

American Goat Federation
Annual Meeting
Marriott Charleston
Saturday - January 25, 2014 - Blue Topaz Room

The meeting was called to order by Linda Campbell, President at 8:10 AM Eastern Standard Time. President Campbell welcomed all Board Members and presented introductions of new Board Members Vicki Stich and Rebecca Sauder. Visitors present introduced themselves. Directors Will Getz, Vice-President; Anita Dahnke, Secretary; Sam Abney, Bob Buchholz, Jan Carlson, Terry Hankins, and Tom Boyer were Present. Directors An Peischel, Vicki Stich and Rebecca Sauder were unable to be in attendance. A Quorum was present. Steve Lee, Executive Secretary, was also present to facilitate the meeting.

Guests included Dr. Frank Pinkerton, Dr. Ken McMillin, Terry McNeely, Dr. Katherine Marshall, Dr. Diane Sutton, Dr. Patty Scharko, Dr. Ken Andries, Jeff Gibbs-ABGA, Brad Mackey-ABGA, Jessie Duckett, and Nathan Jaeger.

The Board reviewed the agenda.

INFORMATION and UPDATES PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Ken Andries – Animal Sciences Specialist and PI, Goat Herd Improvement Program, National Sheep Improvement Program:

Update on Data collected for Sheep Industry and advised of availability for performance testing for goats as well.

Dr. Diane L. Sutton – Sheep and Goat Health Commodity Coordinator, Sheep, Goat, Cervid & Equine Health Center Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services, USDA, APHIS, VS:

Update on Scrapie and discussion on identification, how to collect samples for diagnostic, and how tags/tattoos can be applied.

Kenneth Payne, Division Director, Research and Promotion Division AMS, Livestock, Poultry & Seed Program USDA-AMS (Agricultural Marketing Service);

Presentation via conference phone on how to propose a National Goat Research and Promotion Program (Check Off).

Items covered were:

- Historical perspective, Overview and Purpose
- Items to Consider and Options for Approach
- Referendum/Poll Necessity
- Assessment Considerations
- Program Development and Timeline

Questions and discussion followed on how to access, where to collect, and what a questionnaire should contain concerning check off.

Sam Abney made the motion and Jan Carlson seconded **that the American Goat Federation study the feasibility of pursuing a National Goat Research and Promotion Program.** Motion Carried

Jan Carlson and Dr. Lisa Tell: Drug approval and FARAD (Food Animal Residue Avoidance) update:

There are four considerations to getting drugs approved: 1) Does it harm the animal, 2) is it safe for human food, 3) Does it work, and 4) Does it harm the environment. Four major approvals UC Davis has worked on are: CIDRs for goats, Flunixin (Banamine), Cefiofur (Excede) and Tulathromycin (DRAXXIN.)

Dr. Frank Pinkerton – The Goat Man Presentation:

Meat Goat Producer's Problems and Constraints – A full copy will be posted on the AGF website.

12:03 Adjourned for Lunch

1:30 pm Reconvened

Dr. Ken McMillin – Meat Scientist at Louisiana State University

Presentation – Possible Grant Project

Title: Documentation and evaluation of Australian goat meat imports on sustainability of the U.S. meat goat industry.

Terry Hankins made the motion and Jan Carlson seconded **that AGF draft language for a letter of support to accompany a submission for funding.** Motion Carried.

Business Meeting

Anita Dahnke made the motion and Bob Buchholz seconded **that the Minutes of the February 28, 2013 Conference Call Board Meeting be approved.** Motion carried.

Will Getz made the motion and Sam Abney seconded **that the Managers Report be approved as submitted.** Motion carried.

Will Getz made the motion and Terry Hankins seconded **that the 2014 Budget as amended be approved.** Motion carried.

Tom Boyer made the motion and Sam Abney seconded **that the 2015 Annual Meeting be moved to the beginning of the week during the week of the ASI-NLFA Convention.** Motion carried.

Discussion

Discussion ensued as to the need for registration fees and possible overlapping of programming. The possible closer association with ASI including a seat on the ASI Board of Directors was discussed.

Membership discussion came up and Steve will provide periodic reports on membership changes and renewals.

Election of Officers

President: Anita Dahnke
Vice President: Tom Boyer
Secretary: Vicki Stich
Treasurer: Linda Campbell

Officer terms are one year.

Membership Campaign: Anita Dahnke provided the Board with a plan for discounted membership fees for individuals who are also affiliated with Organizations that have Membership.

Tom Boyer made the motion and Sam Abney seconded **that AGF contact the Major Organizations to get feedback on the proposed plan.** Motion carried.

Anita Dahnke made the motion and Bob Buchholz **seconded that Sam Abney be appointed the point of contact for feedback on the membership options.** Motion carried

Discussion

Will Getz:

Suggests that the Board consider meeting face to face mid-year.
Suggests that the Formal listing of extension and resources be done.

Bob Buchholz:

Suggests that we host or be a part of lots of local presentations through Fairs and local programs to provide information and invitations for membership.
Suggests that the Goat Carcass Standard continue to be addressed.

Tom Boyer:

Suggests that the Board follow-up on discussion to be a part of the Scrapie Goat Surveillance Education and pursue funding from APHIS to carry out that education.

Encouraged Board members to participate in the annual Washington, DC congressional visits in late April/early May.

ADJOURN

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm. Eastern Standard Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Stich
Secretary
American Goat Federation