

**ABGA Conference Call
Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President, Deric Wetherell at 7:00 pm CST on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

1. Roll call was taken with 16 directors in attendance.

Directors:

Region 1 Maddie Fenton

Region 3 Clark Huinker

Region 5 Kenny Elwood

Region 7 Randy Dusek

Region 7 John Blackstock

Region 9 Kim Morgan

Region 11 Denise Crabtree

Region 13 Kathy Daves-Carr

Region 2 Ken Baty

Region 4 Kevin Richmond

Region 6 Josh Stephans

Region 7 Linda West

Region 8 Deric Wetherell

Region 10 Jesse Cornelius

Region 12 Susan Burner

Region 14 Sara Davis

2. Minutes:

- a. Kevin moved to approve the ABGA Board of Directors minutes from May 5, 2020. Randy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- b. Susan moved to approve the ABGA Board of Directors minutes from May 28, 2020. Kenny seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

3. Certificate needed for show:

- a. Susan requested a change to Rule 1400 to allow ABGA registered goats to be shown with verification of registration via the online database.

Susan moved to add to Rule 1400. A. as follows and renumber accordingly. **1400. A v. An animal that may be verified as registered in the web-based database of ABGA will be accepted in lieu of registration certificate. Verification must be provided by the exhibitor in either digital or print to the show secretary. JABGA ownership must be verified using the transfer history on the animal pedigree if the certificate is not provided.**

Kevin seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- b. Clark discussed stamped applications expiring before certificates are received.

Ken moved to add to Rule 1400.A. as follows and renumber accordingly. **1400.A.vi. Original registration certificates are required, except that a copy of a registration application, stamped with the date received by ABGA, can be accepted for kids less**

than 6 months of age. This temporary rule will expire on 12-31-2020 and revert back to rule 1400. A. iii. Clark seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Rule changes will be added to the Rules and Regulations and effective immediately.

4. Rule 214: Susan requested member that has applied for registration using an apostrophe in the animal name be allowed to have a corrected certificate without charge.

Clark moved to allow members to receive a corrected certificate if the name was printed different from the application or online entry due to a system error. Ken seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

5. Buck Collection Reports: Clark discussed buck collection reports being required. Bylaws committee is reviewing the collection report and the semen transfer issue.
6. Age extension for National Show: Deric reported the JABGA board would like to allow members aging out at the 2020 National Show to be allowed to show at the 2021 National Show. Discussed and no action taken.

7. ABRI update:

- a. Deric reported that Ken was able to get information for the contact at ABRI and ILR manager. Ken and Deric have worked on communication with them. Randy has made connection with a person that was present when the ABRI system was installed. ABGA will be moving ahead immediately.

Linda moved to contact John Ricketts to discuss the options for IT help for ABGA. John seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

- b. The board will distribute a letter to the members with updates. ** Attached at end.
 - c. Susan requested an update on the online payment issue and temporary certificate process. Deric will ask if a report can be run at the end of each workday to finish work orders and send the temporary certificate to the member. This will eliminate the need for member to contact the office and request the work order to be finished.
 - d. Ken brought concerns about the lack of information being shared with the board from the office. Discussion held on how to proceed.
8. Member Issue Log: Kim shared a log that was developed to track member issues. Members will contact the director with details for any transaction they have been waiting on beyond a reasonable time, and the issue will be added to the sheet. Office staff and Directors will monitor and update regularly.

9. New hires and training: Clark asked about the training process for office. Our goal is to add 3 data entry and 1 receptionist to the staff. Deric will report back to the board on the training that has happened this month.
10. Sara moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm. Randy seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Burner
Secretary
American Boer Goat Association

Letter to the Membership

ABGA Members

We sincerely apologize for difficulties that everyone has experienced in completing registrations, membership and other work in the office. Some of the issues we are experiencing are centered on the ABRI database, lack of employees and an overwhelming amount of phone calls and emails.

In response to these issues, here are actions we are taking.

- We have finally been able to have some positive communication with ABRI to begin the process to update ILR Online to the new platform which after some growing pains will help alleviate many of the issues we are currently experiencing.
- Staffing has been an issue throughout the pandemic. We are currently operating with a staff of 3 full time and 2 part time employees. We are pleased that we were able to find an agency this week that will be able to send some additional workers to have additional staff and help in the office.
- We are implementing an issues log to be used by this board and the office. We encourage anyone with issues, which have not been resolved in a timely manner, to contact their director who will help gather pertinent information to add to the log.
- New Rules have been added to assist members with registrations for show.
 - 1400. A.v. An animal that may be verified as registered in the web-based database of ABGA will be accepted in lieu of registration certificate. Verification must be provided by the exhibitor in either digital or print to the show secretary. JABGA ownership must be verified using the transfer history on the animal pedigree if the certificate is not provided.
 - 1400.A.vi. Original registration certificates are required, except that a copy of a registration application, stamped with the date received by ABGA, can be accepted for kids less than 6 months of age. This temporary rule will expire on 12-31-2020 and revert back to rule 1400. A. iii.

Thank you
ABGA Board of Directors