



**American Boer Goat Association
Board of Directors
Conference Call Meeting
March 3, 2009
7:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7PM CST by President Troy Veal

Directors Present:

Troy Veal, President	John Edwards
Peggy Taylor, Vice President	Jamie Mitchell
Ann Giardini, Treasurer	Coni Ross
Sara Davis, Secretary	Jan Smith
Terry Brown	Chris Shaffett
Brian Faris	Joe Mueller
Rhonda Edens	John Morrow
Doug Widener	Tina Owens

Directors Absent:

Ryan Kish
Scott Wetzel

Also present: Sandy Smith, Office Manager

I. Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Coni Ross moved to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting as presented. Jan Smith seconded the motion. Voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED** with none opposed.
2. Executive Committee Update
 - a. The Executive Committee will be presenting recommendations on two items to the Board at the April meeting.
3. Judge's Certification Course Update
 - a. John Edwards and Bob Duke recommended that the Board approve Jarred Jackson and Bronc Fleming as instructors for the Spring 2009 Judges Certification School.
 - b. Terry Brown moved to accept the recommendation. Tina Owens seconded the motion. Roll call vote: **MOTION CARRIED** with 10 in favor and 5 in opposition.
 - c. The Board will review the training program used for the Judge's Certification Course at the April face to face meeting.
 - d. As of the date of this meeting, there were 27 enrolled in the course.
4. Update on Ennoblement Program
 - a. The programming required to combine the Traditional and Non-Traditional Ennoblement programs has been completed and reports are being run at this time.
 - b. An estimated 47 new Ennoblements will be awarded for the first months run as a result of combining the points from these two programs.

- II. New Business
 - 1. Approval of Director Nominations
 - a. Coni Ross moved to accept the candidates as presented. John Morrow seconded the motion. Some discussion was held regarding the possibility that two members from the same family may continue to serve on the Board concurrently. Roll call vote: **MOTION CARRIED** with 10 in favor and 5 in opposition.
 - b. The Board of Director candidates are as follows:
 - i. Region 1: Terry Brown & Justin Dean Burns
 - ii. Region 2: Ryan Kish, unopposed
 - iii. Region 4: Rhonda Edens, unopposed
 - iv. Region 5: Doug Widener, unopposed
 - v. Region 6: John Edwards, unopposed
 - vi. Region 7: James Dennie Clark, Jr., unopposed
 - vii. Region 10: Ann Giardini & Kallie Kohls York
 - viii. Region 11: Vicky Wetzel, unopposed
 - ix. Region 12: Jan Smith & Tracy Diefenbach
 - x. Region 14: Paul M. Kinslow, unopposed
 - xi. Region 15: Troy Veal, unopposed
 - 2. Streaming Video Proposal from EDJE for Face to Face Board Meetings
 - a. Brian Faris moved that, on the advice of past legal counsel and in light of the cost to the association, the Board deny funding for streaming video of meetings of the Board of Directors. Joe Mueller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: **MOTION CARRIED** with 12 in favor and 3 in opposition.
 - 3. Update on Show Ring Agreement
 - a. The Board was provided with a brief summary of the current arrangement between the ABGA and the Peterson family regarding the show ring used at the National Show. It is believed that there may not have been a legal document outlining the verbal agreement between the Petersons and the ABGA.
 - b. Coni Ross moved to authorize Troy Veal to renegotiate the contract with the Peterson family. The motion died for lack of a second.
 - c. Coni Ross moved to authorize Troy Veal to clarify the contract with the Peterson family. Peggy Taylor seconded the motion.
 - d. Peggy Taylor moved to amend the motion to clarify and renegotiate the contract. Brian Faris seconded the amended motion.
 - e. Coni Ross withdrew the motion.
 - f. Brian Faris moved to give Troy the authority to visit with the Petersons regarding the verbal agreement surrounding the show ring and clarify/renegotiate the agreement. Jamie Mitchell seconded the motion. Voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED** with none in opposition.
 - 4. Internship Application
 - a. The Board reviewed an internship application and resume from a student seeking an internship with the association. The proposed internship would encompass 10 weeks and would include clerical work in the office. The applicant is also a JABGA member.
 - b. Sandy Smith indicated that there was a need at this time for the assistance and recommended that the Board approve the application.

- c. Peggy Taylor suggested the Board consider funding one paid internship per year as a policy.
- d. Chris Shaffett moved to approve the internship request. Peggy Taylor seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED** with none in opposition.

III. Discussion

- 1. Peggy Taylor informed the Board that she had a few members with concerns about the National show come and go policy. Rhonda Edens has also heard from a few members in her region with similar concerns. The board agreed that the information has already been published and should not be amended at this time.
- 2. Troy Veal requested that Chris Shaffett have the Drug Policy proposal available for the April meeting.
- 3. Sandy Smith brought up the issue of inconsistent magazine advertising rates.
- 4. Chris Shaffett asked if hospitality passes will be available for sale. No hospitality passes will be available for purchase at the National Show.
- 5. Sara Davis requested that the guidelines used to determine Major Show Sanctioning be put on the agenda for the April meeting.
- 6. Ann Giardini has had inquiries from producers in her region who would like to participate in the B-GIN Program. At this time, the Board does not have a person responsible for inputting data, communicating with University contacts or publishing results. This would involve a relatively large assignment of resources for a member of the office staff. Without demonstrated member interest and support, the Board cannot take action on this item.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors' meeting will be a face to face meeting in Houston, TX April 3, 4 and 5, 2009.

There being no further business, Peggy Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Coni Ross seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM CST.