



2016 American Goat Federation Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 Business Meeting – BALLROOM A 8:00 AM

Tom called meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Directors Attending: Ken Andries, Matt Hayes, Lary Duncan, Bob Buchholz, Tom Boyer,
Betty Henning.

Staff Attending: Anita Dahnke

Advisory Council Members Attending: Dr. Fred Homeyer, Dr. Frank Pinkerton

Guests: Charles Rathburn – Nebraska goat and sheep group, Laura Smith – Alberta Goat
Association, Jimmie Ruth Evans – TSGRA.

Directors, Advisory Council members and guests were introduced.

1. Tom thanked the seminar sponsors: the American Sheep Industry Association and the National Livestock Producers Association Sheep and Goat Fund on behalf of the federation.
2. The Meeting Agenda was reviewed and adopted by acclamation.
3. Financial Reports were presented by Anita and discussed by the board. Ken moved to accept the reports as presented, and Bob seconded. The motion passed.
4. Tom presented the President's Report
He began with a history of how AGF was conceived and stressed that finances have always been a challenge. Marvin Shurly, Will Getz, Pierce Miller and Tom and some others from Texas The Kentucky group joined in and the first board was seated in 2010. A major question was whether to allow individual members – they didn't want to compete with registry association. Unfortunately it soon became clear that individual memberships were needed to gather more producers. AGF would provide education, and help with marketing and would represent producers at USDA and Washington.

AGF has had many great successes in providing education, marketing, and government/public relations, but challenges still remain. At ARS – crops and pork and chicken get all the research dollars. There's been genomic work on goats (Marks Center in Nebraska). Ed Avilosa - New Mexico good USDA contact, Kevin Shea, - veterinary services good relationships – Wildlife Services also knows AGF.

AGF needs an active board. Need to keep eye on finances. (ASI had an organization – government funded program for projects that would help expand sheep & goats. It's been both a challenging and a marvelous opportunity to be part of AGF. Goats are one of the most productive animals, they have a role in youth that other livestock doesn't have, a role in milk and other products, everywhere when you get down to the very basis subsistence level of

survival in the world you'll find goats because they are a very productive animal in terms of efficiency. Many look to us with hope for representation, for transition in marketing, and for research.

5. ASI Executive Board Seat Status

We were asked to commit to having our meeting with theirs for the next 3 years - Lary moved to stay, Ken seconded – the Motion passed. Anita will respond and copy the board.

6. Advisory Council

- a. Membership on the Advisory Council is by invitation from the Board.
- b. Advisory Council members will serve a minimum of a 1 year term, and may serve longer terms according to their interest and availability, and the needs of the American Goat Federation.
- c. Each Council member will be asked to provide information about their area of expertise and what their interests are in providing assistance to the AGF.
- d. All council members will receive all AGF emails and meeting information and may attend all AGF Board meetings at their discretion and expense.

Functions of the Advisory Council will include the following:

- a. Provide input and respond to requests for assistance and information in a timely manner.
- b. Identify and assist with and/or write grants.
- c. Assist AGF with expansion of the diversity of members on the council in order to serve all areas of the goat industry.
- d. Assist the federation to explore and initiate industry relations.
- e. Assist the federation with marketing ideas and support.
- f. Assist the federation with educational activities.

Advisory council members will be invited to serve on committees within their areas of expertise.

Advisory Council Operating Plan approved by unanimous vote.

7. It was suggested that Patty Scharko be added to the Advisory Council. Ken moved to have Anita approach Patty Scharko. Lary seconded, and the motion passed

8. Travel Policy reviewed and noted formal review needed before September, 2016. Policy remains that the Federation will pay half of the hotel room rate for the night preceding and night following the board meeting and seminar.

9. Election of Officers

Tom presented a slate of potential nominees to fill the officers' positions.

Ken as president

Lary as vice president

Betty as secretary

Matt as treasurer

The slate of nominees was accepted by the board. Other nominations were requested.

As no other nominations were submitted, Bob moved to close the nominations, and Lary seconded. Motion passed.

10. 2016 Budget

The 2016 budget was completed (see attached). Betty moved to accept the budget, Bob seconded. Motion passed.

11. Fund Raising Projects: Requests for funds need to be coordinated through Anita in order to avoid duplication of effort and contacts.

- a. Membership Campaign
- b. Grant Possibilities
- c. Sponsorships (Industry Partnerships) Sponsorship levels are currently \$100/\$500/\$1000.00. Goat for 2016 will be \$2500.00. Anita will compile a list of contacts.

12. Scrapie Grant Program

- a. Applicants – directors are to submit suggestions for new groups to approach in the next week. An announcement and email will go out the week after.
- b. Provision of Resource Guide and List of Publications – via new flash drive
- c. Guidelines for Applicants – review and strengthen
- d. Sale Barns – poster to be ready end of February
- e. Grants – go with minimum of \$750 – max \$1,000 to be determined by estimated number of producers being reached, the location and scope of activities for which the grant will be used.

Bob moved that the Scrapie Grant details as discussed be approved, and Ken seconded. Motion Passed.

13. Goat Checkoff: Discussion included participation by individual producers, sale barns or processors. Each option presents considerable challenges. Tom has researched and discussed with several groups that have been successful. Bob moved to table but keep active, Ken seconded. Motion carried.

14. Advertising – advertise in ADGA Directory, United Caprine News, Goat Rancher and Boer Goat Magazine. Presented under budget numbers: Betty moved to accept, Bob seconded and motion passed.

15. Status of Committees – The committees will continue to be tabled until the new slate of officers and Advisory Council chance to address what we will do.

16. There being no other business, Ken moved to adjourn, Matt seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Henning, Secretary