

# AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

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## **ABGA Board of Directors Meeting March 6 , 2001 Conference Call**

President David Carter called the meeting to order and called role. Those Board Members present included: Daryle Coates, Sharon Holman, Matt Brown, Pete Warlick, John Edwards, Tim Whatley, George Bradshaw, Patricia Parson, and Jerri McDonald. Guests included Bruce Lott (ABGA Executive Director).

### **Approve Minutes**

**Coates moved to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2001, meeting as presented; Whatley seconded; passed unanimously.**

### **Review Regional Boundaries**

The current boundaries and director positions were discussed. Carter asked Coates to review his (Coates') proposed regional realignment. Coates reported he was withdrawing his proposal and **moved that the boundaries remain as they currently are; Holman seconded;** discussion followed. McDonald questioned the possibility of removing Tennessee and adding Virginia to region 9. Parson asked about adding Tennessee to region 8 to allow that region (8) to keep 2 directors. Carter's proposal was then discussed. **Holman called the question; passed unanimously. Voting then took place on the main motion. Yes – Coates, Holman, Brown, Whatley, and Bradshaw; No – McDonald, Parson, Edwards, Warlick; motion passed 5-4.**

### **Committee Reports**

**National Show** – Coates reviewed the Executive Committee decision and reported on the show personnel choices and sponsorships to date.

**National Show Rules** – Brown reviewed the rules as accepted

by the Executive Committee. The microchip id was discussed. Clarification was requested and made to the paragraph concerning identification. **Holman moved to approve the rules as amended; McDonald seconded; passed unanimously.**

**Judges** – Coates reported on the refusal of Coni Ross request to be an approved judge. Coates reviewed the training school schedule; Level I schools being in Iowa, Georgetown (TX), California, Ozona (TX) and North Carolina; Level II schools in Langston (OK), Kentucky and Eldorado (TX); Fasttrack in Stephenville (TX).

McDonald discussed her proposal of holding schools with the American judges teaching the schools. Coates pointed out and reviewed the standing motion at each Annual Membership meeting that states that each year the South African judges are asked to judge the National Show, they also teach the training schools.

### **Executive Director Report**

Lott reviewed the following:

#### **▣ SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW**

- RANCHERS LAMB - Harvested 4 wethers at Ranchers Lamb, Inc., on February 1 (opening day of new fabrication facility). Coordinated schedule so these were the first animals fabricated in new facility. Photos and news release to follow after approval of Ranchers Lamb. Visited with Wayne Snyder about development of a "generic goat meat name" for product and packaging.
- COOKING WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) - Cooked the 4 wethers with Brad Roeder (TDA) as part of "World of Agriculture" exhibit at stock show. Passed out samples and demonstrated different cooking methods. Also made product available to International guests. Photos and news release to follow.
- INTERNATIONAL ROOM - Several contacts made through TDA and TAMU (Tony Hinojosa). Request to work on joint effort with Hinojosa and Jim Beale (Rio Grande Show) to develop Boer Goat show in Mercedes, TX, and market to Mexican interests. Some

International guests toured the barn while our goats were at the show.

#### ▣ HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

- \*INTERNATIONAL ROOM - Extremely large attendance at this event. Lott was there for first 5 days of the 12-day event; covered the highest-volume time of International visitors.
- \*Had numerous contacts with visitors from:
  - Mexico
  - Guatemala
  - Dominican Republic
  - Philippines
  - Brazil
  - Chile
  - Argentina
  - Australia
  - Canada
  - US and others.
- Worked with TDA to coordinate visits with breeders on ABGA International Marketing List.
- Know that Mexico, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Philippines representatives contacted and/or visited breeders and have deals in process. While some were looking for live animal purchase, many wanted to purchase semen/embryos.

▣ Schedule for staff at the San Angelo Stock Show

▣ Development of policy book and time clock installation

▣ Executive Committee decision to not pay director travel to National Show and Annual Membership meeting

▣ International BGA, Inc., changing their policy on acceptance of papers from The IBGA. This allows them to co-sanction shows and requests have already been received.

#### **Items Submitted**

Lott reported on Simpton's request for ABGA to cooperate with the AMGA to encourage the major stock shows to include more meat goats (wethers) in their premium sales. The Board felt any efforts in this area would benefit ABGA members and

directed Lott to pursue the issue.

Lott reviewed the letter submitted concerning registration of offspring from percentage bucks as it was forwarded by Masters. Lott to reinforce the Rules of Registration to the individual submitting the letter.

### **Other Business**

Lott reviewed the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Association (TSGRA) meeting in March. Lott noted it overlapped with the scheduled visit with the Chile group.

### **Adjournment**

**Holman moved to adjourn; McDonald seconded; passed unanimously.**

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