

ABGA Board of Directors Face to Face Meeting
September 26-27, 2014
Oklahoma City, OK

Meeting called to order September 26, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. by President Brad Mackey
Roll Call

Present:

Scott Pruett
Earl Peacock
Janis Wesson
Mark Anderson
Tracy Diefenbach
Shon Callahan
Vicki Stich
Cecil Swepston
Cindy Westfall
Paul Grafe
JR Patterson

Not Present:

John Edwards
Sara Davis
Terry Brown
Paul Kinslow
Ervin Chavana

Others Present

Mary Ellen Villarreal
Dawn Steward
Don Wesson
Tom Oleksyn
Robin Graham
Tonia Bell
Dan Bell

1. Minutes

Motion by Shon Callahan to approve 7/31/14 minutes
Second to motion by Tracy Diefenbach.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Mark Anderson to approve 8/5/2014 minutes.
Second to motion by J.R. Patterson.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Paul Grafe to approve 7/18/2014 EC minutes.
Second to motion by Shon Callahan.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Mark Anderson to approve 9/11/2014 EC minutes.
Second to motion by Paul Grafe.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

2. Committees

Volunteers for National Show Committee Nan Walker, Deric Wetherell, Holly Heyer,
Mike & Kim Cothran, Dawn Steward, Janet Moraczewski, Cathy Van Wyhe and Sheryl
Percy.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to accept the proposed committee members and appt. Lee Dana as co-chair of the national show committee.

Second to motion by Scott Pruitt.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Volunteers for Judges Committee Donna Jean Heinrich, Jason Brashear, Pat Ariaz and Cathy Van Wyhe.

Chip Kemp, Mark Anderson, Scott Pruett and Ron Dilley currently comprise the committee. President appoints Donna Jean Heinrich Jason Brashear and Cathy Van Wyhe as additional committee members.

Motion by Cecil Swebston to remove a member from the Judge Certification team.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Roll call vote. 3 in favor, 7 oppose, 1 abstain. Motion fails.

Volunteers for score card committee Sheryl Percy and Cathy Van Wyhe. Report by Mark Anderson on committee status.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to add Sheryl Percy and Cathy Van Wyhe to the score card committee.

Second to motion by J.R. Patterson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Volunteer for Finance and Investment Committee Susan Darrow.

Motion by Cindy Westfall to add Susan Darrow to the Investment Committee.

Second to motion by Paul Grafe.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Volunteer for Family Membership Committee Kirsten Hoffman and Carl McCosker.

Motion by Earl Peacock to appoint Kirsten Hoffman and Carl McCosker.

Second to motion by Scott Pruitt.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

President Brad Mackey appoints Cindy Westfall as chair of the Family Membership Committee.

3. Committee Reports

Report by Scott Pruitt on the Judges Certification committee proposed apprentice program. Scott presents the list of Judges that have been selected and agreed to serve as trainer judges.

Board of directors enters executive session to discuss Trainer Judge Candidates, Show Ring Operations Committee, Judges Certification and Investment Committee recommendations at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting takes a break at 9:24 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 9:36 a.m.

Board of directors exit executive session 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to accept the following proposed trainer judges: Chip Kemp, Ron Dilley, Shelby Armstrong, Kurt Henry, Joe Teel, Scott Pruitt, Mike Wallace, Josh Taylor, Eddie Holland, and Jesse Cornelius.

Second to motion by Scott Pruitt.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Report by Vicki Stich on the Show Ring Operations Committee.

Motion by Cecil Swebston to authorize the Show Ring Operations Committee to review and make decisions on ring steward applicants.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote Motion passes.

Discussion held regarding recommendation by Cindy Westfall as to action of the Investment Committee

Motion by Cindy Westfall that the President, Treasurer, Committee Chair and Executive Director, be the acting parties on the investments to act in unison and to approve the opening of the investment account and authorize said investments.

Second to motion by Paul Grafe.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Mark Anderson that effective immediately and mandatory on January 1, 2015 ABGA Judges will use a single page inspection form that will be available on the ABGA website to be downloaded, completed by the goat owner and presented to the judge at time of inspection.

Second to motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that the Executive Director be granted authority to execute contracts on behalf of the American Boer Goat Association.

Second to motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Report by Scott Pruitt regarding judges refresher course. Discussion held.

Board of Directors direct that the committee reviews the refresher course proposal with consideration to the recommendations by the board.

Break at 10:45 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 10:54 a.m.

Report by Cindy Westfall regarding Public Relations Committee proposal. President Brad Mackey appoints Cindy Westfall as Chair, Janis Wesson, Mark Anderson, Robin Scherer and Scott Pruitt to the public relations committee.

Discussion held regarding serving goat meat at the national show. Directive to the national show committee to explore opportunities to serve goat meat at the national show.

4. National Show T-Shirt

Review of proposed 2015 national show shirt. Board of directors approves the proposed design.

5. ABGA Financial Report

Report by Cindy Westfall regarding disclosure of financial forms. GuideStar.org publishes nonprofit corporation financials annually. Members can review IRS filed financial documents on the Guidestar.org website. Directive by President Brad Mackey that 2013 financials be published in the ABGA magazine.

6. Building

Directive by President Brad Mackey to Paul Grafe to pursue the building project. J.R. Patterson advises that he has been in contact with contractors to submit bids.

7. Financial Statement

Board of Directors review December 31, 2013 Consolidated Financial Statements.

Meeting recesses for lunch at 11:45 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 1:23 p.m.

8. Member Letter from Dawn Steward

Balance of the letter referred to the National Show Committee. Paragraph 8 reviewed by Board of Directors.

Executive Committee meeting called at 1:47 p.m.
Executive Committee meeting ends at 2:33 p.m.

9. Rule 900

Motion by Cindy Westfall that Rule 900 140718 be presented to the Board of Directors.
Second to motion by Shon Callahan.
Voice vote by Executive Committee. Motion passes.

Recommendation by Executive Committee that Agnew Boers, James Agnew and Brenda Lerner be permanently banned from participating in any ABGA sanctioned events, registering any goats, or being present at an ABGA event.

Action tabled for review of the documentation.

10. JABGA

Shon Callahan presents JABGA By-Law and Rules Changes to the ABGA Board of Directors.

Motion by Shon Callahan that the ABGA board of directors approve the JABGA proposed amendment to by-laws, JABGA Sanction Show Rules, and JABGA National Show Judge Proposal.

Second to motion by Janis Wesson
Voice vote. Motion Passes.

11. National Show Schedule

Motion by Shon Callahan to approve the proposed National Show Schedule as attached.
Second to motion by Vicki Stich.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

12. Rule 900 140718

Upon review of Brenda Lerner's correspondence, dated 15 Sep 2014, stating the goats in question are deceased or no longer available for inspection per Brenda Lerner's notarized statement, the board finds the request for inspection is now void. The board is then in agreement that based on the information provided by Brenda Lerner in the documentation presented there is sufficient evidence to make a finding on the Rule 900.

Motion by Scott Pruitt that Agnew Boers, James Agnew and Brenda Lerner be permanently banned from participating in any and all ABGA sanctioned shows and events, acting as an agent in any capacity and from registering and/or transferring any goats,. That any and all accounts currently in the names of Brenda Lerner, James Agnew and Agnew Boers are terminated effective immediately. That registrations for all goats currently registered in the names of Brenda Lerner, James Agnew and Agnew Boers are now void.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Cecil Swebston that complainant's filing fee for Rule 900 140718 be refunded.
Second to motion by Shon Callahan.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 3:50 p.m. to discuss staffing issue.
Board of Directors exits executive session at 4:06 p.m.

Meeting recesses for the day at 4:12 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 9:01 a.m. 9/27/14.

13. DNA

Discussion held regarding implementation of DNA testing and the current status of outstanding kits and reported results.

Meeting breaks at 9:52 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 10:06 a.m.

Motion by Paul Grafe that the DNA program be voluntary for 2015 and become mandatory in 2016.
Second to motion by Shon Callahan.
Voice vote. Nays have it. Motion fails.

14. Breed Standards

Discussion held regarding educating judges to follow the breed standards. Explanation to the board of directors regarding protocol to bring an issue before the Executive Committee.

Motion by Mark Anderson that the reason for a disqualification be reported with the show results to ABGA.
Second to motion by Paul Grafe.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

15. Verification/Exclusion of Parents vs. Grandfathering Registry

Discussion held regarding protocol if it is reported that we have incorrect parentage through DNA results on a registered goat whose ancestry has been grandfathered. Board agrees to leave the grandfathering as it currently stands.

16. Youth Committee

Discussion held regarding appointment of youth committee members.

Break at 10:55 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 11:08 a.m.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to appoint Shon Callahan as chair and the following members to the youth committee: Dawn Steward, Sherman Mauck, Kathy Carr, Paul Grafe, Cynthia Grafe, Kallie York, Cindy Westfall and Dr. Mary Newman.
Second to motion by Vicki Stich.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

17. Scrapie Eradication

Discussion held regarding opportunity to apply for a grant for scrapies education.
Directive to Mary Ellen Villarreal to complete the application for the grant. Board will explore opportunities to provide scrapies education.

Executive committee meeting at 11:20 a.m.
Executive committee meeting adjourns at 11:50 a.m.

Board meeting resumes at 11:52 a.m.

18. Ethic Complaints in Reference to Social Media

Report by Cindy Westfall regarding Executive Committee's decision to establish a policy to handle ethics complaints in reference to actions at ABGA events as well as social media.

Executive Committee finds no merit in complaint 140926.

Motion by Shon Callahan that a letter of reprimand be sent to Rochelle Gates in reference to the reported instances of ethics violations brought before the executive committee.
Second to motion by Paul Grafe.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Shon Callahan that a letter of reprimand be sent to the East Texas Goat Raisers Association in reference to the action of members that is in violation of the ABGA Code of Ethics.
Second to motion by J.R. Patterson.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for lunch at 12:16 p.m.
Meeting resumes at 1:16 p.m.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 1:17 p.m. with guest Jeff Gibbs to discuss membership issue.
Executive session ends 1:55 p.m.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach that the language of the ABGA Code of Ethics be amended to state:

By the authority given to them through Section 2.9 of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors of the ABGA may enforce this Code of Ethics by: a written letter of reprimand, which may or may not be made available to the general membership; a fine up to \$10,000; freezing of account; ban from ABGA functions; or a combination of any or all of the above, dependent upon the severity of the infraction which is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the whole Board of Directors present that constitutes a quorum excluding any Board member that may be accused of a violation of this Code of Ethics.

Second by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

President Brad Mackey appoints Mary Ellen Villarreal, Tracy Diefenbach and Jeff Gibbs to a committee to review ABGA redistricting and report to the Board of Directors at the December 2014 Face to Face Meeting.

Motion by Vicki Stich to remove from Rule 1400 under ii. Prohibited Practices and Substances Paragraph d, which is deemed covered in other sections of Rule 1400.

Second to motion by Janis Wesson.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

19. Office Accounting Position

Motion by Shon Callahan to add Kayla Wilde as a signator on the ABGA checking accounts to replace Sonya Cervantes who is leaving ABGA.

Second to motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

20. ABGA Sanction Issue

Wisconsin State Fair and Utah State Fair did not apply for ABGA sanctions and have turned on show results. Discussion held.

Motion by Cindy Westfall that Wisconsin State Fair and Utah State Fair shows be sanctioned and that a letter be sent to the show secretary advising that future failure to comply with sanctioning requirements will result in no sanctioning of their show.

Second to motion by Scott Pruitt.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

21. JABGA Request

Report by Shon Callahan on the request by JABGA to provide funding for travel and housing to the National FFA Convention. Board of Directors direct the Executive Director send Cindy Dusek and Robin Scherer to the 2014 National FFA Convention scheduled October 29, 2014 through November 1, 2014 with expenses to be paid by the ABGA. ABGA Board of Directors agree that National FFA Convention attendees will be offered a 50% discount for a 2015 JABGA membership submitted on the membership application received at the convention.

Consensus by the Board that the ABGA/JABGA will not provide any funds to attend the Jr Livestock and Ag Expo .

22. Future Face to Face Meetings

December meeting date is December 5th and 6th in either Phoenix, Las Vegas or New Orleans, whichever is most cost effective per the Executive Director's findings.

March 2015 meeting is 20th and 21st in Oklahoma City, Ok.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Pruitt.
Second to motion by Cindy Westfall.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Tracy Diefenbach
Secretary
American Boer Goat Association

2015 National Show Schedule

SUNDAY

JABGA and Open unloading and moving in (times to be finalized).

6:30 pm --JABGA (Meet and Greet) & Scavenger Hunt (this is going to be a photo hunt)

MONDAY

Open unloading and moving in (times to be finalized)

9:00 a.m. JABGA Showmanship Classes

After the showmanship classes the JABGA National Show will start

Try to end the show at around

5:00p.m. Pizza Party at the conclusion
of the day.

6:30 p.m. JABGA Skill-A-thon

TUESDAY

Last day for open unloading and moving in (times to be finalized)

8:00A.M. Resume JABGA National Show

Noon-Lunch

1:00 pm – Resume JABGA National Show

6:00 pm- JABGA Public Speaking Contest

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am – JABGA Goat Judging Contest

9:00 am- Open Percentage Show

Noon-Lunch and JABGA goat scramble contest

1:00 pm –Resume the Open Percentage Show and begin Open Junior Fullblood Does (conclude at 5:00
p.m for the day)

6:00 pm – JABGA General Meeting and banquet.

8:00 pm General ABGA Membership Meeting

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. continued Open Fullblood Doe Show.

Noon – JABGA BOOT SCRAMBLE – JABGA Goat Costume Contest

6:00 pm ABGA Awards Appreciation

Dinner Live Auction and Silent Auction

ends. FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Open Buck Show

Noon – Old Timer's Showmanship