

Large Black Hog Association (LBHA)

Articles of Association

ARTICLE I

The name of this Unincorporated Association (as defined by the State of Texas) shall be Large Black Hog Association (LBHA). Its existence will be perpetual. It shall be a non-stock and non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II

The principal office of the Foundation shall be maintained at a location designated by the board, in accord with LBHA bylaws.

ARTICLE III

The purpose of this Association shall be: to educate the public and LBHA members about Large Black Hogs, also known as English Large Blacks and Large Black Pigs and by several other names, and:

1. To protect the genetic diversity of Large Black Hogs.
2. To promote, market and educate the public and livestock producers about the unique beneficial characteristics of the Large Black Hog. The objective of the LBHA is to attract new and existing breeders to ensure the continued existence of the Large Black Hog in the United States of America.
3. To register and keep pedigree records of all animals that qualify as Large Black Hogs according to the guidelines of LBHA.
4. To provide technical support to a network of breeders to further their work in conserving the Large Black Hog.
5. To maintain an internet website and a breeders directory (of breeders willing to be listed), available for interested people for the purposes of dissemination of information about Large Black Hogs.

ARTICLE IV

The LBHA operates in accord with the laws of Texas regarding Unincorporated Associations and as a IRS 501 (c) (5) nonprofit agricultural organization.

ARTICLE V

Membership requirements are defined in the LBHA bylaws, but generally include individuals and organizations interested in the preservation of the Large Black Hog breed.

ARTICLE VI

The process for electing, and to power/responsibilities of, the Board of directors are described in the Association bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

The officers of the Foundation shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be chosen by a majority vote of directors. Interim officers will be appointed for the purposes of drafting Association documents and establishing IRS nonprofit status. The first group of officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the board and shall serve until the annual meeting of the Foundation in 2009/2010 at which time their successors shall be elected. Beginning with the 2010 annual meeting, the officers shall be elected for one year's term. The board will appoint at the time of the election of the officers, by majority vote, an "Agent" of the association as allowed by Texas law. This designation requires the completion of Form 706 (Appointment of Agent) as provided in the Texas BOC to register the "Agent" (who may be ANY active member, including officers, who is also a resident of Texas) as the Association designee with the Texas Secretary of State. A filing fee is required and will be paid by the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

These articles may be amended by a majority vote of the directors present at a board of directors meeting. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing and read and approved at one meeting of the board of directors. The board of directors must be notified in writing of any proposed change in the Articles at least five days in advance of any meeting for this purpose. Generally, LBHA policies and procedure should be addressed in the LBHA bylaws and not these articles.

ARTICLE IX

Bank accounts for the Large Black Hog Association will be initially established (opened) by the Vice President. This initial account will be established with any eligible officer or board member as signatory in accord with LBHA Bylaws Article 3.5. At least one signatory must be established, and only one it initially required.

ARTICLE X

The initial membership of the LBHA shall be composed of:

Kay Wolfe, President (Life Member)
Vice President/Registrar, Rima Kittley, (Life Member)
Secretary/Treasurer, David Dalan, (Life Member)
Board Member 1, Cathy Cox (Life Member)
Board Member 2, Gregg or Jennie Wetterman (Life Member)
Board Member 3, Linda Weems

Member Matt & Mandy Corry
Member Mark & Kelley Escobedo

Member Ben & Alysha Godfrey
Member Chris Laing
Member David Sanders
Member Greg & Holly Schnakenberg
Member John & Linda Weems

**These Articles are hereby adopted, effective as of the ___3rd___ Day of the Month of
___March___ in the year ___2009___**

Signed,

Cathy Cox _____

Date _____

Gregg or Jennie Wetterman _____

Date _____

Linda Weems _____

Date _____