

ABGA Board of Directors  
Face to Face Meeting  
Dallas, TX  
March 17-18, 2017

Meeting called to order March 17, 2017 at 9:08 a.m. by President Cindy Westfall

Roll Call and Introduction

Present:

Susan Burner  
Janis Wesson  
Kim Morgan  
Kimberly Liefer  
Deric Wetherell  
Tracy Diefenbach  
Sara Davis  
Clark Huinker  
Scott Pruitt  
Dawn Steward (arrived 3/18)

Not Present:

Joe Airoso  
Brad Mackey  
Robert Washington  
Paul Grafe

Others Present:

Lary Duncan  
Mary Ellen Villarreal

Quorum present. Meeting proceeds to business.

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Susan Burner to approve Board of Directors conference call minutes from March 7, 2017.

Second to Motion by Deric Wetherell.

Voice vote. Motion Passes.

2. Introduction of newly appointed director Clark Huinker.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Breed Improvement and Research Committee – Committee looking at a grant proposal on inheritable traits on teat structures. Committee has reviewed composite and percentage buck registration, and buck tests. These topics will be addressed later in the meeting.
- b. Building – Lary Duncan reports on current building status. Building is on track with permits and bids have been received. Projected completion date in a year.

- c. Judges Continuing Education – Lary Duncan reports on the recent judges certification school and considerations for holding future certifications. Board of Directors agree to hold a 2018 School in the Midwest.

Judges Certification – Board of Directors discuss the production of the certification webinar.

Motion by Susan Burner to suspend the judge’s continuing education requirement until the online webinar is available for use.

Second to motion by Kim Morgan.

Discussion held.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Sara Davis to rescind the requirement for ABGA continuous membership for judges.

Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.

Voice Vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Deric Wetherell that if an ABGA judge has not paid their membership dues by January 1, they will be reinstated to judging 90 days from the date the dues are paid. Said motion will be retroactive effective January 1, 2017.

Second to Motion by Susan Burner.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

- d. Member Education – Kim Morgan. Committee has met and reviewed the data that had been previously compiled. Committee is making list of articles to determine which articles the committee has received written consent to publish.

Meeting recesses for break at 10:39 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 11:00 a.m.

Discussion held regarding the ability to publish articles regarding use of extra label drugs for treatment to assist with new breeder education. Lary Duncan will research the requirements for publication.

- e. Sanction show committee – review of updated procedure. Typographical error on page one, paragraph 8 to be corrected. Procedure is in final form.
- f. Public Relations Committee – Sara Davis. Committee to schedule a meeting in the near future.
- g. National Show Site – Lary Duncan. Committee reviewing proposed sites and contract requirements.

Meeting recess for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:06 p.m.

- h. National Show – Lary Duncan – Discussion held regarding using the accounting firm to calculate JABGA National Show Judge vote and changing the JABGA judge selection process. JABGA National show judge selection process will be referred to the JABGA Board of Directors for suggestions.
- i. Board of Directors review proposal for posting JABGA show results on line and JABGA Ennoblement Point program presented by Deric Wetherell.

Discussion held regarding JABGA Shows Posted Online.

Motion by Susan Burner to record all JABGA Show results effective when the programming is available in the same manner as an ABGA Sanctioned Show results are recorded. Software programming cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Second by Clark Huinker.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Susan Burner to add a JABGA Ennoblement, Sire of Merit and Doe of Excellence program to mirror the ABGA program when the programming is available. Software programming cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Second to motion by Deric Wetherell.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for break at 2:05 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 2:17 p.m.

Deric Wetherell advises that Boernanza has been cancelled and we need to replace the JABGA regional show for Area 2.

Motion by Deric Wetherell to replace Boernanza JABGA regional show with Tall Corn show.

Second to motion by Susan Burner.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

JABGA Regional Show Program – Lary Duncan. Lary Duncan presents idea to revamp the JABGA Regional Show Program to create a show program which would reduce the number of regional shows but increase the educational benefits at the shows that are offered to the participants. Program idea is referred to JABGA Board of Directors for review.

#### 4. Dixie Nationals

Discussion held regarding the use of two judges in the ring at the same time during Dixie Nationals. Consensus was rules did not prohibit. Directive to Sanction Show Committee to develop protocol.

5. Budget

Review of detailed profit and loss statements from January 2015 through February 2017.

6. Pennsylvania Buck Test

Motion by Sara Davis to approve the 2017 Pennsylvania Buck Test.  
Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for the day at 3:25 p.m.  
Meeting resumes 3/18/17 at 9:03 a.m.

7. Appointments for Director Vacancies

Motion by Deric Wetherell to appoint Clark Huinker.  
Second to Motion by Kimberly Liefer.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Deric Wetherell to appoint Jeremy Church.  
Second to Motion by Susan Burner.  
Voice vote. Motion passes, one oppose.

8. National Show

Banquet - Discussion held regarding options for banquet meal. If the Association purchases the food, Show-rite will prepare the meal. Scott Pruett will contact local FFA to determine if they would be available to assist with serving and clean-up for a donation to the chapter. Menu discussion possibilities – pork butt, chicken, slaw, beans, potato salad, bread, tea, lemonade, and variety of desserts.

Discussion held regarding options for handing out ennoblement awards. Consensus of the board to print the name of recipients on display poster to hang outside the show ring during the show and move to the silent auction area during the banquet. Recipients would pick up the certificates in the office throughout the week. The recipients would not be announced during the banquet.

Vendors – Lary Duncan has reached out to vendors for options for upcoming nationals. Vendor space will be preassigned before arrival.

Table trays – Discussion held regarding options for serving table trays. Cindy Westfall and Tracy Diefenbach will handle the preparation of the table trays.

Meeting recesses for break at 10:16 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 10:38 a.m.

Drug Testing – Discussion held regarding protocol for drug testing in 2017. Board of Directors agree that urine will be collected on the Overall and Reserve Overall Grand in Open, JABGA and JABGA bred and owned. Lary Duncan will prepare the protocol. Exhibitors may request, at their expense, that samples be taken at arrival.

#### 9. DNA Policy

Lary Duncan reports on status of DNA testing. Board of Directors discuss how to handle a situation where a resulting buck fails DNA sire verification and the buck has doe siblings.

Motion by Sara Davis:

Addition to Rule 801:

*C. Beginning January 1, 2018, DNA testing will be required for does before offspring are eligible for registration when the offspring is a result of embryo flush occurring after January 1, 2018.*

*D. All littermate siblings or any siblings resulting from the same embryo flush as an animal whose parent has been excluded through DNA marker testing will be subject to DNA parentage verification at the expense of the current owner.*

Second to Motion by Dawn Steward.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:04 p.m.

#### 10. National Show Discussion resumes

Discussion regarding playing music during the judging. Announcer will be requested to play music during the judging at the national show.

#### 11. National Sheep Improvement Program

Sara Davis advises the Board of Directors that NSIP is developing an associate membership program to allow ABGA Members to participate in the program for the collection of production data in goats. Membership would be \$100.00 a year for a member to join the program and \$2.50 to enroll a doe in the program. Once a doe is enrolled it is a lifetime enrollment. Breed Improvement Committee will review program and make recommendation to the Board.

#### 12. Registration

Sara Davis presents recommendation by the Breed Improvement Committee for registration of true percentages/composite registrations.

True percentage is recording of the true percent of boer blood.

Composite breed specified cross with another breed. The question will be presented to the membership in the upcoming survey.

### 13. Survey

Board of Directors review contents of proposed member survey. Discussion held. Survey will go out Sunday, March 19, 2017.

### 14. Store

Deric Wetherell inquires on the availability of ABGA Merchandise such as farm signs, license plates. Lary Duncan advises that he is looking to the availability of ABGA Gear. Cindy Westfall appoints Deric Wetherell to take charge of development of ABGA Store.

### 15. Membership For Fitters

Dawn Steward requests that anyone that leads a goat in the ring should be a member. Discussion held. ABGA Rules already address non-member conduct.

### 16. Drug Testing Rules

Sara Davis presents proposal to amend drug rules with a conditional use rule.

#### Rule 1400(L): Acceptable Practices and Substances

##### *ii. Conditionally Permitted Practices and Substances*

*a. Therapeutic medications given for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury are permitted if ALL of the following conditions are met:*

*i. A completed medication report on file with show management before exhibiting the animal, which must include:*

*(a) Diagnosis of illness/injury, reason for administration, and name of administering and/or prescribing veterinarian.*

*(b) Signature of veterinarian or person administering the medication. If prescribed by written instructions, a copy must be attached to the medication report.*

*(c) Identification of the medicine; the name, amount, strength and mode of administration.*

*(d) Date and time of administration.*

*(e) Identification of the animal: ABGA registration number, permanent identification (tattoo), age, sex.*

*ii. The animal must be withdrawn and kept out of competition for not less than 24 hours after the medication is administered.*

*iii. The medication report must be filed with show management within one hour of administration of the medication or one hour after show management is available, if administration occurs at a time other than during competition hours.*

- iv. *The medication report must be signed by show management and the time of receipt recorded on the report.*

Motion by Clark Huinker to accept proposal as written.  
Second to Motion by Deric Wetherell.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Rule 209 Amendment.

Rule 209: Ineligible for Registration

*D. Kids whose sire and/or dam has been excluded as a possible parent through DNA qualification or verification.*

Motion Tracy Diefenbach to accept proposal as written.  
Second to Motion by Clark Huinker.  
Voice vote. Motion Passes.

Rule 215 and 1400 F Amendment

Rule 215: ABGA Tattoo Policy

*K. Permanently implanted microchip identification will be accepted by ABGA as official identification in addition to, or in lieu of, tattoos. The owner is responsible for providing the appropriate scanning device to read any microchip used for identification purposes.*

Rule 1400(F): Tattoos

All goats must have legible tattoos consistent with the registration certificate or the animal will be disqualified. If an animal is disqualified due to illegible or inconsistent tattoos, all lower placing animals will be moved up in placement. Point winners from each class must have their tattoos read and recorded. The judge will be responsible for ensuring that tattoos are read and properly recorded. The show secretary will be responsible for recording the tattoos and informing the judge as to which point-eligible goats will need to be checked. *Permanently implanted microchip identification will be accepted by ABGA as official identification in addition to, or in lieu of, tattoos. The owner is responsible for providing the appropriate scanning device to read any microchip used for identification purposes.*

Motion by Susan Burner to accept proposal as written.  
Second to Motion by Tracy Diefenbach.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Rule 801

Rule 801: ABGA DNA Testing

- C. Parent qualification and/or parent verification will be performed on all animals submitted for DNA marker testing when required samples are on file with ABGA.*
- D. Beginning January 1, 2018, DNA testing will be required for does before offspring are eligible for registration when the offspring is a result of embryo flush occurring after January 1, 2018.*

*E. All littermate siblings or any siblings resulting from the same embryo flush as an animal whose parent has been excluded through DNA marker testing will be subject to DNA parentage verification at the expense of the current owner.*

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to accept proposal as written. .  
Second to Motion by Clark Huinker.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.

17. Rule 900

Review of proposed revisions. Board of Directors review line by line proposed updates to the Rule 900 process. Proposed changes are approved and document is referred to association counsel for review.

18. Next Face to Face Mtg

July 21 and 22 in Columbus, OH.

Deric Wetherell moves to adjourn.  
Second to Motion by Susan Burner.  
Voice vote. Motion passes.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tracy Diefenbach  
Secretary  
American Boer Goat Association