

Large Black Hog Association

Meeting Minutes
4/18/2009

Present: Kay Wolfe, John and Linda Weems, Gregg and Jennie Wetterman, David Dalan, Cathy Cox, Rima Kittley

Next meeting: June 2009, TBA

Meeting was called to order @ 11:40 AM, 4/18/2009 by Kay Wolfe, President.

Roll call was performed by David Dalan, Secretary/Treasurer.

I. Adopt the Association Bylaws and Articles of Association

David noted that the bylaws reflect the current banking situation (only one signatory required on checks, multiple members eligible for this responsibility). Rima moved to accept Bylaws and Articles of Association as written. Vote was Unanimous and affirmative. Motion Passed.

II. Presidents Report

Kay expressed great optimism for the future of the breed and the future of the association. Key take away was that we (LBHA members) need to bear with each other's mistakes and remember to respect other viewpoints and members.

III. Board Member/Officer Reports

Dave reports growing interest in the West from Organic meat producers. Discussed breed options (genetic diversity) with Kay. Some possible options for Hog genes from Canada and Kay will discuss procedure for importing Irish Boar semen in July when she returns to Wolfe Mountain.

IV. Registrar Report

114 animals, what do we do with missing animals? Breed study with university and USDA will analyze records for free to fill us in on what is going on with the breed and a breed plan. ~\$700 in membership dues to date.

V. Approval of Expenses

Expenses we need to vote on. Rima needs \$385 for hobby farms ad and \$70 for paper for certificates. Cathy moved to approve expenses. Vote was Unanimous and affirmative. Motion Passed.

VI. VOTE: Clarify that officers are considered part of the board

Rima wishes clarification about the voting status of the Officers. David noted that only the registrar was explicitly excluded from voting privileges. With President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer and three board members, there is an odd number of voters, eliminating the risk of ties. It was moved by Cathy Cox that all officers be considered board members for the purpose of voting. Officers will have the same voting rights and obligations as other board members under the current Bylaws and Articles of Association. Vote was Unanimous and affirmative. Motion Passed.

VII. Open Issues

1. Genetic study of LBH. Would be great, there is support, but little grant funding. Requires collection of hair samples.
2. Nominations for new officers: No willing candidates, No action taken.

VIII. New Business

1. Bank Access
2. Registration of un-papered Hogs. Some exceptions for Hogs un-papered by previous registrar if receipts exist proving purchase. Otherwise, no registrations for "paperless" hogs. Genetic study could allow in the future.
3. Online Breed Book: Rima can get breed book online, this will be a priority only after the registration information is sorted out.
4. Cathy Cox: Pig Mapping Project. LBHA will offer a link and a disclaimer, each producer will decide individually if ti wished to participate.
5. ALBC meeting in Houston. Members encouraged to attend.
6. Marketing Discussion
 - a. Standardized materials?
 - b. Members excited about (and encouraged) attending fairs, markets and events on behalf of the LBHA and Large Blacks in general.
 - c. Chris Dalan will make some samples and send out to LBHA Board for approval.
7. Kay expressed concerns about market saturation.
 - a. Dave mentioned meat and vertical market control to be a good option for small producers going forward.
 - b. Registration caps suggested.
 - c. Contract support in registration (breeder vs. Feeder) with feeders being noted and unregister able.
8. Next meeting date: June

X. Adjournment 12:30 PM

Signatures below confirm the truth and accuracy of all votes contained in these minutes.

President
VP/Registrar
Secretary/Treasurer
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member