

Board of Directors Meeting

Jan 26, 2002 San Angelo, Texas

President Pete Warlick called the meeting to order and called role. Those Board Members present included: Daryle Coates, Matt Brown, John Edwards, Tim Whatley, Patricia Parson, Russ Cooper, Bob Duke, J.R. Patterson, David Carter, Joanne Miner and Susan Ballard-Cook. Guests included Beverly Hadley, Eddie Thomas, Billye Viner, Jackie Edwards, Ann Giardini, Jack Dean, Warren Cude, Richard Palmer, Mike Masters, Barney Fowler, Terry Blair, M D Shurley, Nancy Stegall, Judy Stegall, Paula Harmon (ABGA Office Manager) and Bruce Lott (ABGA Executive Director).

Guest comments are included when they pertain to a specific topic.

APPROVE MINUTES

Parsons asked for clarification of Board approval of ads. Board noted they wanted to approve ads. Coates noted the minutes directed Warlick and Edwards to write letter of reprimand to Cook for all Board members to sign and he hadn't received it yet. Edwards stated he and Warlick would write the letter and each could sign it before they left the meeting. Brown noted that Bryan Edmiston was not a "Dr." as contained in the minutes. **Coates moved to accept the minutes with the removal of "Dr." title for Edmiston; Whatley seconded; passed unanimously.**

ABGA MAGAZINE

Warlick noted questions received concerning timeliness of the magazine. Viner (editor) noted the deadlines of each issue was set-up to allow the National Show results in the most timely issue. Viner reviewed the events that can or have slowed the production of past issues. Coates suggested a monthly

newsletter and one annual issue of the magazine. The income and billing of ads was reviewed. J. Stegall (office staff) noted several ad billings that have been returned from members saying they haven't advertised or had already paid. Viner requested the list of those to be sent from Stegall. Warlick asked Lott, as Magazine Committee chairman, what the committee had done to help Viner. Lott noted that the Committee's responsibility is to help get articles and that the committee had no publication or advertising responsibilities. The possibility of a special issue with only the National Show results was discussed. Nancy Stegall was asked if she would serve on the Magazine Committee. **Cook moved for Viner to take whatever measures necessary to get the publication in the member's hands on the first day of the earliest month listed on the cover, effective April 1; Patterson seconded; Yes – Edwards, Carter, Brown, Whatley, Parson, Duke, Patterson, Cook; No – Coates, Cooper; passed 8-2.**

DATE/LOCATION OF ANNUAL MEETING

Edwards noted that the Directors terms, as outlined in the Bylaws, dictate the Annual Meeting be held with the National Show. Different schedules were discussed. **Edwards moved to hold the 2002 Annual Meeting on Friday, June 7, one hour following the conclusion of the Open Percentage Doe show; Patterson seconded; Yes – Edwards, Coates, Carter, Brown, Parson, Duke, Patterson, Miner; No – Whatley, Cooper, Cook; passed 8-3.**

REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

Lott noted that with the current boundaries and formula, Region 10 was the only region qualifying for 2 directors. Coates stated he didn't see a need to change the current set-up. Cooper felt the breeders in the outlying areas needed more representation. After discussion, **Patterson moved to leave the boundaries and formula as it is; Coates seconded.** After further discussion, **Coates called the question; Patterson seconded; Yes – Edwards, Coates, Brown, Parson, Patterson, Miner, Whatley; No – Carter, Cooper, Duke, Cook; passed 7-4.** Voting on the main motion then took place; **Yes – Coates, Brown, Patterson, Miner, Whatley; No – Edwards, Carter, Parson, Cooper, Duke, Cook; failed 5-6.** **Duke moved to arrange region 10 splitting it such that WI, MI, IL, KY and IN were in one region (13) and the rest stay as region 10; Cook seconded; Yes – Miner, Duke, Cook; No – Edwards,**

Coates, Carter, Brown, Whatley, Parson, Patterson, Cooper; failed 3-8. After review, **Edwards moved to accept Carter's proposal (as shown below); Parson seconded;** Coates noted he would like to see the Board leave the boundaries as they are and would like to see the Board stand behind that decision. He also noted that he felt this change could add \$20,000 in annual expense to ABGA for travelling to meetings. Voting on the main motion then occurred; **Yes – Edwards, Carter, Parson, Cooper, Miner, Cook; No – Coates, Brown, Whatley, Patterson, Duke; passed 6-5.**

PROPOSED REGIONAL BOUNDARIES

REGION 1- 6

TEXAS (NO CHANGES TO CURRENT)

REGION 7

OK

KS

NE

CO

NM

REGION 8

FL

GA

AL

REGION 9

NC

SC

VA

REGION 10

WV

KY

OH

MI

IN

REGION 11

OR

WA

MN

ID

WY

MT
ND
SD
WI
AK

REGION 12

CA
AZ
NV
UT
HI
FOREIGN

REGION 13

PA
MD
RI
CT
DE
MA
NY
ME
NH
VT
NJ

REGION 14

TN
MO
IL
IA

REGION 15

AR
LA
MS

BREED STANDARDS

Lott noted he had received several emails concerning this topic and passed out copies of such. Eddie Thomas stated he felt the Board has a lack of communication with the members concerning these changes. Cook questioned why the membership got to vote on acceptance of the South African standards at the 2001 Annual Meeting, but the members didn't

get to vote on these changes. **Whatley moved to rescind the action to adopt the changes to the breed standards and ennoblement criteria; Coates seconded.** Edwards questioned the status of the inspections done under the new standards and noted the committee was working on clarification of some points, including sketches to define the various points addressed in each area. Edwards reported the expense of these sketches would be paid by the Breed Standards committee members. Lott stated the office would refund the additional inspection fees under the new criteria and any goats failing inspection under the new criteria would be returned to “never presented” status. Coates stated he felt the changes were accepted at the end of a long day without enough time to study the changes and that it was a disservice to the members to change them so quickly. Warren Cude noted he felt the members were not aware of the changes and that the members at the Annual Meeting should decide. It was noted by several members that they didn’t feel the color criteria was correctly written. Duke stated he felt the implementation date should be postponed with a possible comment time available for the members. **The motion passed unanimously.** Edwards noted the committee had formulated some percentage goat standards. But, since the others were rescinded, the percentage standards will be held for review at a later date along with the others.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Warlick moved the Board into Executive Session with Rob Junell. After privileged discussion, the Board came out of Executive Session.

NATIONAL SHOW RULES

Brown reviewed the rules booklet. Edwards noted there needed to be an added section stating trim chutes would be located in a designated area. Coates questioned the convenience to the exhibitors to prepare animals in an area not close to their pen. Coates also stated he felt the proposed pen allocations and requirement to purchase additional pens for tack was not right. **Coates moved not to accept the rules as presented; Whatley seconded; passed unanimously.** Richard Parmer noted that Cude, Masters and himself were going to Monroe Monday to see the facilities. After discussion of various rules, **Brown moved to accept the rules with the changes to (1) eliminate the charge for additional pens, (2) additional space will be**

allocated for pairs, adult and recip animals, (3) one pen will be allocated per exhibitor for tack and grooming, (4) fitters should request additional space on the entry form; Miner seconded; passed unanimously. After further discussion, Brown moved to add that no hay will be allowed in the barn; Whatley seconded; Yes – Edwards, Parson, Patterson, Whatley, Brown, Cooper, Duke, Miner, Cook, Carter, McDonald; No – Coates; passed 11-1.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Jerri McDonald joined the meeting via conference call at this point. Coates questioned the fairness of allowing some to attend the meeting via conference call while others travel to the site for a face-to-face meeting. Cooper stated he felt the directors were elected to represent the members and should attend the meetings. Cook questioned the exception of extreme circumstances. Carter moved that all meetings be held either all in person or all on conference call; Cooper seconded; Yes – Edwards, Coates, Parson, Patterson, Whatley, Brown, Cooper, Duke, Miner, Carter; No – Cook; Abstain – McDonald; passed 10-1-1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws – McDonald noted the committee would meet on January 30 to discuss some proposed changes submitted by members. She reviewed the proposed change that was in the Board pack concerning staggering the terms for directors that could be voted on today. Coates moved to send the proposal back to the committee since the regional boundaries have been redrawn; Edwards seconded; passed unanimously.

Regional Sales – Lott reviewed the committee recommended guidelines for proposed ABGA Approved Sales. The Board felt there was a possibility for too much liability to ABGA and took no action on the guidelines.

Sanctioned Shows – Patterson reviewed possible class break options. He requested a mandatory class break for all shows on a 3-month schedule for the animals less than 12 months of age and to give a Junior, Yearling and Senior Championship. Coates stated he didn't want the Board to dictate class breaks to a show host. Warlick pointed out the breaks listed are suggestions and it is so noted in the rules. Patterson moved to revise the class breaks for all sanctioned shows to be on a 3-

month schedule as in the National Show; motion failed for lack of a second.

Lott was directed to include other class break options in the rules and make the statement concerning these as suggestions very evident.

National Show – Cude reported the following:

Holiday Inn would be the host hotel at a room rate of \$59 and a comp rate of 1 room per 50 picked up. Harmon was directed to get information from other hotels if the Holiday Inn was not participating in the \$5 per room per night rebate.

Awards would be the same as the previous year.

Show committee and officials would have vests for easy recognition.

Arena will be packed dirt.

Shavings are quoted at \$5 per bag and other options are being investigated.

A local Block & Bridle club will supply labor for a \$1000 donation.

The committee recommends Cude as Superintendent and Masters as Assistant Superintendent.

Cude was supplying radios for communication.

Security will be onsite each night (Wednesday-Sunday) and during the day Thursday.

All sponsorships will be sold at a rate of \$500.

Vendor spaces will be \$150 for a 10X10, as previous year.

The committee recommends Parks Tucker as the Announcer and Parliamentarian.

A photographer using digital equipment was discussed. It was noted the committee needed to verify compatibility of these photos with *The Boer Goat* requirements.

The facility will provide cleanup during the duration to keep sponsor areas clean.

Duke moved to accept Warren Cude as Superintendent and Mike Masters as Assistant Superintendent; Edwards seconded; passed unanimously.

Cude and Masters noted any money to be paid to them as Superintendents should be used elsewhere, such as contract labor.

Cooper moved to accept the committee report as given; Coates seconded; passed unanimously.

Judges – Warlick reported the committee would like to see more Fasttracks or all-inclusive Judges Training schools. It was noted that there were requests for a school in Mills County (TX) and Orangeburg (SC) for a Level II. McDonald reported

20 people wanting a Level II in her area. Coates reported that the South Africans putting on the schools last year felt there should be less practice and more testing in the Fastrack school. MD Shurley suggested a judge's symposium of the currently approved judges, with each judge attending every 2-3 years. Terry Blair noted he felt the judge's should meet and discuss what they think the standards mean. The possibility of an "apprentice" program for new judges was discussed. Edwards noted he felt the Boer Goat 101 could replace the Level I school. Coates noted the Boer Goat 101 was not approved in its final format. **Coates moved for the Judges Committee to request response from the members to formulate the dates and locations for the schools and report at the next Board meeting; Brown seconded; passed unanimously.**

Protocol – Whatley noted he talked with the Texas Animal Health Commission and they reported an enrollment of 659 sheep/goat breeders in the scrapie program. Lott reviewed the meeting with Dr. Diane Sutton from the USDA-APHIS office, where Sutton reviewed the program, answered questions and reported the status and possible re-opening of the goat comment period to revisit the goat requirements.

Certificate – Whatley reviewed the method of including the inspection status on the papers. Hadley reported the possibility of the inspectors using a self-inking stamp they would put on the papers, indicating pass/fail, date and inspectors initials. **Edwards moved to accept the use of stamps for the inspectors, to include Pass/Fail designation, date and inspectors initials; Miner seconded; passed unanimously.**

ABGA P/R Work – Miner noted an official representative was requested at some events and asked about Lott's responsibilities. Several Board members felt the Director's and members in the areas could handle much of this work. It was noted this could be difficult if the director is also exhibiting in the show. Brown noted that with the large number of events and continued growth, it may soon become another full-time job for someone to attend events and promote. It was felt by some that Lott should be in new areas putting on educational programs and recruiting, while others felt he should remain in the office.

Timely Approval of Minutes – Miner discussed the possibility of approving minutes quicker. **Lott was directed to send the**

minutes to the Board within 10 days after the meeting and the Board should respond within 10 days with their approval/disapproval. If any disapproval returns, a conference call would be held 10 days later to correct/approve the minutes.

Absentee Form – Coates reviewed and **moved to accept the absentee form as presented and for it to be included in the ABGA Policy Book to be used by each employee; Cook seconded; passed unanimously.**

Budget – Coates discussed the importance of adhering to the budget. **Coates moved that ABGA never exceed a budgeted expense line item without Board or Executive Committee approval beforehand; Duke seconded; passed unanimously.**

2003 National Show – Miner asked about the possibility of announcing the 2003 National Show site at the 2002 National Show. Warlick noted proposals could be brought in time for review.

Origin of Boer Goat – McDonald reviewed the information she received concerning a member stating they received incorrect information from the office on a phone call about the % SA in an animal &/or its status as a Fullblood. Patterson noted he saw an email message Lott sent to another inquiry and the information in the message was correct. Lott noted that the information for members to determine this can be found on the FAQ section of the website and each staff member has it by their phone.

OTHER BUSINESS

Warlick noted the Follis paperwork addressed in the previous meeting was corrected.

Warlick addressed animal name changes on papers. The current Rules of Registration were reviewed.

Coates asked about the inclusion of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers information in the ABGA member renewal packets.

The Board directed Harmon to get those brochures and include them in the mailout.

Cook noted the Promotion Committee wanted National Show ads to be placed in regional publications.

Duke reported the Junior advisory committee met. They are encouraging the Juniors to investigate satellite groups to coordinate events. Miner stated CA was having 4 Junior events

and she would ask JABGA for funding. Several Board members felt state junior associations may be helpful. Harmon noted a request from the Mills County show for ABGA to handle the books for their show and MCMGA will pay expenses. Other requests are to be approved by the Executive Committee.

Lott reported a request from Houston Livestock Show to investigate a possible Junior show at the 2003 event, and a consignment futurity sale. **Lott was directed to inform the Houston Show that ABGA was interested in pursuing both.** Coates inquired about the correction of Schafer's membership. It was noted that the office was planning to change the original joining date on all those when the renewal packets were done. Lott was directed to correct the Schafer membership now and others as they may come in later.

ADJOURN

Duke moved to adjourn; Coates seconded; passed unanimously.

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