



**American Boer Goat Association
Executive Committee
Conference Call
September 29, 2005
6:00 p.m.**

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Duke.

Executive Committee members present:

David Edens
Joe Wiley
Carrie Boyer
Barney Fowler
John Edwards
Pete Warlick

Also present:

Staff: Robert Swize
Attorney: Walter Pfluger
ABGA Secretary: Peggy Taylor

- II. Conflict of Birth Dates on Embryo Transfer Kids

Executive Director Robert Swize presented an overview of the disclaimer information that is signed by all applicants for registration including the other areas of ABGA rules and regulations that address that particular situation.

He presented a spreadsheet review of the animals in question based on the original embryo flush transfer paperwork. Based upon the average of research data available, a gestation time of 159 days or over exceeds the 145 to 155 days window of gestation as supported by the data. Some of the documented animals show birth dates far outside the accepted window. It was documented that kids resulting from embryos of the same flush were registered as born within the window of acceptable gestation time frame.

Attorney Walter Pfluger advised the Executive Committee of the courses of action that could be taken under the ABGA By-Laws, the correct manner in which to proceed with any action as well as possible consequences that might be expected from those actions..

After extensive discussion of the problem the following action was taken...

John Edwards moved that the registration certificates in question be revoked due to the gestation period of these animals exceeding the standards accepted by the industry.

Barney Fowler second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED

Based upon the above motion the following procedure was approved:

(A). ABGA will revoke registration certificates of the animals in question subject to the member in question providing the correct dates of birth.

(B). Executive Director Robert Swize is instructed to send a letter by the most expeditious manner possible giving the member who submitted the incorrect information a time deadline to supply a written explanation of the incorrect birth dates with evidence to substantiate change or correction of the dates of birth.

(C). A letter is to be sent to each owner of the animals in question advising them that the certificate of registration has been revoked on that animal and such certificate will be held until dates of birth are corrected. Upon receipt of ABGA by the substantiated correct date of birth corrected registration certificates will then be issued.

(D). All show records of the animals in question are to be examined to authenticate that any points earned are legitimate or must be forfeited due to the incorrect birth date allowing the animal to compete in an inappropriate age group.

Attorney Walter Pfluger pointed out that the ABGA By-Laws at this point are specific as to what actions can be taken and under what circumstances. The Executive Committee discussed with the attorney the possibility of some policies and procedures that could be implemented by ABGA to allow for other appropriate sanctions in circumstances requiring disciplinary action by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Meeting Adjourned.