



**American Boer Goat Association
Executive Committee Meeting
July 28, 2005
9:00 am CST
Fairfield Inn & Suites
Grapevine, TX**

- I. Meeting called to order by President Bob Duke.

Roll call:

Executive Committee Members Present:

Carrie Boyer

Joe Wiley

David Edens

John Edwards

Absent:

Barney Fowler

Pete Warlick

Also present:

ABGA Secretary: Peggy Taylor

Staff: Robert Swize

Member Guests: Bill and Nikki Ryals & Jackie Edwards

- II. The ABGA Strategic Plan
Executive Director Robert Swize presented an overview and outline of the ABGA Strategic Plan as directed by the Board of Directors. Goals within that Strategic Plan were organized and grouped under status headings of: On-Going....Short Term....and Long Term. Mr. Swize suggested that a copy of the Strategic Plan outline be sent to each member in order that the membership can be familiar with the programs being pursued by the Association.
- III. National Show Premier Exhibitor Award
The controversy ensuing over the manner in which some points were awarded which determined the outcome of the Premier Exhibitor Award was discussed. The previous decision of the Executive Committee regarding the 2005 Award was protested by Bill and Nikki Ryals who were tied for Premier Exhibitor with Powell/Holman. Mr. and Mrs. Ryals felt there had been a failure of communication regarding this issue and that they had been treated unfairly. It was determined that the Executive Committee's previous decision, based on information provided concerning a similar incident in 2004, was made with incomplete information being provided and should, therefore, be re-evaluated.

At issue, were pictures used in the Boer Goat News which were related to the issue above. It was decided that the issues involved would be presented to the full Board for recommendation and resolution.

Further discussion ensued regarding what needs to be changed or strengthened in the ABGA rules regarding points and how they are awarded, the need for a tie-breaking policy, partnership goats, and guidelines for the National Show Superintendents

- IV. The Executive Committee was called into Executive Session by President Duke.

The Executive Committee returned to open session.

- V. Committee Appointments and Directives for committees were discussed, finalized, and approved.

- VI. National Show Judge Eligibility Requirements
The need for limits on National Show Judges prior to the National Show were discussed....primarily the protocol of consultation and visitation to farms immediately preceding the National Show.

The Executive Committee, after receiving several communications of concern from members, established a Sanctioned Show Committee to review guidelines for sanctioning ABGA shows.

Meeting adjourned.