

## American Boer Goat Association

### Board of Directors

Special Board Meeting via Zoom

December 12, 2023

Kevin Richmond calls the meeting to order at 6:02 CST.

#### Roll Call and Waive Notice-

Ken Baty-R2

Kim Morgan-R9

Leah Maertens-R3

Kim Veal-R10

Lauren Green-R6

Dan Elliott-R11

Cameron Drew-R14

Chuck Fitzwater- R12

Gage Taylor-R7

Brad Mackey-R13

Mike Reis-R5 Joined the meeting at 6:10 CST

Casey McClain-R7

Sam Knott-R8

Rosalinda Vizina-R1-Joined at 6:15 CST

**Staff Present-** Katherine Klug

Hannah Jenkins

#### Purebred Proposal

The board considered five different individual options and several combinations of proposals at the face to face meeting. Ultimately voting to eliminate the first option which was "Do Nothing". After discussion on the remaining options there was a motion made to the board which combined two of the options into one motion and one vote. This motion passed. Since the time of the vote the board has received feedback from many members; some members in favor and some members opposed to the changes to the purebred breed up and eventual dissolution of the purebred herdbook. The board has decided to send this proposal back to the Purebred committee for further consideration and collection of ideas and opinions. The board desires to learn more about the handling and timeline of the Purebred herdbook if the original motion were to be acted upon or modified in some way going forward. The board has tasked the committee to collect more information, input and suggestions on the subject.

- Some members believe there will be an increase in value for their goats and others believe the current proposal will devalue their goats.
- Is the timeline presented attainable (iCompete capabilities in 2025 and beyond, along with office staff workload) or should it be several years from now?
- Did we push it through too fast?
- How will ennoblements, show points and earned statuses be handled with the changes in herdbooks?
- What is the impact on purebred bucks with the motion, that we will be making percentage bucks if we remove the Purebred registry in 2025.
- Some members feel the breed up fees for inspections, dna, and processing fees are too high.
- Can we provide more details on why DNA requirements were established for the breed up proposal?
- There are some breeders that do not show that cannot get their goats inspected.
- The basic outlines of the breed up proposal were covered on the podcast and in the published minutes but a formal communication plan and marketing plan have not been established yet.
- The process and protocols for both phases of the proposal have not been fully established and the office staff is not ready to handle these requests or to answer detailed questions.
- The bucks were not considered in the purebred breed up to fullblood status, additional work needs to be done to fully understand how to handle bucks with this proposal or any amendments made to it.

***Brad Mackey rescinds the motion from the December 2023 Face-to Face Meeting for the Purebred Proposal from the committee. Kim Veal seconds. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Dan Elliott, Leah Maertens, Gage***

*Taylor, Chuck Fitzwater, Cameron Drew, Lauren Green, Kim Veal, Brad Mackey, Mike Reis, Casey McClain, Ken Baty, Sam Knott. No: Rosalinda Vizina. Motion Passes.*

***Brad Mackey makes the motion to send this back to committee to fine tune all of the details of the Purebred proposal. Chuck Fitzwater seconds. Voice vote. Motion Passes.***

***Ken Baty makes the motion to add Lauren Green and Gage Taylor to the Purebred committee. Leah Maertens seconds. Voice Vote. Rosalinda Vizina abstains. Motion Passes.***

Purebred Committee: Sam Knott, Rosalinda Vizina, Mike Reis, Katherine Klug, Cameron Drew, Gage Taylor and Lauren Green.

Sam Knott ask the Board of Directors to send all concerns and inquiries to him from the membership on the Purebred proposal to be collected for the committee to review.

### **Junior Regional Shows and new JABGA Point Series**

Discussion concerning the confusion around the Regional Program and the new JABGA points program.

Regional Series Discussion Points.

- There will no longer be Show Secretaries for the regional shows. There will only be a chair person in the area region. All of the regional shows are coming in-house to be ran by the ABGA in order to prevent show secretaries from taking on the liability of the show.
- Juniors can go to multiple super regionals and can earn points in both regions, but can only carry a max point total of 40 to Nationals. This is not a change and is currently in the regional show rules.
- Some of the Board members did not realize that all of the regionals that are on the books were scheduled in the spring only.
- It was asked if the JABGA board was involved in this decision and this answer was, yes. The JABGA board asked for changes in July and to have them sanctioned by the ABGA in order to put some consistency in how each regional is ran.
- Is there a challenge bringing this in-house with the raising of funds for the shows? There are sponsors that the JABGA currently goes to for funds and it will also bring some consistency in fund-raising.
- Bringing the Regional series into the responsibility of the ABGA standardizes when entries are open, how they are ran, and standardizing fundraising.

JABGA Point Series Discussion Points

- Any Sanctioned show can sanction a JABGA show.
- The juniors can earn points in this series separate from the Regional program.

Do we need to do a FAQ or Flow Chart to explain the path of the two programs?

Leah Maertens left the call at 7:20pm CST.

There is still time to spread the Regionals out to the spring and the fall. Hannah stated that they will look at spreading the Regionals in the spring and the fall.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Baty at 7:39pm CST. Seconded by Lauren Green. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Respectfully,  
Kim Morgan  
ABGA Secretary