

American Goat Federation
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, Jan 28, 2012
Scottsdale, Arizona

The Annual Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by President Tom Boyer. A quorum was present.

The Chairman introduced Dr. Diane Sutton, USDA. Dr. Sutton updated the Board on the recent accomplishment in the eradication of Scrapie. She requested that the Board provide input as to the priorities for continued research.

There was general discussion about genomic progress in goats and about various meetings in which the Board needs to consider participating. Among those were the National Goat Expo in Iowa this fall and the National Goat Conference in Greensboro, N.C. There was a general consensus that the American Goat Federation needs to be a part of these programs.

Director Pierce Miller and Steve Lee gave the Board a Financial Statement. Pierce Miller made the motion and Linda Campbell seconded **that the Financial Statement be approved as presented.** Motion Carried.

Director Linda Campbell reviewed for the Board the current National Institute of Animal Agriculture proceedings including positions on environmental and regulatory actions.

Dr. Larry Miller suggested that the Board work toward gaining more visibility within the industry through additional education, through more promotion, and through more participation in public policy proceedings.

Steve Lee gave the Board a general review of the latest round of grants from the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.

The Board discussed the possibility of using social media and more newsletter information for a broader outreach into the community.

Chairman Tom Boyer gave the President's Report which included an historical perspective of how the American Goat Federation got its start and where the organization is at this point. He indicated that the Federation is being much better recognized and is being called on at all levels to contribute to policy and planning for the Goat Industry.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations and elections of Officers.

Linda Campbell made the motion and Mary Pryde seconded **that the nominations be closed and the Board cast a unanimous vote for Tom Boyer to continue as President and Chairman.** Motion Carried.

Pierce Miller made the motion and Sam Abney seconded **that the nominations be closed and the Board cast a unanimous vote for Linda Campbell as Vice Chairman.** Motion Carried

Sam Abney made the motion and Steve Burton **seconded that the nominations be closed and the Board cast a unanimous vote for Mary Pryde as Secretary.** Motion Carried.

Will Gets made the motion and Linda Campbell seconded **that the nominations be closed and the Board cast a unanimous vote for Pierce Miller as Treasurer.** Motion Carried.

Anita Dahnke made the motion and Linda Campbell seconded **that the Executive Committee create the position of Executive Secretary, assign duties and negotiate a contract to bring to the Board.** Motion Carried.

Workshop and Committees

The meeting was turned over to Steve Burton who involved the Board in a workshop designed to get interaction and focus on specific issues that would get everyone working together and moving the American Goat Federation forward.

The following committees were formed out of the proceedings of the workshop.

Education, Research, and Marketing – Chair - Jan Carlson

Members – Ken Andries, Gil Engdahl, Katherine Harrison, An Perschel

Membership and Outreach – Chair - Mary Pryde

Members – Sam Abney, Pierce Miller, Will Getz

Communications – Chair - Anita Dahnke

Members – Linda Campbell, Mary Pryde

Public Policy – Chair - Tom Boyer

Members - Nina Baucus, Pierce Miller, Linda Campbell

Finance Committee – Executive Committee plus Executive Secretary

Other Business:

The Chairman opened the floor for other business. There being none the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.