

Board Meeting Minutes

Boise, Idaho

Saturday October 19, 2019
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mountain Time

DIRECTORS ATTENDING: Tom, Bob, Randy, Betty, Jan,

ADVISORS ATTENDING: Kath

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ATTENDING: Anita

OTHERS ATTENDING: Brenda Love (IBGC)

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Buchholz at 8:00 am Mountain Time.

- The RFID ad will appear in Goat Rancher in November and United Caprine News in December. Producers will be contacted in February to participate in the program. The tag manufacturers are lined up, we are just waiting on USDA. It was discussed that a potential project for AGI could be to develop a humane handling system for installing Scrapie Tags.
- The American Kiko Goat Association is joining AGF as a sponsoring member. The American Cashmere Goat Association is rejoining.
- Ken Andries record keeping program was discussed. Tom moved, seconded by Betty to charge university farms and large corporate farms a fee for using this program. Motion passed. Regular producers must be a member to use and must keep their membership current to be able to keep using it. University farms and large corporate farms must be an affiliate member. It was decided to charge a small fee for training in how to use the program. The GHIP-AGF program meets Scrapie record keeping requirements.
- We need to work on getting Scrapie-free status so that we can export. It was proposed by Benny Cox (pres of ASI) that we should investigate identifying Scrapie susceptible goats at the sale barn and buying them for testing. Might possibly get money from APHIS to do this. This has a lot of merit in the goat industry. Would need to have someone knowledgeable about Scrapie to determine which are susceptible. This will be added to a future action list.
- The Barbervax vaccine was discussed and it was recommended that we develop our own vaccine here rather than trying to get the one used in Australia and New Zealand approved for use here. We need to involve drug companies such as Colorado Serum and Texas Vet Labs as well as USDA and FDA. Need to have Paul Plummer involved also.

It was decided to have a panel for discussion of vaccine development at the annual meeting Tuesday afternoon. Tom, Randy and Anita will work on logistics and panel members.

- The AGF Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, in conjunction with the ASI Convention (January 22 to 25) at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort in Scottsdale Arizona.
- We need to pursue developing a Secure Goat Supply Program. If we don't have a program outlining procedures to follow and there is an outbreak of a serious disease then it shuts down the supply.
- According to NAHMS Q-fever is becoming a very prevalent disease in goats in the US. Katherine Marshall discussed Q-fever and DNA sequencing for pathogens. We should be at the table for the USMARC meetings to get goat related research done.

- We need to find out how to know more about goat research done by minor universities such as Langston, Prarie View Tuskegee and Tennessee State.
- We need to look into animal welfare issues as it relates to goats. Sustainable animal husbandry with certified humane practices.
- Randy moved and Betty seconded to give Anita the authority to form committees of members and develop guidelines for each committee. Motion passed.
- Some of the new trucking regulations were discussed as they pertain to livestock haulers.
- We need to try to reeducate wildlife biologists about the benefits of small ruminants cohabitating with trophy wildlife.
- Due to increased expenses, Tom moved and Betty seconded to raise AGF payments to Anita from \$600 to \$700 per month, and add \$100 from AGI to cover AGI portion of expenses beginning October 1, 2019. Motion passed.

The AGI portion of the motion will be included in the afternoon ASI meeting and voted on there.

- Bob is going to ask Tammy Fischer if she would be willing to fill his spot on the ASI Executive Board as a non-voting AGF representative.
- We will skip having a board meeting at the ADGA Convention in Syracuse in 2020. Anita will go to Syracuse for ADGA and set up booth, expenses will be paid by AGF. AGF will have a board meeting at the ADGA Convention in 2021 in Tucson.

It was decided to explore having an AGF board meeting in conjunction with a tour of the USMARC Center later in 2020 instead of meeting at the 2020 ADGA convention.

- Randy made motion to adjourn and Jan seconded it. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm Mountain Time.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Dusek
Secretary/Treasurer.