

ABGA Board of Directors Face to Face Meeting
March 27-28, 2015
Irving, TX

Meeting called to order March 27, 2015 at 8:35 a.m. by President Brad Mackey

Roll Call

Present:

Paul Grafe
Scott Pruitt
JR Patterson
John Edwards
Mark Anderson
Tracy Diefenbach
Cindy Westfall
Paul Kinslow
Vicki Stich
Cecil Swepston
Ervin Chavana
Shon Callahan

Not Present:

Earl Peacock
Terry Brown
Sara Davis
Janis Wesson

Others Present

Mary Ellen Villarreal
Dawn Steward
Dan Bell (3/28)

1. Meeting called to order by President Brad Mackey.
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes

Board of Directors review minutes for 12/6/14, 12/22/14 and 1/22/15 Board of Directors Telephone Conference call minutes and 10/23/14, 12/6/14 and 1/21/15 Executive Committee Conference call minutes.

Motion to approve minutes by Mark Anderson.

Second to Motion by Paul Grafe.

Voice Vote. Motion passes.

4. Office Issues

Review of current and future office employee structure. Discussion held regarding website, registration issues and strategic planning.

Meeting breaks at 9:50 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Directors review magazine proposal.
Motion by Ervin Chavana to accept for magazine publication proposal.
Second to motion by Mark Anderson.
Voice Vote. Motion passes.

Paul Grafe moves to rescind magazine publication motion.
Second to motion by Shon Callahan.
Voice Vote. Motions passes.

5. Office Building

Report by Paul Grafe regarding building status. Discussion held. Paul Grafe will request finalized bids.

Motion by Cecil Swepston that we move forward with the building in San Angelo.
Second to motion by JR Patterson.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

6. 120 day Show Sanctioned Show Rules

Discussion held regard 120 day show sanction rule. Board of Directors agree to leave the 120 day show sanction rule in place.

7. Sanction Show Support

Discussion held regarding show support, entry numbers, ribbon packets and sanctioning.

Directive by President Brad Mackey to Paul Grafe, Shon Callahan and John Edwards to meet with representatives from the Texas Majors to discuss proposals for ABGA support and report to the board as soon as possible.

8. Fitting Practices for Sanctioned Shows

Discussion held regarding fitting practices at shows.

Motion by John Edwards - If an animal is exhibited in any junior division class and yearling teeth have erupted, that animal will be moved to the 12-16 month class.
Second to motion by Scott Pruitt
Show of hands. 5 oppose. 7 in favor. Motion passes.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:50 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 12:45 p.m.

9. Removal of Show Points

Discussion regarding members that exhibit at shows, earn ABGA points and have paid their entry fees with an insufficient check. Hosting show will be advised that they should file an ethics violation.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 12:54 p.m. to discuss ABGA representation.
Board of Directors exits executive session at 1:01 p.m.

10. Ring Steward Duties

Discussion held regarding ring steward v. superintendent position.

Motion by Paul Kinslow to change the title from Ring Steward to National Show Superintendent.

Second to Motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

11. Superintendent Applications

Board of Directors review Superintendent Applications. Board of Directors appoint Kurt Henry as National Show Superintendent and Rusty Lee as alternate National Show Superintendent.

Shon Callahan to consult with the JABGA Board of Directors in reference to recruiting JABGA board members to assist the National Show Superintendents.

12. National Show Drug Testing

Board of Directors enters executive session at 1:28 p.m. to discuss national show drug testing.

Board of Directors exits executive session at 1:37 p.m.

Motion by Mark Anderson that all drug testing at the ABGA National Show will be random.

Second to Motion by Cecil Swepston.

Voice vote. Motion passed.

Motion by Paul Grafe that all national show entries will be slick sheared with a 3/8 blade.

Amended Motion by Paul Grafe that a survey be sent to the membership to determine their preferences on fitting practices.

Second to Motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion approved.

13. Ambassador of Breed

Motion to by Cecil Swepston to nominate John and Jackie Edwards.
Second to motion by JR. Patterson.

Motion by Shon Callahan to nominate Preston Faris.
Second to motion by Ervin Chavana.

Voice vote. Motions pass.

Motion by Scott Pruitt to nominate Don Smith.
Second to motion by Cindy Westfall.
Voice vote. Motions pass.

Scott Pruitt moves to cease nomination.
Second to motion by Cindy Westfall.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

14. Show Program

Discussion held regarding printing and layout of national show program. Show program will be preprinted based on pre-entries and a substitution sheet/late entry sheet will be available at the show.

16. Investment Committee

Cindy Westfall reports that the account has been opened and the funds deposited. The committee will provide statements for review by the Board of Directors at each meeting.

15. Fundraiser at National Show by Iowa Meat Goat Association

Iowa Meat Goat Association requests permission to sell tickets for a club fund raiser at the National Show.

Motion by Shon Callahan that any ABGA Affiliate may participate in the ABGA Affiliate Appreciation Program at the national show and will be provided a display location for the purpose of advertising their association and fund raising activities for their association.
Second to Motion by John Edwards.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

16. National Show Facility

ABGA has received a proposed contract from the Nebraska State Fairgrounds to host the 2016 and 2017 National Show.

Motion by Scott Pruitt to accept the contract for 2016 and 2017 ABGA Nationals.
Second to motion by Vicki Stich.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting breaks at 2:45 p.m.
Meeting resumes at 2:55 p.m.

17. National Angus Association Symposium

John Edwards provides information on the DNA Presentation that will be part of the National Angus Association Symposium on November 3, 2015 in Overland Park, KS. Tracy Diefenbach and Scott Pruitt request additional information so they may make plans to attend.

18. Rule 900

Board enters executive session at 3:03 p.m. to discuss Rule 900.
Board exits executive session at 4:09 p.m.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to rescind action in reference to Rule 900 #140602 and refund the filing fee.
Second to motion by Paul Kinslow.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for the day at 4:11 p.m. (Cindy Westfall and John Edwards depart)
Meeting in session at 9:05 a.m. on March 28, 2015.

19. JABGA National Judge Ballot

Mary Ellen Villarreal reports that the JABGA ballots contained an error on the first mailing and the ballots were remailed.

20. JABGA Fund Raiser

Shon Callahan reports on the current status of the JABGA Fund Raising auction. The JABGA will host a live auction at the 2015 Nationals to be broadcast on DV Auction.

21. Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics printed on the web site is not verbatim to the information approved by the board and will be updated after review by association attorney.

22. Body Condition Scoring

Report by Shon Callahan on Body Condition Scoring System. Shon proposes the preparation of literature for the membership to illustrate body scoring.

Request from the board to assist in locating wethers for the use in the terminal portion of preparing a body scoring pamphlet and to assist with providing photographs for the breeding stock portion.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that ABGA invest \$1,000.00 with Prairie View A&M to support the preparation of the Body Condition Scoring Literature.

Second to motion by Scott Pruitt.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

23. AGF Scrapie Program

Report by Vicki Stich on the AGF Scrapie Program. AGF Funds will be used to purchase flash drives to be given to each National Open Show exhibitor that contain educational information on Scrapie and Q-Fever. The proposed literature will be provided to the ABGA for review prior to being handed out.

Meeting breaks at 10:25 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:40 a.m.

24. Judges Scorecard

Report by Shon Callahan on Judges Scorecard program developed by AQHA. Discussion held. Directive by President Brad Mackey that the Judges Scorecard committee schedule a conf call and/or meeting with AQHA to discuss use of the program.

President Brad Mackey appoints Dan Bell, Jeff Jeffcoat and Jean Harrison as additional members to the Judges Scorecard Committee.

25. Judges Certification Program Update

Report by Scott Pruitt regarding the 2015 Judges Certification. Scott reports that there were not enough applicants to justify hosting the 2015 Judges Certification.

Discussion held.

Motion by JR Patterson that persons that do not pass Judges Certification and fall within a certain scoring percentage may be approved as ABGA Inspectors.

Discussion held.

JR Patterson withdraws his motion.

Motion by Paul Grafe that each ABGA certified Judge must attend, at their own expense, an ABGA Judges Continuing Education Course once every 4 years. Annually, each ABGA certified Judge must participate in an ABGA educational webinar as directed by the Judges Certification Committee. Failure to participate in the above, will result in removal from the ABGA Certified Judges List and will require attendance and successful completion of ABGA Judges Certification Course to be reinstated to the ABGA Certified Judges List.

Second to the motion by Tracy Diefenbach.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Paul Grafe that the ABGA Judges will pay \$100.00 for the continuing education course and \$25.00 for each educational webinar.

Second to the motion by Scott Pruitt.

Vote taken by show of hands. 5 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion passes.

Directive by President Brad Mackey to the Judges Certification Committee to meet as soon as possible to prepare fall 2015 Judges Continuing Education Program and develop Spring 2016 Judges Educational Webinar.

President Brad Mackey adds Eddie Holland and Coni Ross to the ABGA Judges Committee.

Meeting recesses for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:00 p.m.

26. Office

Motion by JR Patterson that the office staff receive as paid holidays all holidays that are recognized by the US Post Office.

Motion denies for lack of second.

Discussion held. Mary Ellen will review the employee handbook for any updates to employee holiday compensation.

27. Herd Record Keeping

Presentation by Scott Pruitt regarding the option to participate in a record keeping program with Kentucky State to track herd performance data. Scott Pruitt will continue research on the options and feasibility of program development and report to the board.

28. DNA Data - Tattoo Data

Discussion held regarding some ABGA goats are not in compliance with the suggested tattoo procedures.

Motion by Mark Anderson that the word "recommended" be removed from Rule 212(f) and the rule will read "That the left ear of all animals submitted for registration shall be tattooed with a letter to indicate the year the animal was born".

Second to Motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

29. July Meeting Date

July 10 and 11, 2015.

Board of Directors enter Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. regarding pending suit against members and fees.

Board of Directors exit executive session at 2:35 p.m.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to remove reduce fee option for memberships received after July 1st.

Second to motion by Mark Anderson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Directive by President Brad Mackey to Paul Grafe, Scott Pruitt and Mary Ellen Villareal to review membership accounts, inactive accounts, linked accounts, bad debt accounts and associated fees and report to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

Motion by Paul Kinslow to adjourn.

Second to Motion by JR Patterson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy Diefenbach

Secretary

American Boer Goat Association