

American Angora Goat Breeders Association, Inc

By-Laws and Rules

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Section 1.

The name of this Association shall be “The American Angora Goat Breeders’ Association, Inc.” with its office located in Rocksprings, Texas.

Section 2.

The affairs of this Association shall be under the control of the Board of Directors, who shall be elected bi-annually by ballot, said ballot to be mailed by the Secretary to all currently paid-up members not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

The number of directors shall be fifteen (15) plus all honorary directors. All members of the board of Directors must be breeders of Angora goats who have registered goats with this association during the year previous to their election. A current director will not be eligible for re-election to the Board of Directors unless he/she has attended at least one of the last three director’s meetings or has given advance notice to the Secretary as to why he/she is unable to attend.

Section 3.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall be members and directors of this Association and shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, and shall hold their respective offices for one year. No member shall serve as President of the Association more than two years in succession, or until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified, and can be removed at any time for cause, by the vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Directors present at any officially called meeting. The Board of Directors shall employ the Secretary and Treasurer, and the annual salary shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.

Any responsible United States citizen, firm, corporation, or youth club owning or breeding registered Angora goats may become a member by paying the annual membership fee and by obeying the Association’s By-Laws and Rules. Non-USA membership must be recommended by a member and then approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Only one vote is allowed per membership.

Section 5.

In order to maintain a current membership roll, the Annual Membership Fee shall be \$20.00 payable on or before February 1st of each year. Membership is not transferable.

Section 6.

The regular annual meeting of the Association shall be held at a location and time to be determined annually by the executive committee. The Secretary shall mail notice to each currently paid-up member of the Association not less than 20 days prior to the meeting date. The exact meeting time, date and location shall be posted on the Official AAGBA website.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading of Minutes
2. Report of President
3. Report of Secretary and Treasurer
4. Report of Executive Committee
5. Report of Special Committees
6. Reading of Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Election of Directors
10. Good of the Association
11. Adjournment

Special Meetings of the Association may be called by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, or by any six directors or fifteen members of the Association by causing the Secretary to mail a notice to currently paid-up, active members stating the time and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof, at least twenty (20) days prior to the date fixed for such meeting.

Section 7.

The procedure of all meetings shall be conducted according to "Roberts Rule of Order".

Section 8.

The Board of Directors shall hold meetings as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting of the Association. Meetings may be called if there is occasion as necessary, by either the President or any five members of the Board, by causing the Secretary to mail notice thereof to each Director at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for such meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be held at any place acceptable to a quorum of Directors. At all meetings of the Board, of which proper notice has been given as herein provided, (five 5) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry into effect the resolutions of the Association adopted at its meetings, to supervise the actions of the President, the Secretary-Treasurer and other officers of the Association, and in general to look after its business interests.

Section 9.

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association and all of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall not be a member of the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, and may act as Treasurer of the Association.

The secretary shall not contract any debts against the Association without the consent of the Executive Committee, and shall, for at least fifteen (15) years, keep backup copies of registration certificates in a

fireproof safe or vault. A backup copy of the registration database shall be made at the end of each day registration activity occurs. No records shall be destroyed without the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 10.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies of the Association and retain it in his/her custody, paying it out only under the direction of policy adopted by the Executive Committee. A transaction record shall be maintained by the Treasurer at the Associations office and made available as requested.

Section 11.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall execute a good and sufficient bond in such sum as may be fixed by the Executive Committee and payable to the Association and approved by the Executive Committee conditioned upon faithful performance of their respective duties and the account of all monies coming to their hands, for or on account of the Association.

Said bonds must be on file with the President before any books, papers, or monies shall be turned over to the newly elected Secretary or Treasurer. Both the Secretary and Treasurer shall take their orders from the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may remove the Secretary or Treasurer from their office at any time, for any cause, by vote of the majority of a quorum of the Directors, and appoint others in their places until the next annual meeting of the Association.

Section 12.

The Board of Directors shall choose an Executive Committee of five from its membership, of which the President shall be a voting member, and chairman. A quorum of the Executive Committee will consist of four (4) of the five (5) members. The Executive Committee shall serve as nominating committee for the Directors and Honorary Directors of this Association and shall attend to all of the detail work of the Association, under the supervision and control of the Board of Directors, and shall report its action upon all matters considered, through the Secretary, at the meeting of the Directors. An appeal shall lie in all matters from the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors, upon the application of the party aggrieved, endorsed by three members of the Association.

Section 13.

Any vacancy in the office of Secretary or Treasurer of the Association or in the Executive Committee shall be filled by appointment by the President and ratified by the Executive Committee and the member so chosen shall hold his office until the next annual meeting of the Association.

Section 14.

Neither at any annual or any called meeting of the Association or at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall any member of the Association or any member of the Board of Directors be permitted to vote by proxy, but at all such meetings the members of the Association or of the Board of Directors shall be personally present on any business coming before such meeting of the Association or of the Board of Directors. The bi-annual election of Directors will be done by mail ballot as discussed in Section 2.

Section 15.

The By-Laws of this organization may be repealed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association under the following conditions. All three (3) conditions must be met.

- (1) Any member may suggest changes to the By-Laws and Rules Committee, the Executive Committee, or present them at the Annual Meeting.
- (2) At least five (5) current members of the Board of Directors are present and vote on the proposed amendment(s).
- (3) Two-thirds (2/3) of the members present vote in favor of the amendment change(s) after its discussion.

Section 16.

That any person or persons who by their act or acts are found guilty of willfully bringing disrepute upon the Association, or any member thereof, in good standing, shall by a majority vote of the Directors, be invited to withdraw from the membership of said Association, and in the event of their failure to do so, the same shall be barred from holding any office or position of trust in the Association.

Section 17.

All By-Laws and Rules of the Association must be kept up-to-date by making current copies available at the association office in Rocksprings and posting them on the official AAGBA website.

Section 18.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to review cases where animals are sold - not paid for - then repossessed. If, in the opinion of the committee, the request is justifiable, transfer may be re-issued by the Association with the cost of the regular transfer fee.

Section 19.

All past presidents shall become Honorary Directors. All Honorary Directors shall have full voting privileges. Honorary Directors will count in the quorum requirement at Board of Director's meetings.

RULES

Rule 1.

The offspring of an Angora doe and buck, both recorded in the Angora Goat Record of the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association, Inc. (AAGBA) shall be entitled to entry in the Angora Goat Record of this Association by its breeder. Goats not eligible for registration: Unsound, including teeth and single testicle, or deformed in body, black horns, colored hair, body not covered with mohair or having a fleece with "sheepy" or short kinky characteristics.

Rule 2.

The breeder of an animal is understood to be the party owning the dam (its record owner) at the time of service, and dictating the mating.

Rule 3.

Angora goats or their embryos or semen imported from foreign countries may be admitted to registry on approval of the Executive Committee.

Rule 4.

All applications for registry must state; ear tag number; initials or notched or tattoo number of Association tag; record number of sire; record number of dam; date, month, and year born. Bucks and does must be listed on separate blanks. Entry blanks are furnished free on request and applications are

available online at the AAGBA website. Breeders are required to use their own metallic or plastic tag or marks, notch or tattoo marks.

Rule 5

Schedule of Fees:

Annual Association Membership \$20.00

Fee for registering goats is \$6.00

Fee for registering goats more than three (3) years old is \$12.00

Fee for recording transfers is \$6.00

Fee for *family transfer of goats is \$3.00

*family consists of: children, grand children, and great grand children

Fee for computer generated, 5-generation pedigree is \$20.00

Fee for duplicate/replacement registration certificate is \$4.00

Non-members will be charged double fees.

Payment of fees must be received within 45 days of service. Member will be prohibited from new services for non-payment until payment is received.

Rule 6.

Any member breeding Angora goats for registry in this Association must either pen-breed his doe or enclose his buck and does in a pen or closely fenced lot or field, so they cannot mix with other goats during the breeding season and a record must be kept of their breeding so the owner knows the sire of each goat offered for record in this Association.

Rule 7.

All goats registered shall have two marks of identification, the choice of the two marks to be optional with the breeder having the animals recorded. The two marks used, to be two of the following three marks:

- 1) A metal or plastic ear tag with the owner's private name or initials and private number
- 2) Tattooing the owner's name or initials and number in ear(s)
- 3) By using the notched system as follows:

On the right ear: each notch on the back of the right ear represents three (3). Each notch on the front of the right ear represents thirty (30). Each notch on the end of the right ear represents three hundred (300). Each round hole in the center of the right ear represents three thousand (3,000).

On the left ear: Each notch on the back of the left ear represents one (1). Each notch on the front of the left ear represents ten (10). Each notch on the end of the left ear represents one hundred (100). Each round hole in the center of the left ear represents one thousand (1,000).

Rule 8.

Any member who shall misrepresent the breeding of any goat offered for record; or shall substitute a goat for any record in this Association or shall sell any goat as recorded or eligible for record that is not recorded or eligible for record or shall misrepresent any goat for the purpose of registering it in this Association or for the purpose of selling the goat, shall upon conviction be expelled from the Association and shall not be entitled to register any more goats in this Association and his membership shall be forfeited.

Rule 9.

For the honor and protection of the members of this Association and the public, each and every member is DUTY BOUND to enter charges against any member whom he may know of violating any of the rules and regulations regarding the breeding and registering of his goats in this Association or misrepresenting his goats to the public for the purpose of selling them, shall file charges with evidence of guilt against such members with the Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the evidence and decide if the claims and charges are sufficient to go to trial or not.

The Secretary shall notify the member to appear at the first meeting of the Board of Directors thereafter, to answer said charges, and show cause why he should not be expelled from this Association. Should the member fail to appear in person or by representation to answer said charges, it shall be taken as “prima Facie” evidence that he is guilty.

Rule 10.

Angora kids born as a result of embryo transplant (ET) or artificial insemination (AI) procedure shall be subject to registration provided the kids are identified at registry time on the registration application and issued certificate. The following procedures must be used and completed at the appropriate time. The Breeder shall be responsible.

ET is to be performed by an officially licensed veterinarian, a senior researcher of a state agriculture experiment station, or by an individual who does ET on his/her own goats. AI (including collection of semen) is to be performed by the Breeder or an approved, qualified AI person.

National ET and AI guidelines and integrity precautions are to be followed by the person(s) performing either procedure. A signed list of those females implanted or inseminated by certain specific sires will be forwarded to the AAGBA office prior to the birth of any offspring. Both the Breeder and the senior ranking qualified person of the team performing either procedure will sign this list.

One hundred sixty (160) days will be allowed from the date of ET or AI for termination of the gestation period in determining the sire. This rule applies to all kids born in 1995 and thereafter.

Rule 11.

These rules (not the By-Laws) can be amended by a Director's meeting provided the Directors are given a 10 day notice of the proposed rule change. Five (5) Directors will be considered a quorum. At least two thirds (2/3) of the attending Directors is necessary to make a rule amendment.

Rule 12.

A breeder's certificate signed by the owner(s) of the sire, for all kids sired by a buck not owned by that breeder, will accompany the application for registration when applying for registration. This rule applies to all kids born in 1994 and thereafter.