

ABGA Board of Directors Face to Face Meeting
Le Meridian
Indianapolis, IN
September 18 and 19, 2015

Meeting called to order September 18, 2015 at 8:02 a.m. by President Cindy Westfall

Roll Call

Present:

Joe Airoso
Susan Burner
Scott Pruett
Shon Callahan
Paul Morgan
Janis Wesson
Paul Grafe
Lee Dana
Dawn Steward
Tracy Diefenbach
Vicki Stich arrives 10:20 a.m.
Sara Davis arrives at 10:50 a.m.

Others Present:

Lary Duncan
Mary Ellen Villarreal

Not Present:

JR Patterson
Brad Mackey
Terry Brown

1. Treasurers Report

Paul Grafe presents treasurer's report. Discussion held.

2. Committee Appointments

Meeting breaks at 9:31 a.m.
Meeting resumes at 9:46 a.m.

3. Top Ten Objectives and Goals

Board of Directors provide list of goals and objectives for the upcoming year to Mary Ellen Villarreal to be compiled into a working list.

4. Judges Stamp

The oversized Judge's stamps have been replaced with a smaller size for travel convenience.

Discussion held regarding how to handle forms/papers submitted for visual inspections

Motion by Susan Burner to refer the visual inspection program to the Judge's committee for review and report to be presented at the December Face to Face meeting.

Second to Motion by Vicki Stich.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

5. Ribbons for ABGA Shows in Conjunction with Fairs.

Discussion held regarding option of shows to select monetary support or ribbon package. Shows that qualify for monetary support have the option of selecting ribbon packages or monetary support. They cannot receive both. The selection is made at the time the sanction application is submitted.

6. Approval Minutes

Board of Directors review 8/27/15 Board of Directors of Conference call minutes and 8/19/15 Executive Committee Conference call minutes.

Motion by Paul Morgan to approve minutes with the time of adjournment to be corrected on the 8/27/15 conference call minutes.

Second to motion by Shon Callahan.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

7. Committee Updates

Building committee report by Paul Grafe.

Paul Grafe reports on the current status of the building plans.

Family membership committee report by Susan Burner.

Report by Susan Burner regarding Family membership proposal. Discussion held.

(RESCINDED) Motion by Paul Morgan to adopt JABGA Joint Membership proposal effective 1/1/2016.

Second by Joe Airoso.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Finalization of program tabled for review of office procedure.

Sara Davis to review membership tattoo rules and revise to match the parent/child membership prefix application.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion continues regarding youth partnership membership. Youth members eligible to apply for the youth partnership membership limited to siblings or step siblings that permanently reside at the same address.

Motion by Susan Burner to send a letter upon request to JABGA members that allow siblings and/or step siblings that permanently reside at the same address to link their JABGA membership accounts. This will allow the JABGA members to show goats registered in siblings/step-siblings names at any JABGA sanctioned shows. Each junior member listed on the registration certificate must have a current JABGA membership and a parent/guardian agent holding a current ABGA membership.

Second by Vicki Stich.

Discussion held.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Paul Morgan moves to rescind previous Motion to Adopt JABGA Joint Membership Proposal.

Second by Tracy Diefenbach.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Board of Directors enters executive session at 1:47 p.m. to discuss employee issue, disciplinary action and judge issue.

Meeting breaks at 3:11 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 3:18 p.m.

Board of Directors exit executive session at 3:37 p.m.

Motion by Susan Burner - Given Rule 1400 provides the absolute responsibility for an animal's condition is by the currently listed owner, whether or not she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of, the treatment of the animal determined to be in violation of these rules, where evidence of tampering applies, given test results received from the 2015 ABGA National Show. The ABGA Board of Directors finds that a violation of Rule 1400 has occurred. Based on the aforementioned, member# 33801 has been found in violation of Rule 1400. Pursuant to Rule 1400 L viii b. Animal registration #10669600 is banned from competing at any future ABGA and JABGA sanctioned shows and the registration certificate has been marked as ineligible to show, a letter of reprimand will be issued, and a fine of \$2,500.00 is imposed.

Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.

Roll call vote: Yes – Janis Wesson, Vicki Stich, Dawn Steward, Susan Burner, Scott Pruett, Paul Grafe, Sara Davis, Lee Dana. No - Joe Airoso, Tracy Diefenbach, Paul Morgan.

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Second to motion by Scott Pruett.

Roll call vote: Yes – Janis Wesson, Vicki Stich, Dawn Steward, Susan Burner, Scott Pruett, Paul Grafe, Sara Davis, Lee Dana. No - Joe Airoso, Tracy Diefenbach, Shon Callahan.

Board enters executive session at 4:02 p.m. to discuss drug test issue.

Meetings breaks at 4:07 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 4:16 p.m.

Board exits executive session at 4:17 p.m.

Discussion held regarding amendments to drug testing procedure. Sara Davis to draft amendment for review.

8. Committee approval

Sara Davis requests that the Research Committee and Breed Improvement Committee be combined.

Motion by Tracy Diefenbach to approve committee appointments as set forth below.

Second to motion by Susan Burner.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Breed Improvement/Research Committee

Sara Davis – Chair

Lee Dana

Lary Duncan

Joe Airoso

Bryan Roe

Rusty Lee

Fred Homeyer

Shon Callahan

Breed Standards Committee

Tracy Diefenbach – Chair

Sara Davis

Rusty Lee

Lauren Green

Kathy Daves Carr

Mark Berry

Phillip Fullerton

Scott Pruett

Fred Homeyer

Building Committee

Paul Grafe - Chair

Brad Mackey

Paul Morgan

Lary Duncan

Family Membership Committee

Susan Burner – Chair

Janis Wesson

Paul Morgan

Judges Committee

Lary Duncan – Chair

Scott Pruett

Chip Kemp

Josh Stephans

Eddie Holland

Jason Brashear

Jeremy Church

Mike Reis

Kathy Daves Carr

Judges Certification Planning Committee

Lary Duncan – Chair

Scott Pruett

Chip Kemp

Shelby Armstrong

Eddie Holland

Coni Ross

Ron Dilley

Kurt Henry

Jeremy Church

Member Education Committee

Dawn Steward – Chair

Donna Heinrich

Josh Stephans

Jesse Cornelius

Shon Callahan

Sara Davis

Janis Wesson

National Show Committee

Vicki Stich – Chair

Lary Duncan

Janis Wesson

Sheryl Percy

Robin Graham

Deric Wetherell

Joshua Campbell

Lauren Green

Susan Burner

Ervin Chavana

Holly Heyer

Janet Moraczewski

Betty Peterson

Dawn Steward

Katie Diemer

Public Relations Committee

Sara Davis – Chair
Karla Blackstock

Lary Duncan
Janis Wesson

Sanctioned Show Committee

Tracy Diefenbach – Chair
Lary Duncan
Eddie Holland
Jesse Cornelius
Ron Dilley

Josh Stephans
Kathy Daves Carr
Tom Redden
Beth Walker
Susan Burner

Youth Committee

Shon Callahan – Chair
Susan Burner
Paul Morgan
Jason Brashear
Cheryle Michalec

Joshua Campbell
Kathy Daves Carr
Corey Billups
Amanda Church
Katie Diemer

9. National Show Update

National Show Update by Vicki Stich. 2016 National Show dates are 6/4/16 to 6/11/16.
2016 National Show Charity to be Autism.
2016 show photographer will be Pearl's Pics.
Discussion held regarding the opportunity for prepay for early check-in privilege on Saturday. Exhibitors would be permitted to check in on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee to review option.

10. Performance Testing

Sara Davis inquires on the status of the 2014 performance test results and the sanctioning of the 2015 performance testing.

Sara Davis moved that we approve the request to sanction the 2015 PA Livestock performance center buck test completed in July
Second to motion by Scott Pruett.
Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting recesses for the day at 5:45 p.m.
Meeting resumes at 8:02 a.m.

Shon Callahan and Paul Morgan have departed.

11. Judges Apprentice Program and Certification

Scott Pruett reports on the Judges Apprentice Program and prior Judges Certification school. Board takes up complaint of member regarding the 2014 Judges Certification Program. Discussion held. Board finds complaint has no merit.

Discussion held regarding hosting 2016 Judges Certification School. Committee to meet and provide recommendations for the 2016 school.

12. Animal Disqualification

Discussion held regarding reporting dq'd animals to the ABGA office.

Motion by Susan Burner to remove the word "required" and replace with "optional" in reference to the show survey forms.

Second by Scott Pruett.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

13. Show Sanctioning.

Discussion held regarding acceptance of other registry papers and sanctioning of those shows. Association will reach out to the larger stock shows to determine appropriate contact person to discuss acceptance of other registry papers.

Meeting breaks at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting resumes at 9:13 a.m.

14. Rule 900 hearings

Board of Directors take up Rule 900 150330. Present Elizabeth Peters, Jessica Lankey, Gale Gearhart and court reporter present.. Hearing conducted by Lary Duncan. Hearing held.

Board of Directors take up Rule 900 150410. Present Jessica Lankey, Gayle Gearhart and court reporter present. Hearing conducted by Cindy Westfall. Hearing held.

Hearing concluded at 10:51 a.m.

Meeting breaks at 10:51 a.m.

Meeting resume at 11:05 a.m.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 11:07 a.m. to discuss Rule 900.

Board of Directors exits executive session at 12:05 p.m.

Motion by Dawn Steward in reference to Rule 900 #150330 that the ABGA Board of Directors having found merit in the complaint, Jessica Lankey, as the agent for member no. 48482 shall receive a letter of reprimand and that the filing fee of Elizabeth Peters be refunded.

Second to Motion by Joe Airosso.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Dawn Steward in reference to Rule 900 #150410: After exhausting Rule 712 and the completion of DNA testing, which resulted in the inability of the owner to provide correct parentage and a correct date of birth, I move per Rule 900 D: k 1, 3, and 7, that a three (3) year suspension be imposed on Jessica Lankey as an agent or member, and for the use of ABGA services; and a one (1) year suspension of participation. Per Rule 900 D: k, iii(3), x(10), xi(11), the account of Travis Lankey and member no. 48482 continue to be frozen. All animals registered in the names of Jessica Lankey, Travis Lankey, and member no. 48482 have hair pulled, tattoos verified, and samples submitted by a licensed veterinarian for DNA testing to UC Davis at the expense of Jessica Lankey, Travis Lankey, and member no. 48482. Upon completion of DNA testing, for a period of three (3) years, all progeny of goats registered in the names of Jessica Lankey, Travis Lankey, and member no. 48482 must have DNA parentage verification, at the expense of Jessica Lankey, Travis Lankey, and member no. 48482, performed through UC Davis before a registration number will be assigned. Once herd DNA is completed, the membership account of Travis Lankey and member no. 48482 will be returned to active.

Second to Motion by Scott Pruett.

Roll call vote. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting breaks for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 1:01 p.m.

15. Review of Rule 900 Revision

Discussion held regarding proposed amendment to Rule 900. Board of Directors to continue to review the proposal and provide input on the proposed change.

Board of Directors enter executive session to discuss member issue at 1:42 p.m.

Board of Directors exit executive session at 1:50 p.m.

President Cindy Westfall announces that Paul Morgan has tendered his resignation and it has been accepted.

Scott Pruett departs at 1:51 p.m.

Board of Directors resume executive session at 1:51 p.m. and continues discussion.

Board of Directors exit executive session at 2:55 p.m.

Motion by Sara Davis that all disciplinary actions involving youth members will refer to the youth by their JABGA number due to privacy concerns for minors.

Second to Motion by Susan Burner.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

16. Rule Revisions

President Cindy Westfall proposes a rule change that would require an agent on any ABGA accounts to be a member of the association. Amendment to Rule 708 c.

Motion by Sara Davis that Rule 708c be amended to require an ABGA membership for the agent.

Second to Motion by Susan Burner.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Motion by Sara Davis to amend rule 212 permit a junior member to use the same herd prefix as the adult member/agent that resides within the same household.

Second to Motion by Susan Burner.

Voice vote. Motion passes.

Meeting breaks at 2:59 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 3:08 p.m.

17. Objectives Review

Mary Ellen Villarreal reads the compiled list of objectives. Discussion held regarding objectives and objectives are ranked in the order of priority.

Web site/Data base

Building

Member retention

Budget

JABGA

Rule 900 Amendment

Fund Raising

Magazine

Judge Education

18. JABGA

Review of JABGA Report.

Board of Directors enter executive session at 4:00 p.m. to discuss employee issue.

Board of Directors exit executive session at 4:32 p.m.

19. Checking Accounts

Motion by Sara Davis to add Lary Duncan as a signator to account and remove Scott Pruet and Brad Mackey.

Second to motion by Tracy Diefenbach

Voice vote. Motion approved.

20. December Meeting

December 11 and 12th, 2015.

Motion to adjourn by Sara Davis

Second to Motion by Joe Airoso.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Diefenbach,

Secretary

American Boer Goat Association