ABGA Face to Face Meeting
Hotel Contessa
San Antonio, TX
December 14-15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Deric Wetherell at 8:05 am CST on December 14, 2018.

Roll call was taken with 14 directors and 2 staff in attendance.

Directors:

Region 2 Scott Pruett
Region 3 Clark Huinker
Region 4 Kevin Richmond
Region 5 Kenny Elwood
Region 6 Randy Dusek
Region 7 Linda West
Region 8 Robert Washington
Region 9 Deric Wetherell
Region 10 Josh Stephans
Region 11 Jesse Cornelius
Region 12 Kim Morgan
Region 13 Kathy Daves-Carr
Region 14 Denise Crabtree
Region 15 Susan Burner

Staff: Mary Ellen Villarreal, Lary Duncan

Absent: Region 1 Kimberly Liefer, Region 16 Sara Davis

1. Minutes:
   A. ABGA Minutes from November 6, 2018 were approved by email on November 13, 2018.
   B. Executive Committee minutes from November 20, 2018 were approved by email on November 26, 2018.

2. Committee Updates:
   A. Breed Standards: Kathy Daves-Carr reviewed suggested changes to the breed standards.

Meeting recessed for break at 9:40 am. Meeting resumed at 9:50 am.

   B. Building/Equipment – Lary Duncan reviewed the status of the building. Exterior work is being completed now. Interior finishing will be worked on in the next few months. The equipment transition could cause issues, but we would notify the membership when the transition will happen. The landscape bid will be brought forward for approval when ready.
C. Judges Committee:
   i. Jesse Cornelius moved to approve the following judges from a Level 2 to a Level 1 based on the recommendation of the judges’ committee recommendation: Glenda Wilcox, Mike Reis and Stephanie Jefferson. Jennifer Wagester will be approved from a Level 3 to a Level 2 judge. Robert Washington seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.
   ii. Judges Progressive Discipline Policy was presented by Jesse Cornelius for the board to review. Robert Washington moved to accept the Judges Progressive Discipline Policy as presented by committee. Scott Pruett seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm. Meeting resumed at 1:20 pm.

D. Judges Certification: Kevin Richmond reported from committee
   i. Location will be Raleigh, NC. There are several breeders in the area and pens are available. Airport and major roads are close to the location which allows easy access.
   ii. A suggestion of adding a Breeder’s Education opportunity in conjunction with the course was discussed. Scott Pruett moved to accept the location of Raleigh, NC for the 2019 course with dates to be determined. Clark Huinker seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

E. National Show:
   i. National Show rules: Susan Burner presented the revised show rules.
   ii. Schedule: Clark Huinker presented the 2019 schedule. Scott Pruett moved to approve the schedule as presented with changes. Susan Burner seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.
   iii. Volunteers Needed: Clark Huinker reviewed the list of positions where volunteers are needed. Selected helpers for Saturday will be allowed to unload early but they will not be allowed to wash/clip their animals until after 9 pm Saturday.
   iv. Elite Doe Sale: Clark Huinker presented the proposal. This sale will be invite only for the previous year’s Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitors, Premier Breeder and Exhibitor, and the winners of the JABGA Regional program.
   v. End caps/Tables: Susan Burner reviewed the procedure that will be used for 2019.
      a. Previous year’s buyer will be offered the chance to retain table and/or end cap by submitting payment in full by February 15, 2019. Ringside tables are $500 and end caps are $400.
b. All members interested in purchasing an available table or end cap must submit their name via email to Susan Burner at wvburners@comcast.net by March 1, 2019 5 pm CST.

c. All remaining tables and end caps will be available for purchase on March 4, 2019. A list will be posted on Facebook and the website with available tables and end caps. An email of available tables and end caps will also be sent to those members that have submitted their name for purchasing.

d. Names will be placed in order according to a lottery drawing to be completed on Facebook Live on March 4, 2019 at 3 pm CST.

e. Purchasers will be contacted in order after the drawing and offered their choice of one table or end cap. The process will continue until all available tables and end caps have been purchased.

f. Full payment is expected at the time of selection. Payment may be made by credit card or online payment through the ABGA.

vi. Vendor form – Clark Huinker presented the 2019 Vendor form that is available on the website.

vii. Yearling class Split – Clark Huinker presented the proposal to split the Yearling classes in the ABGA and JABGA National Show using a similar format used for the junior classes.

Susan Burner moved to approve the Yearling Class Split as proposed.


viii. Ambassador to the Breed – The board discussed nominees.

Clark Huinker moved to select Coni Ross, Fred Homeyer and Joe Tipton as the 2019 recipients of the Ambassador to the Breed award. Josh Stephens seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for break at 4:00 pm. Meeting resumed at 4:20 pm.

ix. BBQ Contest: Susan Burner moved to approve the rules for the BBQ Contest. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

x. Pen /End Cap Decorating Contest – Clark Huinker presented the information for the decorating contest.

xi. Awards – Clark Huinker moved to accept the award proposal with final acceptance of JABGA banner color scheme on the next conference call.

Kathy Daves-Carr seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

xii. Banquet – Kim Morgan presented the details for decorating at the banquet.

a. Discussion of cost of purchased tablecloths vs. rental
b. Cost of banquet was discussed. The ticket prices do not cover the cost of the banquet. Clark Huinker moved to set the cost of the banquet at $15. Kathy Daves-Carr seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed with one nay.
xiii. National Show Storage – Lary Duncan shared concerns over the storage space cost needed for show and other supplies. To investigate better long term options.
xiv. Ringside Table Food – Linda West shared options for the food trays. Scott Pruett moved to allot $25/table per day for 5 days for ringside table trays. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
xv. Show Theme – Discussion of a theme to be used for our 25th Anniversary National Show. This theme will be used for T-shirts, end cap and pen decorating, ringside table, and banquet decorations. Clark Huinker moved to accept the theme “Keeping the Drive Alive for 25”. Kathy Daves-Carr seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
xvi. T-Shirts – Deric Wetherell discussed the St. Jude Children’s shirt. Tracy Watson is working on a design with St. Jude organization. Ideas were discussed for the National Show shirt.
xvii. Online entry – Mary Ellen Villarreal is working with Karla Blackstock on an option for the entries for National Show. The paper entry form will still be utilized.
xviii. Photographer contract – Josh Stephans discussed the contents of the contract and space.
xix. Show program – Clark Huinker discussed the listing of classes in the show program.
F. National Show Judge Selection: Scott Pruett moved to leave the process in place for the 2019 ABGA National Show as approved in the December 8, 2017 minutes. Jesse Cornelius seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
G. National Show Site Selection: Robert Washington reported the committee has not met.
H. Public Relations: Susan Burner reported on the status of the website and the newsletter.

Meeting recessed for the day at 6:05 pm.
Meeting resumed Saturday, December 15, 2019 at 8:05 am.
I. National Show: Continued
i. Clark Huinker moved to adopt the procedure for selling end cap and tables for the National Show. Josh Stephans seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
ii. Elite Doe Sale – Clark Huinker moved to approve the Elite Doe Sale proposal with the following changes: Animals will be entered for no cost in the ABGA National Show only. Animals must be registered in the invitee’s name by June 1, 2019. The 25% proceeds will go to the JABGA General Fund.
J. Regional Show – Deric Wetherell reported on the 4 Fall shows that have been held.
   i. Only about 2/3 kids participating in the extra contests.
   ii. Added 8 new JABGA members
   iii. Participation age – 4-18 years of age as of show date eligible to participate with divisions to be determined using exhibitor age as of last Saturday of National show.
   iv. Discussion on the financial documents required for participants
   v. Additional shows were discussed with concerns about rules
      Jesse Cornelius moved to allow Lary Duncan to pursue adding a Junior Boer Goat Breeding Show to NAILE. Scott Pruett seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for break at 8:47 am. Meeting resumed at 8:56 am.

K. Public Relations
   i. Website – Lary Duncan addressed concerns about the quality of the website and the update process.
   ii. Email Blasts – Members need to communicate with the office if they are not receiving emails.
   iii. Member contact info - should be kept current with the office to insure communication of information and prevent issues relating to authorized agents.

L. Sanctioned Show Committee – Josh Stephans reviewed committee actions
   i. Show Application Form
      a. Mary Ellen and Aaron will update the application
      b. Possibly make form available online
      c. Sanctioning fee was discussed.
   ii. Sanctioned show deadlines
      a. Show application 120-day deadline for sanctioning
         Scott Pruett moved to change the 120-day show sanction application deadline to be in the office to 90 days. Jesse Cornelius seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
      b. Show results submitted to the office
         Robert Washington moved that future sanctioning be withheld until complete show results are received in the ABGA office. Linda West seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
      c. Mentor list will be developed for shows to contact for advice for hosting
      d. Show and Judge Evaluation forms need to be returned to the office as soon as possible after the show. These forms are used to track issues happening at shows.
   iii. 250-mile distance between shows will not be reinstated.
   iv. Abusive and Inappropriate conduct in the ring is addressed through our ABGA Rules and Regulations
v. Exhibitor Dress Code was discussed. Robert Washington moved to add the following statement to our National Show rules. “It is suggested that exhibitors dress in a professional manner as our National Show will be broadcast across several formats.” Scott Pruett seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

vi. Fitting Practices
Jesse Cornelius moved to allow the use of fitting products below the hocks and knees only. Robert Washington seconded. Motion withdrawn. No changes to the fitting products allowed to be used.

Meeting recessed for break at 11:00 am. Meeting resumed at 11:15 am.

Susan Burner moved to add “Artificial coloring that enhances the goat’s natural color” to Rule 1400.L.i.c. Also, remove “using paints and dyes” from Rule 1400.L.ii.h and replace with “artificial coloring that alters the natural color of a goat”. Scott Pruett seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

M. Youth Committee – Kathy Daves-Carr reported from the JABGA Board.
   i. National Judges – cannot be on the ABGA ballot
      a. Breeding show – 2-man team
      b. Bred and Owned and Showmanship- Single judge
      c. Market/Commercial – Select from list of judges that are specific to market, including ABGA judges.
   ii. Age change was not approved by the JABGA board
   iii. Hospitality Room suggestion of using an open area of the barn or end cap


3. Discounted Membership - Discounts for new member accounts established late in the year was discussed. Mary Ellen Villarreal will explore options.


5. Officer Election and Terms – Randy Dusek questioned term limits on the Immediate Past President.

6. JABGA Ownership – Deric Wetherell shared concern over the ruling of the 30-day ownership for JABGA sanctioned shows for new members.

7. Online Papers for Shows – Deric Wetherell brought concern about verifying online registration information.
Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:17 pm. Meeting resumed at 1:48 pm.

The following guests joined the meeting: Karla Blackstock, Ron Dilley. Debbie Dilley, Megan Elwood.

   A. Ron Dilley presented a proposal to add additional financial awards for the Overall Grand and Reserve winners at the JABGA National Show.
   B. ABGA judges to be used for all shows including market and commercial doe
   C. Winners must attend the Wednesday banquet to collect the awards
   D. 2M Boer Goats, Radiant Reds, Cimarron Boer Goats, SAKB Boer Goats, and Flatrock Services have agreed to sponsor for 2019

9. JABGA Membership requiring Adult Membership – Susan Burner requested consideration for removal of the requirement.

10. Automatic Membership Renewal – Lary Duncan and Mary Ellen Villarreal reported this is not available due to payment information not being kept on file.


12. Registration
   A. Record of Pedigree Conversion – Mary Ellen requested clarification on the handling of the conversions. Clark Huinker moves to allow the office to convert Record of Pedigrees at the request of the current owner. Kathy Daves-Carr seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed with one nay.
   B. A.I Registrations – Denise Crabtree inquired on behalf of a member as to the errors happening when registrations are being submitted online. Members should email the office when they purchase semen from any source. The member will then be able to complete the online AI registration. More information will be in a future magazine article.
   C. Non-Member Application for Registration – Kim Morgan requested a form be developed to complete a transfer for a non-member youth.

13. ABGA Logo - Discussion on establishing a revised ABGA Logo
   A. New ones are being use only for promotional and award items
   B. Board would like one design for all applications
   C. Having design in place for the new office
   D. Seek input from graphic designers
   E. Mary Ellen will investigate design options

14. Magazine and Website – Karla Blackstock led discussion on the website and magazine future.
   A. Moving publication dates to increase sale advertising
   B. National Show Issue
   C. Website being updated with completely new format
   D. Sell banner ads for the website
   E. Karla will get quotes and bring back to the board for website
15. Online Store – Karla Blackstock shared information of setting up items in an online store
Susan Burner moved to allow Karla Blackstock to move forward with posting items in an online store for ABGA. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

16. Breed Standards – Kathy Daves-Carr presented the revised standards with the different changes happening each year
   A. Clark Huinker moved to revise the breed standard as follows: Animals 0-under 6 months of age must have at least 50% pigmentation with 100% pigmentation preferred on the hairless area under the tail. Animals 6 months and older in age must have 75% pigmentation with 100% pigmentation preferred on the hairless area under the tail. Jesse Cornelius seconded. Roll Call Vote. Yea: Linda West, Randy Dusek, Kim Morgan, Clark Huinker, Susan Burner, Denise Crabtree, Jesse Cornelius, Robert Washington. Nay: Kathy Daves-Carr, Josh Stephans, Kevin Richmond, Scott Pruett, Kenny Elwood. Motion passed 8-5.
   B. Clark Huinker moved to approve the breed standards as proposed. Josh Stephans seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

17. National Show Rules – Susan Burner moved to approve the National Show rules as presented. Josh Stephans seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for break at 4:54 pm. Meeting resumed at 5:00 pm.

    Jesse Cornelius moved to accept the budget as presented. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

    Board enters closed session at 6:19 pm to discuss personnel issues. Board exits closed session at 6:32 pm.

19. Member letter of Reconsideration – Letters were received from 2 members for a past action to be reconsidered. No action taken.


    Kathy Daves-Carr moved to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Linda West seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burner
Appointed Secretary