



American Goat Federation
Annual Meeting Report
January 22, 2019
New Orleans Canal Street Marriott

Meeting was called to order by President Buchholz at 8:10 AM, CST.

PRESENT

Directors: Bob Buchholz, Betty Henning, Tom Boyer, and Matt Hayes; and New Directors; Randy Dusek, Gary Newton and Kenny Elwood.

Executive Director: Anita Dahnke

Advisors: Nar Gurung and Reid Redden

Others: Stan Potratz (Premier 1), Betty Jo Almond and Mike McMorris (Ontario -AgSights), Ken McMillin (Louisiana State University), Debbie Webster (South Carolina), Frank Pinkerton, Mike Corn (President of ASI), Benny Cox (ASI), Peter Orwick (ASI)

Tom moved and Kenny seconded to approve the December conference call meeting minutes. Approved unanimously

Tom moved and Matt seconded to accept the 2018 Financial Report. Approved unanimously.

Executive Report: Anita provided Membership, Industry Partners and Contacts reports.

Betty moved and Randy seconded to continue memberships in USAHA, IGA AND NIAA. Approved unanimously.

Tom moved and Gary seconded to join Animal Ag Alliance at the \$300. Approved unanimously.

2019 Activities

FFA convention very useful in getting lots of info out...will continue in 2019.

Seminar - in conjunction with face-to-face meeting in conjunction with ADGA Convention.

Tom moved and Betty seconded to have an additional Annual meeting semi-annually at ADGA convention. Approved unanimously.

Tom moved and Betty seconded to continue existing Annual meeting in conjunction with ASI. Approved unanimously.

Betty will coordinate setup and manning of displays at ADGA National Show (Redmond, OR) and ADGA Annual Meeting (Boise, ID)

ABGA National Show – either Kenny or Randy will coordinate set up and maintenance of display.

ADVERTISING – Will be at discretion of Executive Director re: continuing various per what's working within 2019 budget.

Betty will request that a link to AGF newsletters be put on ADGA website.

BUDGET: 2019 budget was reviewed and Tom moved, Kenny seconded to accept as revised. Approved unanimously.

Industry Partners: Stan Potratz was thanked for his contribution of seed money for the goat center project. Tom moved and Kenny seconded to approve acceptance of Industry Partner activities with AgSights and GoatZZ. Approved unanimously.

NATIONAL GOAT CENTER: discussion was moved to dinner meeting, and subsequently (too much noise) to conference call TBA.

Members present voted to accept the revisions to the Bylaws. Tom moved and Matt seconded to accept the members vote. Approved unanimously

Election of officers; President: Bob, Vice President: Matt, Secretary/Treasurer: Randy

2018 GOAT SECTOR MEETING – Tom attended in person and Anita attended via phone. Tom reported that the discussion included eartag issues, scrapie program, EID and drug programs

2018 NATIONAL GOAT CONFERENCE - Tom reported, next conference in 2-3 yrs. Sam hosted a great conference -

ABGA REPORT - Kenny - read report from Kathy

Focus on Jr. programs; hosting 7 regional shows in 2019; membership is at an all-time high

Performance programs being worked on; National show in Grand Island, NE, in 2019

Registrations have also grown; new office soon to open in San Angelo, TX

ADGA REPORT - Betty reported and provided written report - showing growth in all areas

TSGRA - Bob reported

NATIONAL GOAT CONSORTIUM – Anita reported that we will have a seat on the developing Goat Consortium board

ASI REPORT - National Sheep improvement program - 1.5 million; Farm bill successes on minor species Pharma

Gary suggested that terminology be changed to “lesser studied” Scrapie tag issue still needs resolution

Frank Pinkerton presented information about project involving feedlotting meat goats – report included information on rates of gain in feedlot goats

Some things to consider:

Sell at weaning or at specific bodyweight

Sell as feeder kids or feed out

If retained:

Extensive management - range/pasture

Intensive management - feedlot with TMR and hay *ad lib*

Buy feeder kids

Feedlot programs: when to sell - Price reduced when kids are 65+##

Know total cost of # of gain

Seasonal variations in market prices: Low May-Oct; High Nov-Easter

Mike Mc Morris and Betty Jo Almond from AgSights gave an informative presentation on the 360 BioTrack program for goats.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm local time.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Henning, Secretary/Treasurer