

October 28, 2019 LBHA Board Meeting Minutes,

Meeting called to order by Alan McKamey at 8:10 PM

Attendance – Alan/Amy McKamey, David Burkett, Alison, Ramona, Felicia Krock.

Alan discussed the general results of the census, talking about the background and history of what was done for the LBHA, such as bloodlines, BPA, the Large Black Pig Registry, whose records are unknown at this time. The info may or may not be lost. Also discussed Cabbage Hill Far.

Discussed the origin of the LBHA.

Census numbers do not include any of Angela's animals and her operation is currently threatened by circumstances. Discussed importance of her data being available to the LBHA so it cannot be lost in case of a catastrophe like data from the Large Black Pig Registry.

Defender semen is now available in Ft Collins, CO.

Perdue is doing a size/growth/meat comparison between a commercial pig and a Large Black.

Discussion of Kinship software used by Large Black Breeders Club in Great Britain.

Amy discussed the census report. Went over history of the Large Blacks in America, including imports of both British pigs and semen through the years. Also discussed background of history between the LBHA and the Livestock Conservancy and desired information the current census is seeking. The last previous census was done in 2014.

Amy reported on the structure of how the census was conducted such as initial available information on farms and animals.

Initially 953 possible farms, contacted 308, and found a total of 65 active farms in good standing with the LBHA.

50 farms are actively breeding Large Blacks (and not all of those are registering their animals.

10 farms own only one registered animal.

20 members have never registered a single litter.

\*That means there are only 20 farms in the country that 1.) are able to register their animals, and 2.) That ARE registering their animals.

\*Only 16 farms registered animals in 2019.

\*323 registered breeding animals, 27 litter certificates,

Reported on total breeders by line.

Our (LBHA) downward trend is across all countries with Large Blacks.  
Discussed comments to census taker from members.

Discussion of recommended steps to help the breed recover.

Discussion of ear notching and breed standard.

Decision to revisit ear notching at the January, 2020 meeting.

Motion to adjourn AI, seconded by Alison. Adjourned at 9:10PM.

\*As of meeting date