



**American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors
Conference Call Meeting
April 3, 2008
7:00 pm**

- I. The meeting was called to order by President John Jones.

Present:

Jan Carlson	Troy Veal
Carrie Boyer	John Morrow
Jamie Mitchell	Coni Ross
Debra Borden	Peggy Taylor
Tony Brazil	

Staff: Robert Swize

- II. Approval of Minutes

Peggy Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Conference Call meeting of February 12, 2008. Jamie Mitchell second. Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED

Director Tony Brazil abstained from this vote as he was not present at this meeting,

John Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Conference Call meeting of February 27, 2008. Troy Veal second. Voice Vote
MOTION PASSED

Director Coni Ross abstained from this vote due to having been excused from this meeting.

Director Tony Brazil abstained from this vote as he was not present at this meeting.

- III. Agenda Item regarding director e-mail issue:

The Board was called into executive session to hear a letter written to the Board of Directors. Director Coni Ross stated that since the discussion centered around her she requested any discussion be held in open session.

The Board came out of executive session. Director Tony Brazil expressed a desire to hear from Director Coni Ross since he had not been a part of previous discussions on the issue. Director Coni Ross answered questions posed by the Board as well as presented her explanation of the events surrounding this issue.

The Board returned to executive session to hear the original e-mail.

The Board returned to open session. In answer to some questions regarding insurance of the association President John Jones advised the Board that Attorney John Mark Hogg had informed him that liability to the association was non-existent since the issue had not been an official action of the Board or the association.

Debra Borden moved, based upon the original e-mail remaining in public for several days, a second e-mail being cited, and in her opinion directors should be held to a higher

level than members, that Director Coni Ross be removed from the Board of Directors without cause. Jan Carlson second.

During discussion of the motion the number of votes constituting a 2/3 majority of the whole board came into question. President Jones relayed from Attorney Michael Spain that for purposes of constituting a whole board the president is counted in that number and that it would require 7 votes of the 10 members of the Board without President Jones voting.

Debra Borden rescinded her motion before a vote was taken.

Jan Carlson moved to table the agenda item pending clarification by Attorney Michael Spain of 2 points - the number of votes required of the 10 members of the whole board and whether or not Director Coni Ross could vote on her behalf, with such a clarification requested in writing by Directors Carrie Boyer and Jamie Mitchell. Carrie Boyer second
Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

President Jones will contact Attorney Michael Spain for the above requested information.

IV. Copier for the ABGA office:

Debra Borden moved to authorize leasing of a new Sharp Copier for the ABGA office.
Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

V. Programming Bids

Peggy Taylor moved that no action be taken at this time on the programming bid issue.
Coni Ross second.

Voice Vote

MOTION PASSED Unanimously

VI. New programming to display points earned by animals on the ABGA On-Line Program.

A discussion of this issue and its' cost of \$1,250.00 to implement took place. The Board requested more information and a printed view of how the points will be displayed through a new program. Such information is to be mailed to the Board from the office.

VII. Sire of Merit program

Peggy Taylor withdrew this program from funding consideration pending the review and possible implementation of the new points display program...Estimated cost to implement this program is \$1,500.00.

VIII. Ennoblement issue of Traditional versus Non-Traditional:

Several directors have received communication on this issue from both sides. The Board engaged in discussion of the issue but feel it requires further discussion. Director Peggy Taylor suggested that it be put out for member comment before any decision is made.

IX. Request for Educational Seminar in Region 3;

President John Jones is to contact Region 3 in regards to this previous request for an educational seminar.

X. Sanctioned Show Classes and Points:

The class structure and new point system were approved by a full board in May 2007 to go into effect on January 1, 2008. The original point change was to be effective July 1, 2007 but in the interest of ease of implementation was delayed until January 1, 2008 to go into effect at the same time as the new class structure. Some "major" shows already set with premium books do not offer division championship classes. Some of the "major" shows which have been contacted, and where they could, have adjusted their show classes to accommodate the division championships. President Jones will meet with the Sanction Show Committee and formulate a letter to be sent to the major shows sanctioned by ABGA explaining implementation of the class structure and new point system, urging them to adjust for the division championships.

XI. National Goat Council

The National Goat Council is a subsection of ASI (American Sheep) that relates to the goat industry. This group wants an organization outside the ASI that would represent the goat industry. Executive Director Robert Swize presented an outline with the hope being to establish the American Goat Federation which would include dairy, meat, and fiber parts of the industry. The intent is producers could get their concerns heard at the national level. There would have to be a policy developed to recommend to the ASI. Yearly dues would be in the range of \$13,000.00 to \$15,000.00 yearly with all participants contributing to this fund. Initial cost to ABGA to begin setting this up is estimated at \$2,500.00 with ABGA doing a large portion of the mail outs, etc to form this group. The Board requested more in depth information which is to be sent from the office.

Peggy Taylor moved to adjourn
Troy Veal second.

The meeting adjourned