

## AGHA Board Meeting

January 12, 2023

### **OPENING**

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The meeting was called to order on January 12, 2023 at 7:37 pm EST by president Becky Mahoney. The meeting was hosted on Zoom with board members participating by video and by phone. A quorum was reached.

#### **Attending:**

Becky Mahoney President

Laura Dykstra, Vice President

Pam Christensen, Treasurer

Matthew Hunker, Secretary

Michaela De

Jack Rowland

Minutes of October 6 meeting: Boarded opted not to read out loud. No corrections. Motion to approve by Michaela. Seconded by Laura. Verbal consensus.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

Pam reported on profit/loss, question about dues and subscriptions confirmed to be \$55 for Quickbooks per month. Bank expenses confirmed to be Paypal. Balance sheet discussed. Registrar's pay discussed briefly.

Paypal December: Autorenewal and duplicate payment issue discussed, wording on reminder e-mail may be adjusted to avoid confusion in the future.

End of Year Financial Report: Gratefulness expressed for Pam's work!

Motion to enter into record by Michaela, seconded by Laura, approved by all.

#### **Elections:**

President: Becky was nominated to stay on for another 2 year term. Approved and accepted.

Vice President: Laura stepped down, position left open.

Secretary: Discussion of options, Laura was nominated, agreed to one year. Approved and accepted.

Treasurer: Pam was officially elected to the Treasure position. Approved and accepted.

Michaela noted that she is willing to lead meetings if Becky is unavailable, as one

way to help with the lack of VP.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Registration/ID taskforce**

Ear tag options. 840 tags, also three-letter membership ID with number tags discussed. Both are seen as valid options. Membership input will be requested through an e-mail survey and also a members-invited zoom meeting (Monday March 13) More discussion needed by the board.

Boar certificate: A possible certificate was presented by Becky and Michaela. Discussion of who would maintain records, the registrar's role in this process. Seller and buyer to each retain a copy, with original sent to registrar. More discussion needed.

#### **Newsletter:**

Short discussion, could include info on 840/ID tags, stud certificate discussion/survey, include minutes from board meetings?

#### **Breeder's Handbook:**

Matt has talked with Cynda. Review should be started before the March 16 meeting.

**Livestock Conservancy:** Webinars are informative and helpful, noted as "great information"

#### **MENF:**

#### **AGHA members' only Facebook group:**

Laura noted that this has been set up and ready since 2021, only needs approval to start inviting members. Admin roles discussed, Pam and Laura are willing. Questions of is it necessary, who will maintain list of members, who will "police" it, etc. Admins can set up membership questions and maintain a current member list if that is decided. Or possibly, leave "expired" members. This becomes another line of communication between the board and members, and between members themselves. Possible 6 month trial period suggested. More discussion needed.

**Regional Directors:**

With changes in the number of board members, several regions needed directors. Matthew willing to take Region 1, in addition to Region 2. Laura is currently Region 3. Koert is currently director of Region 4. Michaela is currently on Region 6, will also take Region 5.

**UCDavis DNA testing:**

A side discussion that came up several times. We did not have enough AGHA activity to continue receiving their discount. All hog DNA records remain available, after they have been tested. \$40 per hog is typical. The association has access to the DNA results for registered AGH. Noted that DNA testing only confirms parentage, NOT that a hog is an AGH. Question was raised about requiring all registered AGH to be DNA tested through UCDavis, in the future. Noted that all living hogs would have DNA test results available within a ten-year time period. More discussion needed, perhaps a taskforce and then feedback from membership.

**Other topics:**

Jack and Michaela will discuss the database, and the license needed to run 3 versions of the database (possibly annual \$200 or one-time fee). Back-ups to the database discussed, format is Breeder Assistant (not comma-delineated). Question on approval to pay the \$200 fee, a decision may need to be made.

Pam raised the concern that we need ways to get more people involved. Public relations, interesting posts, newsletters on all forums, "call to action" and ways to be proactive in encouraging new members and new board members were briefly discussed.

Meeting adjourned (time not noted).