarships, project sales avenues, premiums and long term investment growth; thereby, lacking compensation for their efforts.
- 2 The Jr. Doe Kid show program is a developmental tool to create additional opportunities for our Youth through ABGA /JABGA/Member/ Corporate and National Sponsor supported events, programs and an Education Foundation.

**Considerations:**

Important key factors and Long Term goals considered in the preparation of this proposal:

1. Increased number of Youth involved in the showing of Livestock;
2. Increase Awareness of the Boer Goat;
3. Increase Goat numbers and develop Shows at the Local, County, State, National , Major Show and Fair Levels;
4. The involvement of additional organizations (I.e. FFA, 4H, Regional Goat associations);
5. Involve Agricultural Education Instructors and County Extension Educators;
6. Develop Premier Show Doe Sales;
7. Create a JABGA Education Foundation;
8. Develop a National Point System for tracking purposes;
9. Increase premium monies and the number and value of Scholarships;
10. Increase Association Revenues.

**Overview:**

**EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS:** All JABGA Members are eligible for Jr. Breeding Doe Kid Shows. Shows are open to all exhibitors who are 18 years of age or younger on January 1 of each year of membership. All Exhibitors must be a JABGA Member. Exhibitors who arrive at the show who are not a JABGA member, may pay membership dues on site and exhibit the entry.

**JABGA BRED & OWNED:** The breeder and the owner of the animal must be one and the same. Registration papers will serve as proof for entering the class. Exhibitors must indicate if he/she would like to show in the bred-and-owned class at check-in and pay the required fee. Additional Premiums will be paid to JABGA Bred & Owned Exhibitors.

**UNREGISTERED COI:** Unregistered Doe kids will pay an ABGA Validation Fee to obtain a Certificate of Identification in the amount of \$ (to be determined). All unregistered females must have a Scrapie ID Tag. Certificate of Identification would give the ABGA an option to track unregistered "Boer X" females as they are placed into the breeding programs. Certificates would require matching tattoos provided by the individuals applying or be given a tattoo assigned by ABGA. Provided tattoos would have a herd prefix (to be determined by the BOD) of XXX and the last three numbers of the scrape tag that is tagged into the doe kid. A Doe who arrives at the show without a Certificate of Identification may complete the required forms, pay the certificate fee and exhibit the entry.

**SHOW RULES:** The Show is open to Registered Full Bloods, Registered Percentages and Unregistered Doe Kids with select shows "Open to the World" and sponsored by the JABGA/ABGA. All unregistered females must have a Scrapie ID Tag. Exhibitors must maintain continuous ownership, possession and provide daily care for each doe kid entered in the show from the time 60 Days prior to show day. There is no limit on Exhibitor entries. An Exhibitor may have no more than 3 entries per class. A scrapie tag must be present in the ear of all unregistered doe kids at the time of the show. Any breed or combination of breeds can be shown. Breeding Does must be registered or possess a Certificate of Identification to be shown. Dehorning of goats in this show is not suggested. Minimum weight requirement for breeding does is 40 pounds; Maximum weight limit is 160 pounds. There is no official weigh-in of breeding does. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card that must be turned in for classification. The top five placing animals in each class will be weighed and any animal that differs by more than 5 pounds from weight submitted by the exhibitor on the official entry card will be disqualified and the placing of all animals below will be moved up by one and top 5 placing animals weighed. The superintendent will determine the number of classes based on entries. Length of hair is left up to the discretion of the exhibitor, but slick shearing will not be allowed. Bracing of doe kids will be at the discretion of the Judge. Doe kids must have all four feet on the ground. Doe kids must be shown with a collar/chain. Any animal with abscesses will NOT be allowed to remain. Goats must be free from external parasites, ringworm and warts. All breeding does are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds. Doe kids will adhere to the ABGA teat and mouth Breed Standard. Shows will be a minimum (to be decided) % payback of entry fee.

**SHOW SITES:** The Suggested show sites are Nationwide to be grown in conjunction with JABGA Regional Shows, Major Show Venues and at The National Show. The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Austin, Texas has shown an interest in hosting a Show in 2015/2016.

**SHOW SALE OPTION:** Committee recommends tabling this option until a future date and further study.

**NATIONAL POINT SYSTEM OPTION:** Committee recommends tabling this option until a future date and further study.

**Summary:**

This Youth proposal has been submitted as an outline to implement additional show, project, funding and long term financial growth options for our youth. It has been a proven model in Oklahoma - Louisiana and

gaining popularity in other states as well. It can be substantiated that this type of show is a proven funding/financial model in other species and can be found at Major Shows and Fairs throughout the Country. The 2014 Ft. Worth Commercial Doe Show was a great example. As a full service breed association, it makes good sense to approve this proposal as the upside financial potential is optimistic.

Respectfully Submitted  
Breeding Doe Kid Show Committee

**References:**

Information supplied by references credible in the industry were considered in preparation of this proposal.

Oklahoma Youth Expo  
Oklahoma City, OK

Tulsa State Fair  
Tulsa, OK

OMGA- Youth Advisor  
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