

AMERICAN BOER GOAT ASSOCIATION

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DIRECTORS' MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 1994

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Vice President, Jane Meacham called the meeting to order, attending were Ernie Schwartz, President (via conference call), Dian Naumann, Treasurer, Directors Mike Masters, Buck Pruitt, Jimmy Day, Charles Turner, Allen Lynch, and Jody Lewis.

Due to the lack of a quorum, there was an unavoidable delay in calling the meeting to order, therefore, the scheduled agenda was set aside and the floor was given to member Phil Coffin.

Mr. Coffin spoke about the concerns of some of the members of the proposed change in the USDA protocol involving the importation of animal germ plasm from countries known to have scrapie disease. He explained the newly formed American Livestock Health Association and its purpose. He requested that the ABGA directors endorse the following resolution from ALHA:

1. With respect to U.S. animal health issues, no changes in importation protocol be allowed without verifiable scientific and medical research unequivocally supporting such change.
2. That the USDA enforce effective controls against the importation of animals and genetics from Canada, Mexico, South Africa and all other countries which represent a potential health risk to the United States.
3. That the concern for animal health in the United States take precedence over the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and that our borders be protected from the indiscriminate movement of livestock into our country.

Director Jody Lewis said that he had a problem with this resolution because of the word "unequivocally" in #1.

Director Jimmy Day stated that he had a problem in voting on this resolution without canvassing the membership. He said that he could not see the logic in polling the membership on the registration of half-blood bucks and not polling them on an issue of this magnitude.

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Director Jimmy Day made a motion to issue the following resolution:

"The Board of Directors of the American Boer Goat Association presently supports the current protocol concerning the importation of sheep & goat germ plasm. This is only the opinion of the Board of Directors and a canvass will be taken of all of our members. We support good herd health maintenance."

The motion was seconded by Dian Naumann and a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Jane Meacham - yes
Mike Masters - yes
Allen Lynch - yes
Jody Lewis - yes
Charles Turner - yes
Jimmy Day - yes
Dian Naumann - yes
Buck Pruitt - yes
Ernie Schwartz - yes
Lou Nuti (proxy) - yes

The registry office was instructed by Jane Meacham to type a letter informing the USDA of the resolution, type in the directors' names and submit the letter to Ernie Schwartz for signing. The letter was then to be mailed to

Dr. Lonnie King
Acting Administrator APHIS
Room 112 - E Administration Bldg.
Washington, DC 20250

The directors then discussed a special meeting and decided to schedule it for November 7, 1994 at 10:00am in Llano. Jody Lewis to make the arrangements.

Charles Turner was called on to address the National Show and Sale. He suggested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion made by Charles Turner to close the meeting, seconded by Jane Meacham, carried.

Kim Halfmann
Ernie Schwartz