

American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors
Scheduled Meeting via Zoom Call
January 10, 2023
Meeting Began at 7:00pm CST

I. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Baty R-2

A. Roll Call

Directors Present: Rosalinda Vizina R-1 Leah Maertens R-3
 Kevin Richmond R-4 Mike Reis R-5
 David Carwell R-6 Gage Taylor R-7
 Katherine Klug R-7 Sam Knott R-8
 Kim Morgan R-9 BJ Carbino R-10
 Amy Scharmer R-11 Chuck Fitzwater R-12
 Jacob Tipton R-13 Lane Reigle R-14

Staff Present: Office Manager Brenda McCary,
 Youth Coordinator Hannah Jenkins

B. Minutes Approval

1. Minutes from the December 13, 2023 Board Zoom Meeting were emailed to the Directors for review prior to the meeting

Gage Taylor moves to accept the Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes dated December 13, 2023. Mike Reis sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

Gage Taylor moves to enter Executive Session at 7:05pm CST. Katherine Klug sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

Kevin Richmond moves to leave Executive Session at 7:18pm CST. Katherine Klug sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion: The Board discussed an ongoing member issue, as well as some goat names that will need to be changed due to being inappropriate.

C. Foundation 101

1. The Foundation was not expected to raise over \$50,000 in its first year
 - a) Just requires the filing of a different form if it does
2. Multiple different types of donations are coming in
 - a) A letter can be sent for individual donations for tax purposes
 - i. However, sale donations come as 1 lump sum, not itemized
3. Do we want to receive a list of donors from sales so each individual can be issued a letter?
 - a) Sam and Brenda are going to work on protocols around this for the future

4. Discussion of the how the Foundation works in relation to the ABGA Board, as well as discussion of the Foundation Board
- D. JABGA Scholarship Applications and Junior Board Nominations
1. Hannah cleaned up verbiage throughout both documents and clarified some of the areas that were more open to interpretation
 - a) One question was added to the Junior Board Nomination Packet
 2. Discussion of the protocol pertaining to how the vote schedule is set up for the ABGA Board of Directors

Jacob Tipton moves to approve the amendments to the Junior Board Nomination Packet. Leah Maertens sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

Kevin Richmond moves to make both the ABGA Board of Directors and the Junior Board of Directors Applications electronic. Mike Reis sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

Discussion: Only the application itself will be electronic, the actual voting will still be via mail in ballot. The Board feels electronic submission will help with clarity and help regarding how the mail can sometimes be unreliable.

BJ Carbino moves to approve the amendments to the JABGA Scholarship Application. Jacob Tipton sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

BJ Carbino moves to approve amendments to the Board Candidate Nomination Form. David Carwell sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

- E. National Show Committee
1. Schedule approval
 - a) Discussion of the end of the week
 - i. Should Fullblood Does be on Friday or Saturday?

Leah Maertens moves to accept the National Show Schedule with the amendment of Fullblood Does showing on Friday, June 16, 2023 and Percentage Does showing on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Sam Knott sec. Voice Vote.

For: 12 Votes

Against: 2 Votes

Abstain: 0 Votes

Motion Passes

Discussion: The majority of the Board agrees with the input of members that trying to do Fullblood Does on Saturday will add extra complications in terms of travel for exhibitors. The two opposed wanted to try something new and see how it went.

2. 7 applications were submitted for Superintendent
 - a) The Committee recommends 3
 - i. Jesse Kimmel, Tara Hicks, and Zeb James
 - b) The Committee recommends 2 Alternates
 - i. John Blackstock and Joe Ariso

Leah Maertens moves to accept Jesse Kimmel, Tara Hicks, and Zeb James as the Superintendents for the 2023 JABGA and ABGA National Shows, and John Blackstock and Joe Ariso as alternates. Amy Scharmer sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

3. 22 entries submitted for the Logo Contest
 - a) The Committee narrowed it down to 6 and then held a poll for the membership to vote on their favorite for the winner

David Carwell left the call at approximately 7:55pm CST.

Kim Morgan moves to accept the proposed logo for the 2023 JABGA and ABGA National Shows. Chuck Fitzwater sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

4. The Committee Chair would like to add BJ Carbino and Chuck and Brenda Fitzwater to the National Show Committee
 - a. They have already been doing a lot to help the Committee

Katherine Klug moves to add Chuck and Brenda Fitzwater and BJ Carbino to the National Show Committee. Gage Taylor sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

5. Judges' applications are due next week
6. National Show surveys are due next week
7. Award orders are out

8. Working on sponsors
 9. Working on drug testing
 - a) Going back to urine
 10. Kentucky Vet Board will be there to check health papers
- F. Breed Standards Committee
1. Schedule has been a bit over the place with the Face-to-Face Meeting and the Holidays
 2. Working on reorganizing the Breed Standards
 - a) Planning to make them more user/newbie friendly and easier to look through
- G. Rules and Bylaws Committee
1. Rough draft of Bylaw Change Ballot is ready for the Committee to review at next weeks meeting
- H. DNA Committee
1. David Carwell left the call early due to not feeling well
- I. Education, Marketing, and Member Relations and Benefits Committee
1. Haven't met as an entire group yet since the two committees were combined at the Face-to-Face
 2. Committee and Design Team are working on a new Anatomy Chart
- J. Finance Committee
1. Ended the year at a loss, as expected
 2. Brenda has been working hard to consolidate all of our investment accounts
 3. iCompete has been up and running for renewals
 - a) some bugs to work through yet
 - b) 77% of renewals came through iCompete
 - c) 50% of Junior renewals came through iCompete
 - d) Looking into moving into the registration phase of the iCompete roll out
- K. Judges Committee
1. Discussion of feedback that was received from one of the Judges who recently received a Letter of Reprimand
- L. Sanctioned Show Committee
1. Concurrent Show Rules
 - a) Have an outline sent out to the Committee for review
- M. Youth and Regional Shows Committee
1. The Junior Board would like a Bylaw change increasing the maximum Junior age to 21
 2. A lot of sponsorship is committed for the Regionals this year
 3. The Junior Board would like a "Mile-Radius Rule" around the Regional Shows
 - a) 250 miles for any Junior shows, 300 miles for any ABGA shows
 4. List of Committees the Junior Board Members would like to sit on as non-voting members
 - a. They would like to see how committees are operated as well as give their opinions in some of the committees that more directly deal with the Junior Membership
 - i. Jiles Coble on the DNA Committee

- ii. Alaina Blair and Logan Hollen on the Rules and Bylaws Committee
- iii. Maddie Reis and Helena Almlı on the Sanctioned Show Committee
- iv. Natalye Scholl and Cecelia Knott on the National Show Committee
- v. Casey and Wyatt Stevens on the Education Committee

Kevin Richmond moves to add Junior Board Members to the proposed Open Committees as non-voting members. Kim Morgan sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

- 5. Set date for the Junior Face-to-Face to overlap the ABGA Board Face-to-Face (July 13-14, 2023)
 - a. In case they want to present anything to the Open Board
- 6. Change of the California Regional Show dates
 - a) The dates need to change to March 30-April 1, 2023 from the original schedule of April 24-25, 2023
 - b) There was an availability issue

Kevin Richmond moves to change the Area 1 Regional Show dates to March 30-April 1, 2023. Jacob Tipton sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

- N. Other Business
 - 1. 250-mile radius rule
 - a) Removed at past meeting

Katherine Klug moves to adjourn at 9:00pm CST. Amy Scharmer sec. Voice Vote.

Unanimous

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,
Lane Reigle
ABGA Secretary