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Minutes – ABGA Executive Committee Meeting October 30, 2001 Conference Call

President Pete Warlick called the meeting to order and called role. Those Executive Committee Members on the call included: David Carter, Daryle Coates, Matt Brown, John Edwards, Joanne Miner and Tim Whatley. Guests included Paula Harmon (ABGA Office Manager) and Bruce Lott (ABGA Executive Director).

MEMBER REQUEST FOR FEE CHANGE

After discussing Lynn Farmer's request to amend the fee schedule, the Executive Committee felt this couldn't be done. **Coates moved to send a recommendation to the full Board to deny the request; Whatley seconded; passed unanimously.**

REVIEW DODDS / BARRIE DISPUTE

Coates noted Dodds was not at the event as a judge or in any official capacity. Whatley questioned if the Executive Committee can take the action requested by Barrie in a situation like this. Edwards felt this needed to be addressed. Miner noted she understood that Dodds was about to be asked to inspect Barrie's goats when the conflict occurred, although this was not included in the letter of complaint. It was noted that Dodds did not inspect any animals at the event. The "ABGA Member Code of Ethics" was reviewed. It was noted that a "Judges Code of Ethics" may need to be written. Coates recommended getting Dodds side of the story in writing before any action is taken and this information made available for review at the Board meeting on December 1. **Warlick was charged with contacting Dodds for this information.**

DISCUSSION OF OFFICE SPACE

It was noted that there needs to be a review of available space before any discussion occurs. It was decided to meet on November 30 to view sites.

JUDGES TRAINING SCHOOLS

It was noted that the South Africans felt their trip to judge the National Show and conduct Training Schools needed to be shortened from the 5 weeks this year. It was also noted that there should be a cutoff date for enrolling in the schools and a minimum of 10 enrolled in a school. Coates felt that the 3-day FastTrack school was one day too long, which gave more practice judging to the individuals proclaiming to be ready to judge. The Level 1, 2 and FastTrack theory was reviewed. It was discussed that if the Level 1 and 2 schools have two test classes, the FastTrack school should have more test classes; with all schools being held on a two-day schedule (one day of classroom/practice and one day of testing). The need for the various levels of schools was reviewed, as well as the review of judge's performance. After discussion, it was decided to solicit the South African Association for a list of available judges for a maximum 30-day period to include the ABGA National Show and Training Schools. The list should be returned in order for the Board to review and make selections at the December 1 meeting.

COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST SUSAN COOK

Warlick reviewed the situation of the original message from Cook, as well as the apology submitted by Cook. After each Committee member discussed the severity of the matter, **Coates moved to recommend to the Board that Cook be removed from the Board; Edwards seconded; passed unanimously.** Lott reviewed the process for imposing sanctions against a member (Article II, Section 5 of ABGA Bylaws). **Warlick was directed to contact Cook (via certified letter) informing her of the process and that the Board will review the recommendation at the December 1 meeting.**

DRUG TESTING

Lott reviewed the results of the testing to date and noted he was awaiting the proper documentation from the veterinarian as was decided at the previous Board meeting. Lott reported that from initial discussions with the veterinarian and exhibitor, he felt the proper documentation would be received. It was clarified that if the documentation was provided, it would finalize the issue and no further action would take place. After discussion, the Executive Committee felt the National Show Rules Committee should outline the testing procedure in the show catalog and possibly re-writing the rules.

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK MEAL

Coates reviewed the process and individuals he requested bids from: Kohls sale cook (no bid returned); Goat Gathering cook (no bid returned); Jerry Baird (bid received during the September 15 Board Meeting); Coates gathered information to submit a bid the day before the meeting to insure that a bid was turned in. The Executive Committee supported the decision to have Coates prepare the meal.

REVIEW NATIONAL SHOW

Coates reminded the Executive Committee that the Board approved the Monroe, Louisiana, facility under the stipulation that 890 pens would fit, and the facility can't accommodate this many pens. Coates noted an alternate site (San Angelo, Texas) was chosen that didn't meet the same set of criteria. Edwards stated the Monroe facility would hold 800 pens, with some of those having to be provided by members. Discussion followed concerning the process of changing items previously approved by the Board. Edwards noted there needed to be limitations placed on the amount of space available to exhibitors for displays and tack storage, with the possibility of charging for additional space. It was noted that trim chutes would have to be located in one area and not in the pen area. Brown (National Show Rules Committee) thought this should be included in the National Show rules and that committee needs to receive recommendations. Brown asked if a card table size display was sufficient, and those fitting services (representing several breeders) would need to be contacted prior to the event.

OTHER BUSINESS

Whatley requested, as chairman of the Protocol Committee, that this committee be discharged due to little, if any, activity in the International markets since the terrorist attacks. It was noted that the Protocol committee had other duties as well and should remain in place. The Scrapie requirements were discussed and the committee can stay informed and pass information concerning this to the Board and members. Coates stated an embryo shipping protocol with Australia was one area this committee could address. Whatley reminded the other committee members that he had a meeting scheduled with Lou Rocha concerning these items.

Lott reported that the ABGA membership currently stands at 4257 and the papers processed to date (in 2001) was 39855, already surpassing the 2000 calendar year. It was noted that ABGA is still showing approximately a 10-12% increase in papers processed.

ADJOURNMENT

Whatley moved to adjourn; Miner seconded; passed unanimously.