

## July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Membership Meeting—Tunica, Mississippi (Goldstrike)

Richard Oliveira called the meeting to order. Richard introduced the two new Board members—James Kyle who will be serving a 3-year term & Buddy Hagler who will be serving a 1-year term. Announcement of officers was made: President—Richard Oliveira, Vice-President—Danny Henson, Secretary—Chris Godsey, & Treasurer—Don Applegate. An introduction of Board members and their spouses was done.

Jim Rosenbaum was introduced and recognized as the National Show Manager. Danny Dixon was introduced and recognized as the National Show Coordinator. Judy Stepp was recognized for all her hard work and efforts contributing to the National Show. Wynema Adams was honored with a special plaque for all her hard work and effort in this National Show and past National Shows. Two new state coordinators were recognized: Bonnie Dunning of Tennessee and Robbie Melton of North Carolina. The office staff was recognized: Andrea, Tanda, Heather, Brenda, & Robin.

Items of discussion ensued:

- 1) Proposed Breed Standard changes: Richard briefly described the 2 minor changes (the perfect bite until death & teats cannot be connected at all). Cathie Keblinger provided insight on the two proposed changes. She also noted the wording on defects: Very Serious & Most Serious. Members were encouraged to make comments to the office or Board members within the next 30 days. Changes will be announced in the *Boer Breeder*.
- 2) Don Applegate discussed the financial report for the Association. He made note that the Association was approaching registering our 100,000<sup>th</sup> animal. Membership increase from 2,800 last year to 3,700 this year. A detailed financial report was made available to Board members and interested members.
- 3) Don Applegate also reviewed members on the proposed Performance Testing Program. He emphasized that the program would be voluntarily, and that more would be done on this program once our new computer program was in place.
- 4) Richard highlighted proposed changes for the registry software and website.
- 5) Committees—volunteers were sought out to serve on various committees. Interested volunteers were instructed to contact a board member.
- 6) 2003 Western Regional Nationals—to be held in conjunction with the Utah State Fair the first week of September. Tom Boyer will be the chairman.
- 7) Jim Rosenbaum took the floor and made a motion for the International Boer Goat Association, Inc. to authorize the Board to appoint a committee to study the possibility of adopting the South African Ennoblement program. Pam Womack seconded the motion. Richard Oliveira shared a letter from judges Don Smith and Pat Ariaz supporting this motion. One member asked how the current points program would be affected by adopting the Ennoblement Program. Richard responded that this would be investigated thoroughly by the committee and recommendations would be put forth. Another member asked if the ABGA had been contacted about transferring points over to International. Richard answered no, and that the Board wanted to present it to the membership before pursuing or discussing details with ABGA. A vote was taken: Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that an Ennoblement Committee would be formed and information would be presented to the membership via the *Boer Breeder*. November 1<sup>st</sup> was established as a possible target date for an action on this issue.

- 8) The floor was opened for discussion of any other concerns or comments from the membership. No one responded.

Motion to adjourn was made. Meeting adjourned. Members took part in the Annual Banquet festivities.

Reported by Chris A. Godsey  
Secretary

