The meeting was called to order by Linda Campbell, Vice President at 8:04 AM Central Standard Time. Linda welcomed all Board Members and visitors present. Directors Will Getz, Treasurer, Sam Abney, Bob Buchholz, Jan Carlson, Anita Dahnke, Terry Hankins, and Robin Saum were present. Directors Tom Boyer, President, May Pryde, Secretary, and An Peischel were unable to be in attendance. A Quorum was present. Steve Lee, Executive Secretary, was also present to facilitate the meeting.


The Board reviewed the agenda and chose to change discussion and business until the afternoon session.

**INFORMATION and UPDATES PRESENTATIONS**

- Scharee Atchison  
  NLPA Sheep and Goat Fund
- Diane L. Sutton – APHIS  
  Update on Scrapie
- Katherine Marshall – APHIS  
  Q-Fever update
- Bryan Sayre – Virginia State University  
  Overview and summary of Goat Genomics in US
- Lawrence Yates – AMS  
  Update on official goat standards and grades
- Judy Malone – ASI  
  FMD Cross Species Working Group
- Frank Pinkerton – The Goat Man  
  How AGF can best serve the goat industry
- Will Getz – AGF  
  The Goat Scene in Myanmar - Opportunities

**2:30 pm Business Meeting**

**Election of Officers**

Sam Abney nominated Linda Campbell as Chairman. Anita Dahnke made the motion and Jan Carlson seconded that nominations cease and Linda Campbell be elected Chair. Motion carried.
Jan Carlson nominated Will Getz as Vice Chairman. Bob Buchholz made the motion and Terry Hankins seconded that nominations cease and Will Getz be elected Vice Chair. Motion carried.

Bob Buchholz made the motion and Sam Abney seconded that the position of Secretary and Treasurer be combined. Motion Carried. After Board deliberation Bob Buchholz made the motion and Jan Carlson seconded that the previous motion be reconsidered. Motion carried.

Jan Carlson nominated Anita Dahnke as Secretary. Bob Buchholz made the motion and Terry Hankins seconded that nominations cease and Anita Dahnke be elected as Secretary. Motion carried.

Anita Dahnke nominated Robin Saum as Treasurer. Bob Buchholz made the motion and Sam Abney seconded that nominations cease and Robin Saum be elected as Treasurer. Motion carried.

**Minutes of December 27, 2012 Conference Call Meeting**

Sam Abney made the motion and Robin Saum seconded that the minutes of the December 27 Conference Call meeting be approved. Motion Carried.

**Financial Status Report & Budget**

Bob Buchholz made the motion and Anita seconded that the financial report as presented be approved. Motion carried.

Jan Carlson made the motion and Bob Buchholz seconded that the budget prepared and amended by the Board be approved. Motion carried.

**Review and update Strategic Plan**

The Board reached a consensus that the new members of the Board need to be afforded an opportunity to provide input to the Strategic Plan for this year and discussion would be delayed until the next conference call Board Meeting. Steve Lee will send out the Plan arrived at by the Board at the Louisville meeting.

**Plan execution dates for Grant Project**

The Board discussed various meetings and dates for inclusion in the Grant Project education and listening sessions. Anita will get together a calendar and propose Board members to be in charge of that particular session.

**Committee reports and assignments**

Tom Boyer’s report as president in 2012 was read.
The Board discussed communications, news releases, and possible changes to the Membership Directory for better identification of segments of the industry as well as increased outreach within the industry to gain support from individual producers.

The Board will be considering who will be assigned to the Task Force for Goat Grading as requested by USDA.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business at this time, Bob Buchholz made the motion and Sam Abney seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm. Central Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Dahnke  
Secretary  
American Goat Federation