

## January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Board Meeting—Talpa, TX (Don Smith's Ranch)

Meeting called to order—members present: Richard Oliveira, Danny Henson, Don Applegate, Chris Godsey, James Kyle, & Buddy Hagler.

Motion made by Danny Henson, seconded by James Kyle, to accept the 11-13-02 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**First order of business**—National Sale. James Kyle gave an update. The introductory letter submitted by Chris Godsey was reviewed and accepted with the following change: remove number that is to make up the selection committee, and just state that animals will be selected by a selection committee. Letter changes to be sent to office by Chris Godsey. James Kyle is to have Dave Green email the office with the rules and entry forms that are to be sent with the intro letter. Advertising was the next topic. It was suggested that the committee pick 3 or 4 advertising venues and have ads submitted in the April, May, & June issues. Danny Henson agreed to contact Mary and have her develop some ads for the sale. Suggested venues for advertising: *Progressive Farmer*, *Drover's Journal*, *Goat Rancher*, and *Ranch & Rural Living/Meat Goat News*. Don Applegate suggested that in May or June that we should have an ad target the New York area (*Wall Street Journal*). A teleconference of the National Sale Committee/Marketing Committee will take place at a later date to finalize sale 'details'.

**Second order of business**—Board Vacancies. A letter soliciting Board members & regional coordinators will be mailed with the National Sale letter by the office. Two Board vacancies will be open. Chris Godsey will relay dates regarding elections to Robin Taylor for letter that is to be sent.

**Third order of business**—National Show Update. Danny Henson gave an up-date. Wynema Adams will be doing the decorations again this year. The girls in the office are working on putting packets together. It is the consent of the Board to ask the office staff to attend the Nationals. It was suggested to have shavings included in entry fee so we do not have to worry about selling them and trying to keep track of them. Richard suggested that entry fees be raised by \$5 to cover for shavings; Chris Godsey suggested that shavings be left in bales so exhibitors will be able to put shavings in what pens they choose. Danny Henson stated that we only had 350 pens available, and that we would need to purchase 150-200 more at an estimated cost of \$10,000+. \$5,000 would be due in May with the remainder due at delivery in July. Chris Godsey asked if the arena would hold the additional 200 pens. Danny stated that with some minor adjustments, yes the arena would hold the additional pens. Pens need to be at the arena by 7-1-03. Chris Godsey asked if we could afford the pens at this time; Don Applegate said not really. A decision will be made within the next 30 days regarding new pens. It was suggested by Richard that the Board arrive by Wednesday and stay until Monday. Danny Henson stated that he would hire Terry Hankins to deliver the existing pens to the arena.

**Fourth order of business**—Advertising rates. Chris Godsey submitted price guidelines for advertising on website. Only change to guidelines: Ads must be paid for in advance before putting ads on the website. Motion to accept the guidelines made by Don Applegate, seconded by Buddy Hagler. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fifth order of business**—Internet Committee. It was suggested by Chris Godsey to abolish this committee. The committee has really done nothing over the last few months.

Chris agreed to monitor the website and let the President know if a new committee was needed. Motion to abolish Internet Committee made by Chris Godsey, seconded by Danny Henson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sixth order of business**—Beth Mason. Danny Henson reviewed the ethics complaint. Ethics Committee recommended a 30-day suspension that was supported the Judge's Committee. Danny Henson will place a letter in Beth Mason's Judges File stating action that was taken. Motion made by Buddy Hagler (secretary not real sure due to very low volume, but I'm almost certain ☺) to accept the Judges Committee's recommendation to suspend Beth Mason for 30 days, seconded by Don Applegate. Motion carried unanimously.

As far as judging the Nationals: It is the consent of this Board that we cannot deny Beth the right to judge the Nationals based on the above complaint.

At this time the Board took a lunch recess.

Afternoon session reconvened.

**Seventh order of business**—Next Year's Officers. Richard stated that we needed to be thinking about new officers for the next term. Board instructed to be thinking amongst ourselves for recommendations.

**Eighth order of business**—Voting Results for Nationals. Chris Godsey provided a list sent by Robin Taylor of 19 exhibitors that said they did not receive their ballot for National's judges.

\*\* At this time, Cathie Keblinger joined the meeting.

Danny Henson pointed out that it would be hard to tell if some of those on the list actually did not receive a ballot because a great deal of the ballots are sent back in with no return address labels. Richard stated that there were options: 1) mail these 19 people new ballots, 2) start all over again, 3) disregard and proceed with results. The board discussed each. Most were opposed with option 2. Danny stated that in the past there had been no problems, and that if we set precedent this year of letting people revote, then get ready for years to come! Chris Godsey pointed out that there were no complaints about not receiving their ballots until the results of the judges had been announced.

Danny Henson made the motion to let the Nationals judges result stand as is, seconded by Buddy Hagler. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ninth order of business**—Ethics Committee. Buddy Hagler presented information that Jack Mauldin had resolved his complaint with the Raffs.

A new Ethics Committee was approved: Keith Jefferies, Perry Hamm, Judy Kaye, J.D. Goodson, and Buddy Hagler (chair). The new ethics committee has been charged with revising our Ethics Guidelines. These new policies are to be presented to the Board and published in the *Boer Breeder* for comment and hopefully gain approval by Nationals '03.

**Tenth order of business**—Ennoblement Program. Richard presented to the Board the draft recommended by the Ennoblement Committee. This committee had presented a nice folder with their draft to each Board member. Most of the Board agreed that the program was viable. Don Applegate noted that more performance information needed to be added. Richard instructed him to get with Jim Rosenbaum and have the information added. This program incorporates class points, champion points, and gain test points. Danny Henson noted that this Ennoblement Program followed our current Points System. Discussion ensued if we would want to keep both programs or just the Ennoblement

Program. Chris Godsey pointed out that both programs could work together, that once an animal is ennobled, and then they could strive to get Bronze, Silver, etc. Danny Henson suggested that we print what was presented by the Ennoblement Committee for membership review in the *Boer Breeder*. Cathie Keblinger voiced her disapproval to this and that we should wait until our other points program is operative before publishing anything on the Ennoblement Program. Richard suggested that both ideas be presented in the March *Boer Breeder*. Chris Godsey suggested that once comments have been made that the whole membership should have a choice to vote on this issue on a ballot. Danny Henson suggested that we vote at the National Meeting in Tunica. It was discussed that that would exclude a large number of our members. Further action will be taken at a later date.

**Other business**—1) Recommendation from the Show Committee to change the suggested classes in the Rules to required classes. Motion to accept Show Committee's recommendation made by Don Applegate, seconded by Danny Henson. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Bylaws changes—Danny Henson presented changes to be made; Richard suggested that Danny send them out to all the Board, and then we could vote next time around.

3) Dual Sanctioning of shows—This topic was discussed; will be taken up at a later date.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Godsey, seconded by Danny Henson.

The Board then rejoined the Judge's Conference and a great dinner later in the evening.

Reported by Chris A. Godsey  
Secretary