

**ABGA Conference Call
September 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Deric Wetherell at 7:03 pm CST on September 5, 2017.

Roll call was taken with 15 directors, the immediate past president, and 2 staff present.

Present:

Region 1 Kimberly Liefer

Region 2 Scott Pruett

Region 3 Clark Huinker

Region 4 Jeremy Church

Region 5 Kenny Elwood

Region 7 Dawn Steward

Region 8 Robert Washington

Region 9 Deric Wetherell

Region 10 Josh Stephans

Region 11 Jesse Cornelius

Region 12 Kim Morgan

Region 13 Kathy Daves-Carr

Region 14 Denise Crabtree

Region 15 Susan Burner

Region 16 Sara Davis

Immediate Past President Cindy Westfall

Staff: Mary Ellen Villarreal, Lary Duncan

Absent: Region 6 Paul Grafe

1. Minutes

Susan Burner moved to accept the minutes as presented. Kathy Daves-Carr seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

2. JABGA Regional Show Proposal

Cindy Westfall explained the new format for the 2018 JABGA Regional shows

Discussion topics:

Age divisions - The top age can be changed if bylaws are passed. Age divisions were used in IL and worked well.

Commercial does being slick sheared was a concern. Show wethers and does together as market, and leave commercial as a haired show.

Non-members – pay double to compete in the wether and commercial shows. Not eligible to compete in contests or eligible for overall awards.

Budget – Regional costs \$4375 per show. Any profit from the show would go to the JABGA regional fund.

Showmanship is mandatory for Seniors only. Younger youth will not feel comfortable handling someone else's animal.

Junior age divisions are not eligible for overall awards because the younger divisions, ages 8 and under, may have smaller number of competitors and result in a higher point total.

Youth must attend a regional show and place in the top 10 to earn points. They would get an additional 10 points for attending the Nationals or another regional. They would also gain points from Nationals for being in top 15 and have those added to the total for the High Point Overall given at Nationals.

Location – The sites were chosen with cost and location of the number of JABGA members.

Robert Washington moves to accept the JABGA Regional program and rules. Jesse Cornelius seconded. Roll call vote with Yea: Kimberly Liefer, Clark Huinker, Jeremy Church, Kenny Elwood, Robert Washington, Josh Stephans, Jesse Cornelius, Kim Morgan, Kathy Daves-Carr, Denise Crabtree, Susan Burner, Sara Davis Nay: Dawn Steward. Motion passed 12-1.

3. National Show Class Breaks

Cindy Westfall discussed breaking the junior division (0-12 months) of the National Show classes into equal class sizes, instead of by set ages. National Show Committee will develop a proposal for the next call.

4. Hurricane Help – Kim Morgan inquired if ABGA was planning a relief effort. Lary Duncan will get with Karla Blackstock to send email blast to determine need and assistance. Sara Davis will post to Facebook as well.

5. Percentage Rules – Lary Duncan updated some issues that were discovered in preparing for the registration process.

6. Office update – Lary Duncan updated the board on employee insurance and contract.

7. December meeting location – A decision will be made and notice sent to the board this week.

8. Junior Ennoblement – Lary Duncan has resolved reporting issues. He will follow up with email to programmer to verify status.

9. Building update – Lary Duncan is waiting on bids. The building permit has been approved.

Clark Huinker moved to adjourn at 9:29 pm. Dawn Steward seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burner
Secretary