

ABGA Face to Face Meeting
Embassy Suites DFW North - Grapevine, TX
February 15-16, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Deric Wetherell at 8:10 am CST on Saturday, February 15, 2020.

1. Roll call was taken with 15 directors and 2 staff in attendance.

Directors:

Region 1 Maddie Fenton	Region 2 Ken Baty
Region 3 Clark Huinker	Region 4 Kevin Richmond
Region 6 Randy Dusek	Region 7 Linda West
Region 8 John Blackstock	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
Region 16 Sara Davis	

Staff: Lary Duncan, Mary Ellen Gillespie Absent: Region 5 Kenny Elwood
Guest: Karla Blackstock, Ron Dilley

2. Minutes:

- A. Susan moved to approve the ABGA Board of Directors minutes from January 7, 2020. Kathy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
- B. Kevin moved to approve the ABGA Board of Directors minutes from January 22, 2020. Clark seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
- C. Kevin moved to approve the ABGA Executive Committee minutes from January 23, 2020 with corrections. Randy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

3. Committee Updates:

- A. Breed Improvement: Sara
 - I. EBV program
 - a) Members can submit data for does on any size herd. First year is free, \$100 participation fee after the first year.
 - b) Approximately \$1.50 per doe. Animals are entered for life of doe.
 - c) Awards for breed leaders to be determined
 - d) Data processed by NSIP with an online database to access information
 - e) Publish article in magazines and email blast about the program
 - f) Committee will develop proposal and bring to board for ABGA covering costs and award to be offered.
 - II. Animal Recognition Awards – Breeding Fullblood /Purebred does to percentage bucks. 672 percentage bucks registered to date. Committee will look at rules for award.
 - III. Breeding out of season – discussion on why breeders are not breeding year-round

B. Bylaws and Rules: Randy

- I. Membership – associate, pro-rated membership, multi-year memberships and auto renewing membership were discussed. Any dues received October 1 – December 31 are asked what year they want it to apply to.
- II. Misconduct definition is being used as a rule for filing 900. Committee will evaluate for clarification of the location in the rules.
- III. Request to adjust the percentage levels so it is equal for bucks and does.

Meeting recessed for break at 10:00 am. Meeting resumed at 10:13 am.

- IV. Microchip – Discussion of microchip vs. tattoo requirements in the rules, New owner wanting to tattoo, suggestion of adding a tattoo on paper of member number and last four of chip. Committee to develop a rule for microchip
 - V. Non-ABGA animals in ABGA shows – Rules are inconsistent with wording of allowed goats. Discussion of allowing non-registered goats to show. No changes to allow exhibition. Rules need updated for major shows.
 - VI. 801(f) – needs changed to reflect protocol that was approved November 7, 2017.
 - VII. Rule 505 – add rule for Importing Frozen Semen as approved at December 13, 2019 meeting.
 - VIII. Bylaws Changes – several areas being reviewed for changes.
 - IX. Semen Collection Report – Need to consider keeping the form due to bucks being collected both before and after the grandfather date.
- C. Convention: Susan
- I. Discussion on location and time of year for a 2021 date. Need to avoid shows and sales.
 - II. Looking at topics for the seminars and other activities.
- D. Form Review: Susan
- I. Need approved sanction show and registration applications updated on website.
 - II. Logo and address changes to all forms on the website need done
 - III. Additional forms can be sent to committee for revision
- E. JABGA Fundraising: Ken
- I. Regional Sponsors:
 - a) Sullivan Supply – Year 3 of 5
 - b) Update on sale of Exiss and the status of trailers and poppers
 - c) Reviewing options for the Regional Spring awards
 - II. Additional National Show Premiums required to be processed by ABGA
 - III. JABGA Auction at Nationals – donations are needed
- F. Goat Products and Marketing: no report
- G. Judges: Jesse
- I. Concern over handling of a 901. Wording for the protocol requirement for tattoo reading is a concern.
 - II. Complaint of judge not ensuring tattoos are read at a show. Needs 901 processed.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm. Meeting resumed 1:12 pm.

H. Judges Certification: Kevin

- I. Level Judges – Discussion on removing the levels from the new judges. Discussion on the certification that is in place and suggestions for changes. A proposal is being developed for board approval.
- II. Judges List – Discussion on removing judges 90 day waiting period, posting the eligibility date on the list, and judges not judging but remaining on the list. No action taken.

I. Member Services and Education: Maddie

- I. ABGA Educational Video Contest -2-4 minutes video to use for educational purposes. “How to Register a Goat with ABGA Online Live” suggested for first video. Guidelines will be established by committee.

Clark moves to accept the proposal and award \$50 credit to the winner. Ken seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed. Details will be posted soon.

- II. Mentorship program – volunteer mentors with 5 years or more as a member would be available to assist new breeders. Mentors would be noted on a map on the website with contact information. Consideration of legal issues. Application will be developed and posted soon.

J. Public Relations: John

- I. Phone issues – Lary discussed issues of phone lines and voicemails.
- II. Email - To submit work or for general questions, email the office staff at mail@abga.org.
- III. Website – starting to develop a new JABGA website. Issues with the website display on phones was discussed. Lary will look for websites to compare.

Meeting recessed for break at 2:42 pm. Meeting resumed at 3:04 pm.

K. National Show: Linda and Kim

- I. Dedication –

Jesse Cornelius moved to dedicate the 2020 National Show to Coni Ross. Ken seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Sara moved to name the 5-year percentage doe and fullblood doe classes at the National Show the “Coni Ross Aged Percentage/Fullblood Doe” classes. Kevin seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed. Class winner will continue to receive \$500.

- II. Ambassadors to the Breed –

Clark moved to accept the following 5 recipients for 2020: Eddie Holland, Carol DeLobbe, Terry Brown, Ervin Chavana, MD Shurley, Joetta Boyd. Ken seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Susan moved to utilize two of the current ABGA Scholarships as Memorial Scholarships, one for Coni Ross and one for Danny Stovall, for a period of five years. Clark seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- III. Banquet Food – No decision on caterer.
- IV. Food trucks – Taco truck will be there
- V. Elite Doe Sale – 19 exhibitors are qualified. Sale is Tuesday at 7:30 pm.
- VI. Broadcast – Discussion on the options for the sale, show and banquet.

Clark moved to utilize Scott Weber for the big screen and Livestockbuyer to broadcast the show and sale with bidding handled by phone bids instead of internet bids. Josh seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- VII. End Caps and Tables – Emails and letters have been sent to last year's buyers.

Susan moved to use the 2019 procedure for sale of remaining end caps and tables with date and contact changes as needed. Clark seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed. All tables must be paid by 5 pm CST on March 2, 2020. A list of available tables and end caps will be distributed on March 9, 2020 via Facebook, the website and email blast. Interested purchasers must submit their name to Lary@abga.org by 5 pm CST on March 16, 2020. A drawing will be held and broadcast on March 19, 2020 at 3 pm CST. Purchasers will be contacted after the drawing and full payment is expected at the time of selection.

- VIII. Vendors – Lary will be the contact person for vendors.
- IX. Awards – JABGA banners have been changed to leather. JABGA premiums have been adjusted.
- X. T-shirts – Karla Blackstock presented the design for the National shirts.

Clark moved to approve the 2020 National Show and Charity T-shirt designs. Randy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- XI. Show Schedule – changes were discussed.

Susan moved to approve the 2020 National Show schedule with changes. Denise seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- XII. Office Staff/Judges meals – help is needed organizing and cleaning up
- XIII. National Show Rules were reviewed.
- XIV. Pearls Contract – Lary needs to forward Pearl a contract.
- XV. Online entry – Online entries and payment will be offered through Showman.app. Paper entries will still be accepted but must be received by deadline.

Meeting recessed for break at 5:13 pm. Meeting resumed at 5:30 pm.

Board entered closed session at 5:32 pm to discuss office evaluation from January. Board exited closed session at 8:42 pm.

Kevin moved to hire an accounting firm with the approval of the President to assist the office with the financials. Board approval is needed for costs that exceed \$5000. Clark seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for the day at 8:48 pm. Meeting resumed Sunday at 8:09 am.

Ron Dilley joined the meeting.

- XVI. National Show Judge Ballots – Ballots will be sent this week to those exhibitors that entered in 2018 and 2019. JABGA exhibitors will not receive ballots for the ABGA show.

 - L. Redistricting: Clark reported the new region map was posted.
 - M. Regional Show: Deric
 - I. 2020-2021 show locations are being considered.
 - II. Discussion on the number of regional shows.
 - III. Budget and guidelines need to be developed for the regional shows
 - N. Sanctioned Show: Josh
 - I. Major Show Funding was discussed.
Susan moves to approve the following major show monetary support according to the number of animals exhibited: 50-99 \$150, 100-149 \$250, 150-199 \$ 375, 200-249 \$500, 250-299 \$750, 300+ \$1000 to be effective January 1, 2020. 2019 show funding amounts will be at the discretion of ABGA. Funding is disbursed after show results are received. Jesse seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
 - O. Youth: Kathy
 - I. Family Bred and Owned will be discussed in committee
 - II. JABGA Board has new director for Area 3 - Logan Hollen
 - III. JABGA board will be purchasing shirts to wear at events.
 - IV. Livestock judging classes, breed standard educational posts, etc. will begin soon.
 - V. Animals are coming up soon for the first JABGA Ennoblement awards.
 - P. Youth Advisory: Kim - no report
 - Q. Youth Foundation: Lary updated that the paperwork is waiting on accounting review.
4. Inappropriate Animal Names: A member concern about the naming of animals. Rule 214 allows the Association to refuse a name request.

Meeting recessed for break at 9:52 am. Meeting resumed at 10:16 am.

5. Semen Collection at Nationals – Ron Dilley from Flatrock Reproduction Services discussed a donation to the National Show and asked to have a Semen Collection on site.

Susan moves to accept the proposal from Flatrock Reproduction Services for the 2020 National Show. Maddie seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

6. JABGA National Show Sponsors – Ron presented an updated list of sponsors. Large prize checks will be given at the end of the Champion Drives with payment processed by ABGA.

Clark moved to accept the Award proposal pending acceptance of the sponsors. Randy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

7. Regional Seminar – Susan reported on the status of the Eastern Regional Goat Seminar on March 21, 2020 in VA and presenters. Ad will be placed the magazine. Registration being done through Eventbrite.
8. Seminar – Kim shared information for the American Meat Goat Classic July 16-18 seminar being held in Indiana.

Clark moved to become a sponsor of \$250 for the Consignor level for the American Meat Goat Classic. Motion died for lack of second.

9. Financials

- A. 2018 financial audit has been submitted but not completed due to additional information being requested. Taxes have been filed with IRS. Ken will be updated on the status.
- B. 2019 information is being prepared.
- C. Lary reviewed the proposed budget with the board.

Susan, Maddie, Denise and Clark departed the meeting at 12:20 pm to go to airport.

Ken moved to approve the budget as submitted. Jesse seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

10. Sara made the motion to adjourn at 12:26 pm. Randy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burner
Secretary
American Boer Goat Association