

A K G A NEWS

DECEMBER, 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is a time of year when we need to reflect upon what is important in our lives. For me, that is family and friends. I hope that each of us will take time from our busy schedules to spend a little extra time with the people that mean the most to us.

2008 is almost over and election time is growing near. Now is the time for each of us to start thinking about what type of person we would like to have as Board of Directors. Through this election, each of you will have an opportunity to shape the course the AKGA will follow in the future. You only get a chance like this once a year. Don't waste it by not voting. Don't waste it by not studying the information on each candidate and making wise decisions. The future of your association depends on it. Remember to get your membership renewals in the mail in time to be eligible to vote.

The constitution committee chaired by Granville Cheatham and members Lisa Glunt and Nancy Gilleland has worked very hard to develop some amendments to the constitution. These amendments are designed to correct problems we have had in the past and to clarify other areas that may not be clear. I urge every member to take the time and read the amendments and vote.

I encourage everyone to contact any of the Board of Directors and voice your thoughts and concerns. In order for the Board of Directors to work for the membership, we need to know what you would like to have happen.

The Board has made some progress this year and has suffered some setbacks. However, we now have the Constitution and Board minutes on our web site for everyone to be able to access. We now have a monthly newsletter to help keep you informed. The newsletter is also on the web site for your convenience. We are in the process of developing a new forum for communication. This has taken much longer than I anticipated but will hopefully be up and running very soon. We have an AKGA store being run by Leo Stoltz. It has many items available including discounts from distributors. You can access the store web site from the AKGA web site. We also have committees working on several different areas that will hopefully develop new ideas for such things as an awards system for outstanding performance and improvements to the web site. With your help and support, we can make even bigger strides in the future.

What constitutes being a member of the American Kiko Goat Association or, for that matter, any association? A person applies for membership, pays their dues and then what? Is that all there is to it? I don't think so. Being a member of an association also places requirements upon you. You have a responsibility to inform the Board of your likes and dislikes about the association. You have a responsibility to make suggestions for improvement. Sitting back and being quiet does nothing. We need input from everyone if this association is to be governed for the membership. You also have a responsibility to serve on committees and in other ways to further the causes of the association. Being a member is a give and take situation. The association provides you with a means to register

your goats advertises and promotes the association and the breed on a national level. Plans and offers educational opportunities for members and the industry. You should not just be asking what the association could do for you. You should also be asking what you could offer to the association.

Until next year I wish each and everyone the very best and may the Lord bless and keep you in his arms.

Duff Sandness
AKGA President

NOTICE

This will be the last newsletter you receive by the USPS. Effective January 1, 2009 we are requesting everyone with the capability to download the NEWSLETTER from the AKGA Website. Anyone who does not have this capability and wishes to continue receiving the newsletter by the USPS MUST notify the Newsletter Committee (Laura Sandness) to continue receiving it.

AKGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting 10-6-2008

Logged in: Jean Thomure, Clint Swanson, Bill Sheehy, Granville, Cheatham, Duff Sandness, Karen Brown, Dick Rutherford, Sky Shivers, Donna Shelby, John Smith.

On October 6, 2008, a special meeting was held with Clint Swanson to discuss the matter of the registration of Garrick Batten's goats earlier this year.

Duff called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm EDT

Clint had emailed some points to be covered in this meeting.

1. At the time these animals were registered, did they meet the then existing requirements for registration as purebred Kikos?
Article X: Registration and Transfer of Goats: Section 1 of the bylaws provided "in the event circumstances exist whereby the Registrar cannot process the application, the person making the application may petition the Board of Directors to intervene to determine the requirements that must be met to properly register the animal."
Article X: Section 2 provides "all herd sires born before June 11, 2005 are required to be DNA genotyped in order to register their offspring. All herd sires born after June 11, 2005, are required to be DNA sire verified in order to register their offspring."
2. If the answer to question 1 is "no," then what additional information is required?
3. Is it possible to either genotype or sire verify any or all of the animals in question?
4. If these animals cannot be DNA genotyped or sire verified, is it still possible to determine they are purebred Kikos?

As I understand it the original animals were not DNA tested. They were deemed purebred Kikos on the basis of their pedigrees.

5. Is it possible to link the pedigrees of the Batten goats to the pedigrees of purebred Kikos in the AKGA registry?
6. If their pedigrees can be linked to purebred Kikos in the registry, are they less purebred Kiko than the original Kikos in the registry?
7. If it is impossible to determine whether these animals are in fact purebred Kikos using the AKGA standards, should an exception be made? If so, why?
8. What assurances can be made to the membership that these animals satisfy the AKGA purebred standards?
9. In your opinion, does this matter highlight the need for member approved breed standards?
10. Would it be beneficial to engage the help of an expert to develop a uniform breed standard?
11. Would it be beneficial to engage an expert to proved the Association with the list of “best practices” to be followed in maintaining the registry?

The board discussed these points at length. Clint emphasized the question, “Did these goats meet AKGA qualifications at the time they were registered?” He also stressed that if new information comes to light that would cast doubt on the legitimacy of the Batten goats, that needs to be considered.

Clint also suggested that each member of the board submit a proposal for the resolution of the Batten registrations.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Sheehy; seconded by Sky Shivers and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 pm EDT.

Jean Thomure
AKGA Secretary

Regular board meeting – October 16, 2008

The secretary did not provide a copy of the amended minutes as approved at the November 20th meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT – October, 2008

INCOME:

Registry - \$8,935.00
Membership - \$1,125.00
Interest on MMA - \$48.09

EXPENSES:

Treasurer - \$256.32 (phone, long distance, postage)
Secretary - \$83.03 (phone, long distance, postage)
Registry - \$3,941.14 (phone, toner, ink drums, postage, long distance, DNA testing)
Miscellaneous - \$1,487.31 (advertising, OK bond insurance, newsletter supplies)
Directors - \$100.04 (conference calls)
Store - \$2,103.81 (purchases for inventory, office supplies, postage, advance orders)

Checkbook balance as of 10-31-08: \$12,334.13 and money market account balance of \$32,680.92. Accounts receivable - \$445.00

REGISTRAR REPORT – November, 2008

Registrations: 68 Purebreds
146 Crossbreds
9 Genemaster
295 Transfers
57 DNA
4 Duplicates

TOTAL = 579 for November

NOTICE

This is a reminder to all breeder members, that if a registered goat dies or is sold without papers, please return the original certificate to the Registrar with a notation if it died or sold so the database can be updated.

Also when you send in a transfer and certificates for a goat that has already been registered, you **SHOULD NOT** write in the spaces on the back of the original certificate. The information will be filled out by the Registrar, not the seller.

NEW MEMBERS – NOVEMBER

Darlene Cullen – Compton, AR
Irvin L Hastings, Sr – Laurel, DE
Adrian Graber – Montgomery, IN
William H. Voigtlander – Grenola, KS
Quang & Na-Me Nguyen – Delmar, MD
Steve Buckman – Tulsa, OK
Justin & Ray Lackey – Brushcreek, TN

The Newsletter Committee wishes everyone a **HAPPY HOLIDAY**

Laura Sandness
Beth Sandness



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