

LBHA 2013 Q1 Board Meeting

Date: January 19, 2013; 8 to 9 pm Central Time.

Meeting called to order at 8:03 pm

Present: Richard Pomeroy, Kelley Escobedo, Kelly Luzier, Cathy Cox,
Harvey Work, Val & Deb Aaron, Felicia Krock

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Kelly

Bank Balance: \$12,446.90

Registrar Report

Felicia

Current Members: 229

Breeders: 162

Hogs: 2724 (Not reported deceased or for historical purposes only)

- 966 actually registered

- 1758 attached to litter certificate only

2822 is the next registration number to be used.

- We have a paper membership application that can be requested by Breeders to hand out with litter certificates.
- We have a paper litter registration form for those not on the computer.
- We received 2 Christmas cards to the LBHA.

Outreach Committee Report

Kelley

Newsletter: Spoke with Val & Deb Aaron about helping with the Newsletter.

Advertising:

Kelley

Spoke about placing ads in Grass Farmer and Acres, both are relatively inexpensive. Discussed need to promote the breed/breeders as well as pork.

Motion made to approve advertising via email. Passed unanimously.

Open Items from Previous Meeting

Annual Meeting

Will be discussed via email.

By Law Voting:

- 159 eligible to vote.
- 80 voted
- 74 yes 6 no
- Motion not carried (By Law change) because not enough people voted.
- Val was asked to examine By Laws for wordage and interpretation.

DNA Testing - Tabled (Contract received must be examined)

Cross Section - Tabled (Alec not available to discuss)

Houston Livestock Show

Cathy

- No applications being received when contacted.

- Can apply for space at the Texas State Fair.

Advertising

Kelley

- Discussion about trying another advertisement in different magazine.
- Will have to get pricing.

New Business

Ear Notching

Harvey

- Discussed the current method of ear notching and whether we wished to change the method.
- Discussed the need to notch all litters ears regardless of whether they are registered or not.
- Asked for feedback.
- Richard stated it was important to notch all pig's ears for good husbandry practices.
- What age do you notch piglet ears? Richard: Within 24 hours.
- Discussed RFID microchip.

Heritage Pork Label

Kelley

- Discussion continued from last meeting about marketing, quality control, fair value.
- Biggest mistake is losing money on market pig – Cannot raise Large Black's for \$2.00 a pound.
- Discussed putting feelers out within the membership for a teleconference about marketing pork.

Minutes

Richard/Felicia

- Minutes will be published on website pending approval at the next meeting. This will facilitate getting information into the

hands of the membership.

Registrar

Richard

- Brought up paying Registrar a fee. The St. Croix Registrar gets \$2.35 per registration.
- Will need figures from Registration for time spent for processing Registrations.
- Secretary position and duties are separate from Registrar duties.
- There was discussion two years ago about this within the Board.

Census

Board

- Discussed need for census of hogs.
- Felicia will prepare a census to send out with Membership Certificates.

Next Meeting

April 20, 2013 8pm CST

Meeting Adjourned 9:58