

**ABGA Face to Face Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott
Columbus, OH
July 21-22, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Westfall at 8:05 am on July 21, 2017.

Cindy Westfall appointed Susan Burner as interim Secretary until the elections are complete.

Cindy Westfall appointed Clark Huinker as the Region 3 director. Dawn Steward moved to accept the appointment. Sara Davis seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed

Roll call was taken with 17 directors, 2 staff and 6 guests present.

Present:

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| Region 1 Kimberly Liefer | Region 2 Scott Pruett |
| Region 3 Clark Huinker | Region 4 Jeremy Church |
| Region 5 Kenny Elwood | Region 6 Paul Grafe |
| Region 7 Dawn Steward | Region 8 Robert Washington |
| 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 |
| President Cindy Westfall | |

Guests: Ken Beatty, Sheila Wetherell, Tara Burner, Doug Goodwin, Karen Washington, Kim Terry

Staff: Mary Ellen Villarreal, Lary Duncan

Board members were introduced.

Election of Officers was held.

President: Dawn Steward nominated Paul Grafe
Jesse Cornelius nominated Robert Washington
Kim Morgan nominated Deric Wetherell
Scott Pruett moved to cease nominations. Seconded by Sara Davis. Voice vote.
Motion passed.
Deric Wetherell was elected President
Cindy Westfall moved to Immediate Past President.

V. President: Jesse Cornelius nominated Robert Washington
Kimberly Liefer nominated Paul Grafe

Scott Pruett moved to cease nominations. Seconded by Clark Huinker. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Robert Washington was elected Vice President.

Treasurer: Dawn Steward nominated Paul Grafe. Paul respectfully Declined.
Josh Stephans nominated Denise Crabtree.
Robert Washington moved the nominations cease. Kim Morgan seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.
Denise Crabtree was elected by acclamation.

Secretary: Dawn Steward nominated Susan Burner.
Robert Washington moved the nominations cease. Jesse Cornelius seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.
Susan Burner was elected by acclamation.

Executive Committee:

The President, Vice President, and Immediate Past President are automatically on the executive committee. Nominations were held for 4 additional members.

Robert Washington nominated Jesse Cornelius.

Kathy Daves-Carr nominated Dawn Steward.

Clark Huinker nominated Jeremy Church.

Robert Washington nominated Scott Pruett.

Kimberly Liefer nominated herself.

Robert Washington moved the nominations cease. Josh Stephans seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Jesse Cornelius, Jeremy Church, Scott Pruett and Kimberly Liefer are elected to the executive committee.

Approval of Minutes:

Robert Washington moved to accept the May 30, 2017 minutes. Jeremy Church seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

A correction was made to Aaron Gillespie's name in the 6/15/17 General Membership meeting minutes. Robert moved to accept General Membership Minutes as corrected. Kimberly Liefer seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Financial Reports:

Lary Duncan presented the reports to the board. The board reviewed the Profit and Loss from the 2017 National Show, history of year end net assets, registration and transfer totals, membership numbers

Discussion on the distribution of financial reports. Directive to publish the 2016 audited Balance Sheet in the magazine. The magazine will also include registration and membership numbers to date in each issue.

Meeting went on break at 9:05 am.

Meeting resumed at 9:20 am.

National Show: 2018 Show date is June 9 – June 16, 2018.

Lary Duncan presented the comparison data from National shows for 2005 – 2017.

Placing Card:

Board members discussed the concerns about using the placing card system. There was a lack of excitement, too much down time for tabulating scores, animals placing low in class after being placed high for 1-2 judge, judges not conferring, and animals being missed on faults. A survey will be developed and sent out to all members for use of placing card system in the future.

Judge Selection:

Discussion on how the judges for National Show are selected. Advantages of using a team formed by the judges was discussed.

Referred to Judges Selection Committee to develop ideas.

Show Ambassador:

To be utilized for assisting with award distribution. Referred to committee.

Bred and Owned:

Determine how many goats are being given awards. The wording needs clarified in premium list.

National Show Rules:

Dates have been changed. Board to review and note any changes needed. Discussion held on artificial coloring, wording for interpretation of rules, adding class numbers and order to the show rules.

Robert Washington moves to set the date for all JABGA transfers to be in ABGA office by 11:59 pm on May 14, 2018 CST. Jesse Cornelius seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Discussion on JABGA exhibitors needing another exhibitor to show at Nationals due to medical condition.

2019 National Show Location:

Committee has looked into alternate locations. Several have no A/C, not enough pens, or are already booked with previous shows. There are some new facilities being built in CO, KS and OK that might meet our needs for 2020. Lary Duncan is contacting Chickasha for more information to report after lunch.

National Show Refund:

A request from Mike Reis to refund the show entries or a credit to his account. Discussion held. No action taken.

Break for lunch at 11:58 am.
Meeting resumed at 1:00 pm.

National Show location:

Lary Duncan reported on the information from Chickasha, OK.

Jesse Cornelius moved to finalize the Grand Island bid for 2019 and explore the options for 2020 and beyond. Scott Pruett seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

The JABGA board joined the meeting at 1:35 pm.

Suggestions for offering an alternative award for the class buckles. Also announcing the Ennoblements throughout the show versus the banquet, offering pre-show drug tests.

There were no positive drug tests at the 2017 National Show.

JABGA Regional Show Proposal:

Cindy Westfall explained the new proposal. Doug Goodwin explained the sponsor part of the proposal.

The JABGA board exited the meeting at 2:20 pm.

Susan Burner moved to provide the financial support of \$32,000 to the JABGA for the implementation of the 2018 Regional Show program, pending approval of the program. Kenny Elwood seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recessed at 3:13 pm.

Meeting resumed at 3:31 pm.

JABGA Age:

Cindy Westfall reported on her meeting with the JABGA Board about changing the age requirement to 21. Age is being requested by the sponsors for the new regional program. It would also give leadership experience for the younger members. Referred to Bylaws committee.

Breed Standards:

Letters from members about pigment, teats and bite were presented. Referred to Breed Standards Committee.

Judges:

Several concerns were shared. JABGA judges present during the judges' roundtable with the ABGA judges in the room, judge's behavior toward exhibitors and judge's appearance, and exhibitor's actions toward judges. Discussion of judges not being paid by shows. Concerns should be directed to the office for further evaluation.

2018 Judge's Certification Course:

Lary Duncan discussed location and time for next course. Mid-West around the end of June was suggested.

Class Breakdown:

Discussion on the junior division classes and how to make smaller class counts at Nationals.

All directors signed and returned the Conflict of Interest.

New Board Pictures to be done in the morning.

Meeting recessed at 5:06 pm until 8 am Saturday.

Meeting resumed 8:02 am on Saturday, July 22, 2017.

JABGA Region 4 Show:

Susan Burner move that the SGPA Showin Down South be awarded the JABGA Region 4 show on September 9 in Pendleton, SC. Kimberly Liefer seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Mini-Nationals ABGA Shows:

Susan Burner provided information on having an ABGA show in sections of the country that would pay class placings and buckles similar to the JABGA regional show program.

Member Education Conference:

Jesse Cornelius shared desire to have an educational conference for members to gain knowledge of breed standards, policies and general information. Idea was given to use Facebook Live to share information on selected topics.

Kathy Daves-Carr shared the opportunity for several education seminars in conjunction with the September show in SC. The possibility of reaching out to associations to become affiliates and hosting seminars for the members was discussed. It was referred to the Education Committee.

Goat Checkoff:

Kenny Elwood discussed the possibility of establishing a goat check-off program.

Member Concerns:

The board discussed options for members to share concerns. Members can email directors using the emails on the directory, or contact the ABGA office.

Education Page Proposal:

American Goat Federation is requesting permission to post the education articles on their site. This would give the ABGA the means to share many educational topics that are important to

members. Sara Davis moved to allow AGF to host the educational articles compiled by ABGA. Jesse Cornelius seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 9:00 am.

Meeting resumes at 9:23 am.

Electronic transfers:

Lary Duncan updated the board on the status of electronic transfers. The seller must complete the transfer in the ABGA online system. No original would be required to be returned to the office, and it would become inactive.

Scott Pruett moves the electronic transfer be made available as soon as the process is available.

Kenny Elwood seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting enters closed session at 9:38 am to discuss domestic registries and semen rules.

Meeting exits closed session at 10:05 am.

Registrations:

Requests by members to add pedigree to U bucks. Sara Davis moves that pending programming changes, we allow registrations of offspring sired by a record of pedigree buck with actual percentages calculated and pedigree documented. Minimum percentages recognized for registration will be 25% for does and 50% for bucks. Paul Grafe seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting recesses at 10:27 am.

Meeting resumed at 10:43 am.

Sara Davis will review all rules as necessary for needed changes to address the registration of percentages and bring back to board.

DNA cases:

Lary Duncan discussed cases currently needing approval for completion of DNA. Directive to Lary Duncan to complete the DNA as needed.

JABGA Award Names:

Lary Duncan updates the issues arising out of the Ennoblement programming for JABGA animals. Acronyms will be added to the registration papers. Directive to pursue the programming needed to complete the program.

Dam of Merit:

Lary Duncan requests that the Percentage program add a Dam of Merit program to mirror the Sire of Merit. Jesse Cornelius moved to accept the Dam of Merit proposal. Jeremy Church seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

900 Procedure:

Sara Davis reviewed the procedure that has been returned from the attorney with changes. Dawn Steward moves to pass the 900 procedure. Clark Huinker seconded. Voice vote. Motion passes.

Rules will be changed to reflect the changes.

Youth Foundation:

Cindy Westfall brought forward the issue of creating a foundation to enable corporate and individual tax-deductible donations. Discussion was held on contributions, programs supported by the foundation, monitoring of funds, makeup of the foundation board. Robert Washington moved to go forward with setting up the foundation board in charge of creating guidelines for a youth foundation. Scott Pruett seconded the motion. Jesse Cornelius moved to refer the motion to a committee to be appointed by the President. Robert Washington seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:10 pm.

Meeting resumed at 1:01 pm.

JABGA Coordinator Credit Card/ bank accounts:

Lary Duncan requests that the Junior Coordinator have a credit card. Jesse Cornelius moves that the Youth Coordinator have a credit card for official use only. Clark Huinker seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Sara Davis moves that the signature on all bank accounts be updated to reflect Lary Duncan, Mary Ellen Villarreal, Sonia Cervantez, Deric Wetherell and Denise Crabtree. Paul Grafe seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Equipment review:

Lary Duncan reported that there will be a need for equipment updates in the office. This will be referred to a committee.

Website and Magazine:

Dawn Steward shared concerns about the website being updated when the fine or action has been completed.

Magazine was discussed. The publication is scheduled for 4 times per year. Editor duties, advertising, website content and multiple issues were discussed.

Meeting goes into closed session at 1:30 pm to discuss OBGA Spring Classic/Silver Series Show.

Meeting exits closed session at 1:41 pm.

OBGA:

Clark Huinker moved to award the points for Percentage and Fullblood doe classes at OBGA Spring Classic/Silver Series Show 3 held on April 23, 2017. Seconded by Jesse Cornelius. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Meeting enters closed session at 1:48 pm to discuss office staff.
Meeting exits closed session at 2:32 pm.

Meeting recessed at 2:33 pm.
Meeting resumes at 2:42 pm.

National Class Breakdown:

Jesse Cornelius moved to refer the class breakdown to committee. Kenny Elwood seconded.
Voice vote. Motion passed.

Judges Course:

Sara Davis moved to allow Lary Duncan to investigate options for location and date for the 2018 Judges Certification Class. Robert Washington seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Member Concerns:

Denise Crabtree presented a concern from a member in reference to judges and shows. Board discussed and Denise Crabtree will reply to the member.

Josh Stephans presented a concern from a member in reference to minutes and agendas. The board was reminded to have any topics to the office in time to have an agenda posted in a reasonable time prior to the meetings. Discussion about directors replying to members in reference to concerns.

Minutes will be sent by email for approval so they can be approved and posted in a timely manner.

Committees:

Deric Wetherell reviewed the 2017-2018 committees and chairs. The committees will be posted on the website, Facebook and an email blast to request members wishing to serve to volunteer.

Breed Improvement and Research – Sara Davis
Breed Standards - Kathy Daves-Carr, Sara Davis
Building - Paul Grafe, Denise Crabtree
Judges – Jesse Cornelius
Judges Certification – Jeremy Church
Member Services/Education – Kim Morgan
National Show Committee – Cindy Westfall, Tracey Diefenbach
Public Relations – Clark Huinker, Dawn Steward
Sanctioned Show Committee – Josh Stephans, Kenny Elwood
Youth Committee – Kathy Daves-Carr, Kimberly Liefer
Ambassador – Kimberly Liefer
National Show Judge Selection – Scott Pruett
Youth Foundation – Cindy Westfall

Equipment Committee – Sara Davis
Bylaws – Susan Burner

Next Meeting is conference call on August 15 at 7 pm CST.

Next Face to Face meeting is December 8-9, 2017 in Las Vegas or Denver.

Deric Wetherell shared a short thought. He reminded everyone to be positive as we go forward.

Josh Stephans moved to adjourn at 3:18 pm. Dawn Steward seconded the motion. Voice vote.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burner
Secretary