

Annual Membership Meeting
Large Black Hog Association
July 16, 2011

Board Members Present: Richard Pomeroy (President), Kelley and Mark Escobedo (Vice-President), Dave Dalan (Treasurer), Felicia Krock (Secretary/Registrar), Harvey Work
Board Members Absent: Cathy Cox, Deb & Val Aaron, Anthony Keisling, Kelly Luzier
LBHA Members Present: 3 LBHA Members

Proceedings

-Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm. CT by Richard.

Introductions

-Announcing Board Members
-Introducing ourselves

Opening Statement

-Richard Pomeroy

Treasurer's Report

-Dave Dalan

-Explanation of expenditures
 -Printing, laptop, scanner, website, conference calls
-Request for members to send in ideas of how to use funds available to promote breed.

Secretary/Registrar Report

-Felicia Krock

-155 active membership
 -21 are Lifetime members (\$200 one time cost)
 -55 members overdue who have been removed from active list.
-619 hogs registered
 -677 piglets given registration numbers via litter certificates
 -53 records for historical purposes only (49 of which have registration numbers)
-Please use full hog name when registering.
-If you pay via Paypal, please use "notes" section on form to inform the Registrar if using a different email address to limit time to complete transaction.
-When purchasing a pig, do NOT leave without papers. There is NO reason for a breeder to not have papers.
-New raised seal on registration documents to help prevent forgeries.

Recent Improvements

-Richard Pomeroy

-New URL
-New software – well supported.
-Feedback – can be accommodated.
-New logo
 -New member logo for member use.
 -New seal logo for Registrar use
-Ticket Support System
 -Each query via website forms produces an unique ticket that can be accessed by a number of Board Members.

- Promotes accountability – Both by the Board and Membership
- Registration Process
- Richard Pomeroy and Brian Wright worked diligently to create a less labor intensive process.

Proposed By-Law Changes

**-Richard Pomeroy
-Dave Dalan**

-These changes are to help the Board function to the best of their abilities to serve the membership.

- 1: Voting
- 2: Renewal date of membership
- 3: How to handle vacancies on the Board
- 4: Term limits
- 5: Effect staggered term expiration as outlined in By-Laws

****Email was sent to each member outlining and defining proposed By-Law Changes****

Questions from attending membership

-Members

How many members attending meeting?

-6 signed up. 3 general members attending. 5 Board members.

What are CI's?

- Co-efficient of inbreeding
- How much of the ancestry of a pig was related to each other.

Why not prorate membership for first year then annually after that?

- Separating by anniversary date allows the membership the customer service they deserve, rather than a quick email form letter.
- Also, cuts down on Secretary work load by spacing it over 12 months rather than once a year.

Can you explain ear notches?

- A poster is available on website. Home – Files
- We are working to improve this information.
- JoAnn Smotherman was working on an easier to understand version just before she resigned. We should be able to post a version soon.

Closing Statement

**-Richard Pomeroy
-Kelley Escobedo**

- Please give feedback with ideas towards resolutions
- New changes are still in the works
- We need volunteers for ideas and working on committees - become involved!
- Feedback on advertising in Grit and Hobby Farms – have you been contacted due to those ads?
- Any questions please contact us, we are available and want to hear from you!

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm. CT