

Large Black Hog Association

Meeting Minutes
1/16/2010

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

Next meeting: TBA (Prior to April Elections)

Meeting was called to order on 1/16/2010 by Kay Wolfe, President.

Roll call was performed by David Dalan, Secretary/Treasurer. Meeting was held via Free Conference Call service.

I. Financial Reports

Balance in the LBHA account is now \$2451.40 - Rima

We currently have 70 association members and 100+ members on the forum – Rima

The question arose, "How do we make the best use of available fund in 2010?" The general consensus was to look at advertising options. David mentioned that perhaps it would be best to get a feel for when producers are weaning/farrowing and time the advertisements to coincide with producer availability.

David Dalan: will contact Mother Earth news in regards to pricing.

Cathy Cox: will contact Acres and Stockman magazine. She will also look into Grit's new magazine.

Motion: Rima proposed we allot \$1000 for advertising in 2010. Kay provided the 2nd.
Motion proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.

II. Membership Renewals

Here are the relevant section of the bylaws being discussed (post meeting add on by David Dalan)

4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: Annual membership shall begin January 1st and expire on December 31st.

4.6 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall terminate on December 31st each year. A grace period of 45 days shall be in effect, allowing such time for members to send in membership dues. Members not paid within the grace period are stricken from membership of LBHA until dues are paid."

Several ideas were discussed (prorating, etc.) for members who joined in 2009. It was decided that we would stick to the bylaws as written, with renewal required for all members in 2010. A post card will be mailed to members (by Registrar) containing information on a couple of items, with renewal dates to be one of the items.

For 2010 the grace period will be extended to March 1st due to the late notice.

Failure to pay by the end of the grace period will not affect any existing registrations, but will prevent a member from being eligible for new registrations until annual dues

(if applicable) are paid. Member contact information will also be removed from website breeder's directory until dues are paid.

III. Elections

Based on current membership, the bylaws say we need to elect 2 more Board members. Several elements were discussed.

Elections will conclude by 4/1/2010

Nominations due by 3/1/2010

Notice to go out with postcard that addresses membership renewals

The ALBC will tally all votes and provide the LBHA with the results

David also mentioned that (if relevant in the future) the board has the discretion to create geographic regions for board member elections, for example East, West, Central, etc. No need for this was observed at this time.

ALBC does not require payment for vote tallying option, but the board felt it worthwhile to make a donation in support of the ALBC.

Motion: Rima proposed we donate \$250 to ALBC 2010. David provided the 2nd. *Motion proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.*

IV. Website

We discussed options for streamlining payments to the LBHA. PayPal was suggested. Many benefits to the association (less handling of checks and cash, more automated records) and the membership (pay instantly from any computer with Paypal, CC, debit, etc.)

Motion: Rima proposed we setup and begin using PayPal, Cathy/David 2nd. *Motion proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.*

We decided that something like an LBHA store (merchandise) may be outside the LBHA mission and should be reevaluated when the two new board members are elected.

V. LBHA Sponsored Events: Green Expo

Green expo in Plano TX, April 17. Cathy is already attending and would be willing to man a booth. Rima plans to attend as well. NFP booth costs are only \$100.

Motion: David moved that we allocate \$100 for a booth (LBHA) at the Green Expo. Kay provided the 2nd. *Motion proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.*

VI. Notching Standard

Board discussed the topic of hog identification for the registry. Primary question is this;

"Is notching the only acceptable means of permanently marking a LBHA registered hog?"

Discussion was brief (it has been discussed at some length on the forum and in e-mails prior to the meeting) and the board decided the following;

All hogs born from LBHA registered stock must be notched to be registered. They can be additionally be marked my any other means, but without notching they cannot be registered.

Example: You have hogs with ear tags (Hog A and Hog B) that were from another registry, but now are registered with the LBHA. To register any offspring from Hog A and Hog B (after you moved them to the LBHA) those offspring MUST be notched. Additional marking techniques can be used, but they must be in conjunction with notching.

All hogs from other registries may be transferred (co-registered) with the LBHA with their current markings, additional notching is not required.

Example: You have hogs with ear tags (Hog A and Hog B) that were from another registry. To register them with the LBHA, you do not need to notch them.

We will not be collecting photos of stock, to avoid an undue burden on producers.

Motion: David moved that we continue to require notching and continue to grandfather stock without notches from other registries. Rima provided the 2nd.
Motion proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.

We also discussed the issue that some producers are not notching and registering anyway. This practice could undermine the reliability of the registry and severely affect the market value of stock produced by the members not properly marking their stock.

Post Meeting Note from Treasurer/Secretary: Fraudulently registered stock is NOT registered stock (even if papers were issued) as Notching is required.

David will work on producing a "how to" video for folks new to notching.

VII. Post Meeting Update from Registrar

We have 66 members now.

287 registered hogs are now in the database and we have partial pedigree information on 42 others.

We have 124 members of the forum.

We have provided 43 trial matings to members looking to determine potential mating CI's.

We have provided 63 Litter Certificates to members.

Rima has spent hundreds of hours helping folks find and register hogs. I spend about 8 hours each week doing the same.

We have created online forms to make it easier to join the Association, register hogs and litters. There have been several other website improvements.

X. Other Items/New Business

Next meeting: TBA (mid February)

X. Adjournment 12:00 PM CST

I confirm that the votes and results are accurately recorded above.

David Dalan
Secretary/Treasurer
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