



American Boer Goat Association  
Board of Directors  
Conference Call Meeting  
October 7, 2008  
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by President John Jones.

Present:		Absent:
Troy Veal	Barry Watts	Tony Brazil
Brian Faris	Joe Mueller	
Scott Wentzel	John Morrow	
Ryan Kish	Jamie Mitchell	
Chris Shaffett	Doug Widener	
Tina Owens	Terry Brown	
Coni Ross	Sara Davis	
Rhonda Edens	Ann Giardini	
Peggy Taylor		

ABGA Staff: Julie Eikenbary and Mary Ann Villarreal, Registrations  
Sherrie Cook, Accounting

I. Approval of Minutes:

John Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the 9/2/08 Board of Directors Conference Call meeting. Scott Wetzel second.

Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**

Director Terry Brown abstained from the vote due to not being present at this meeting.

Terry Brown moved to approve the minutes of the 9/18/08 Special Called meeting of the Board of Directors. Rhonda Edens second.

Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**

Directors Barry Watts, Sara Davis, Brian Faris and Jamie Mitchell abstained from this vote due to not being present at this meeting.

II. Financial Report:

The August 31, 2008 financial report was presented by Sherrie Cook. The following was reported:

- Income is 10% below budget
- Registrations are 5% below budget
- Transfers are 11% below budget
- Memberships are 9% below budget
- Expenses are at 95% of budget

Brian Faris moved to approve the August financial report. Coni Ross second

Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**

III. Old Business:

1. New Certificates:

The estimated cost and lay out of possible new certificates was presented to the Board by Julie Eikenbary and Mary Ellen Villarreal. The Board identified information it felt important for the possible new certificates:

- a. Transfer of ownership data
- b. Performance data
  1. Test data
  2. Production data (BGIN)

Directors Sara Davis and Peggy Taylor will work with registration on the lay out of the possible new certificates.

2. December 2008 Face to Face Meeting:

President Jones requested that the Board reconsider the location of the December Face to Face Meeting from Dallas to San Angelo in order that the board members could have opportunity to meet the new office staff and visit the office.

Ann Giardini moved to re-schedule the location of the December meeting from Dallas to San Angelo. Brian Faris second.

Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED** Unanimously

3. American Goat Federation:

The Board of Directors continues to discuss the part that ABGA could potentially play in the formation of the American Goat Federation.

Ann Giardini moved to table the issue of the AGF for the present time.

Barry Watts second.

Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**

Directors Scott Wetzell, Sara Davis, Brian Faris and Troy Veal abstained from this vote.

4. Rules and Regulations Review:

1. Director Peggy Taylor presented a draft of the AI rule information for input with expectations to have this completed by the December meeting.

2. Ethics Review will have a report for the November meeting.

3. ABGA Mission Statement: Director Barry Watts presented a draft for an ABGA mission statement which focuses on ABGA being the premier Boer Goat registry available. There is to be further discussion on the mission statement wording..

4. ABGA Online: Julie Eikenbary reported that the process to separate the On Line Registration process from the Pedigree Search is very close to complete.

IV. New Business:

1. Request from San Angelo Agricultural Services for non-definitive support.  
No action taken by the Board

2. Board utilization of ABGA On Line:

Barry Watts moved that full access to ABGA On Line be provided to the Board of Directors. Brian Faris second

Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED** Unanimously

3. Rule M Updates:

The Board was called into Executive Session to hear a report of the two Rule M complaints presently being investigated.

The Board came out of Executive Session

3. Sanction Show Rules Review:

(a). Proposed: **“ABGA Sanctioned Shows will only accept ABGA registration papers”**.

The Board determined that this was not acceptable as a mandatory rule due to areas of the country which do not have sufficient ABGA registered animals to conduct “ABGA only” shows successfully. Shows, however, will have the option of choosing to hold “ABGA only” shows if they wish but it will remain discretionary to the show management. No action taken

(b) Proposed: **“The exhibitor must be a member in good standing to exhibit an animal at an ABGA sanctioned show”**.

Discussion within the Board concerned methods by which this could be enforced and determined it needed further investigation. No action taken

4. ABGA Judges Criteria:  
 (a) Proposed : **“ABGA certified judges must be an ABGA member in good standing before judging an ABGA sanctioned show”**

Barry Watts moved that effective January 1, 2009 all ABGA certified judges must be active ABGA members in order to judge ABGA sanctioned shows or perform inspections. Sara Davis second.

Roll Call Vote:

Barry Watts	Yes	Brian Faris	No
Doug Widener	Yes	Ann Giardini	Yes
Rhonda Edens	Yes	Jamie Mitchell	No
Sara Davis	Yes	Peggy Taylor	Yes
Troy Veal	Yes	Joe Mueller	No
Chris Shaffett	No	Tina Owens	Yes
Scott Wetzell	Abstain	John Morrow	Abstain
Coni Ross	Yes	Terry Brown	Yes
Ryan Kish	Yes	Tony Brazil	Not Present

MOTION PASSED by a vote of 11 to 4 with 2 abstentions and 1 not present.

Director Brian Faris requested the following personal statement be included in the minutes of this meeting:

“Brian Faris stated that if the MOTION to **require** up-to-date or current membership by ABGA Certified Judges in order to judge ABGA shows or provide inspections was to PASS the association was at a severe risk of losing some extremely qualified judges for our growing number of shows across the country. By choosing not to pay dues to the association does not make these judges any less qualified or less devoted to the advancement of the ABGA Boer goat. These judges would have no reason for bias because they are not directly affiliated with our goat association but are extremely qualified evaluators of livestock, Furthermore, they paid the required \$250.00 fee for the course along with travel, hotels, meals, and other expenses associated with time away from their job and family, passed the course, and would be available to help the ABGA by supplying a variety of qualified judges/inspectors who would be willing to judge out shows and provide inspections to members all over the country. Finally, we added more work for our office personnel managing shows and inspections because they will be responsible for checking and verifying all of this information prior to approving judges for shows and approving official inspections for producers, respectively.”

5. Proposed rule: **“ABGA judges shall not judge a sanctioned show for any goat registry other than the ABGA”**.  
 The Board found no merit for this proposed rule. No action was taken.
6. The Judges Oversight Committee was requested to examine the definition of the word “control” in relationship to the “90 day prior to show” rule regarding the judging of a particular animal. The committee presented a draft document for input. The document was sent back to committee, with Board suggestions, to be re-presented to the Board.
7. Dual Registration of ET Kids:  
 The ABGA Board of Directors determined that in order for ABGA to dual register ET kids registered with other Boer goat registries the same documentation required of ABGA members in registering ET kids is to be required with kids coming into the ABGA registry for dual registration.

8. Magazine Committee:

- (a) **Requested that the Board approve printing of the approved minutes in The Boer Goat Magazine....**  
Coni Ross moved to approve this request. Troy Veal second  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED** Unanimously
- (b) **Requested that the issue of the show results being printed in the magazine be placed in the magazine for comment and get feedback from the membership.**
- (c) Terry Brown moved to approve this request. Doug Widener second  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED** Unanimously
- (d) **Requested flexibility to offer some discount advertising in special issues of The Boer Goat Magazine.**  
Ryan Kish move to offer a one time 10% discount to current non-contract advertisers in an issue to be determined by the Magazine Committee. Doug Widener second.  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED** Unanimously
- (e) Requested the following be printed in The Boer Goat Magazine and on the ABGA website:  
**“Ad material for The Boer Goat magazine is due the first day of each even numbered month...December 1, Feb 1, April 1, August 1, and October 1. Ads submitted by the posted deadlines will receive the published rates. Late ads will be accepted until the 15<sup>th</sup> of the deadline month with a 20% late fee. No ads will be accepted after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the deadline month. The only exception will be for the National Show issue, where the deadline will be extended to one calendar week after the conclusion of the National Show. No ads will be accepted after that date”.**
- Peggy Taylor moved to approve the above request for non-contract ads beginning on January 1, 2009. Troy Veal second.  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**
- (f) Requested the following be included in a clause for contracted advertisers:  
**“hold contracted advertisers to the deadline presented or risk the loss of their contract rate for that issue”**  
Troy Veal moved to approve the request as read. Doug Widener second.  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**

9. Committee Requests:

1. National Show Chairperson Chris Shaffett requested the addition of David Edens and Sylvester Riddings to the National Show Committee.  
Peggy Taylor moved to approve these additions. John Morrow second  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**
2. Education Chairperson Brian Faris advised the board that Jan Carlson would not be able to serve on this committee and requested that Dr. Mike Salisbury and Dr. Beth Walker be added to this committee.  
Chris Shaffett moved to approve the additions. Rhonda Edens second.  
Voice Vote **MOTION PASSED**
3. Magazine Chairperson Sara Davis reported that Lisa Wolters would be unable to serve on the magazine committee.

10. President Jones reported that the CL Study which ABGA had funded is completed. The results will be reported to ABGA once the study has been published.

There being no further business,

Sara Davis moved to adjourn  
John Morrow second

The meeting adjourned.