



Bruce D. Foster

District 4 Director Candidate

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I am Bruce Foster and I would like to represent you and our district on the Board of Directors. I have been raising and showing dairy goats since 1982. Our original herd name was Long Acres and then we switched to a family membership under the name of Robin Wood, which I gave to my oldest daughter Shannon Ellis when I married Klisse. Our herd name since 2001 is Klisse's Kids.

We have a large herd of dairy goats and show all over the country as well as many shows in District 4. We currently have Sables, Saanens, Recorded Grades and a couple Alpines. But in the past I started with Nubians and had Lamanchas for many years. I think we do most of the programs in ADGA and like many of you are feeling the pains of the new NG program. We do linear appraisal every year, we are on milk test/DHIR, ADGA Plus, DNA, buck collections, artificial insemination and added in vitro fertilization / embryo transfer. I have attended every National Show since 1996 and have only missed 4 conventions since 1985.

The current committees I am on are the Annual Meeting Youth, National Show Youth, National Show and Long Range National Show. In the past I have been on and chaired the Information Management Committee and also co-chaired the Annual Meeting Youth.

ADGA has had a lot of problems this year with NG being rolled out in the middle of kidding season. I am not sure what the reasoning was for rolling it out at this time of the year, but I want to make a policy that ANY CHANGES need to happen in the October to January of the year, the slow time for ADGA. ADGA is a business and changes, especially major changes should not be made during the busy times of the year. Also, we need to make sure that more testers that use all of the programs are part of the test group for the new programs or changes. Many of the errors we are seeing should have shown up during the testing phase. We have to consider the members and ADGA. Because of the situation, members are losing business and are severely frustrated and

ADGA is losing new members and some existing members. Members are looking for other ways to spend their money and time. This has been a huge huge cost to ADGA and its members. We are still waiting on some papers that got lost in the program in the March time frame.

Communication to the members and the board of directors has to be improved. We have seen some improvement, but more needs to be done. Our new executive director Lance, has made improvements by updating the membership with emails, but I still think there is a way to use social media to update and communicate with the membership and this should be investigated. ADGA needs to be more progressive.

When this letter comes out it will be around the time for the National Show. I hope to see many of you there and hope that there are some updates to the rules for this year that allows more people to attend the National Show. Being on the National show committee this year has been very interesting and not a normal year for the committee. There were many discussions and the discussions were aired by both sides, both with valid arguments. This creates division and without compromises, nothing will move forward. I promise as a director to work towards compromises for the betterment of the members and ADGA.

Thank you for your time and exercise your right to vote and make a change.

Thank you for voting..

Sincerely,

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