

American Guinea Hog Association

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2014 9:00pm EST

Present: Ron, Angela, Teresa and Nancy

Next meeting: November 7, 2015 9:00pm EST

I. Old Business

- Nancy is still working on getting the information to Zazzle to update our account.
- Teresa will work on a form letter that will be included when returning registration forms and litter registration forms to members. It will be sent out to the board for review.
- Teresa will send off the regional map to Ron to be added to the AGHA website.
- ECHO Update: Hogs are doing fine.

II. New Business

- DNA Testing is back but has not been released yet. More information to come!
- Ron did an interview with the Newspaper titled, "At Palermo Farm, Rare Guinea Hogs from Unity College Help Till the Soil" by Rachel Ohm.
- Ron did a radio interview with a Better Homes and Garden affiliate. It will air November 24, 2014.
- Newsletter Update
 - o Need to add that when you call the AGHA be sure to leave a message.
 - o Need to advertise a position for a new board member for region 2.
- Facebook Conversations
 - o Inbreeding
 - Ruth will give Ron the contact information of anyone that is registering brother/sister litters. He will contact them to understand why they are breeding this way.
 - Ron verified with other hog registries regarding restricting inbreeding and was advised against not allowing the registries.
 - Look into adding the inbreeding coefficient on litter registrations to better inform the members
 - o Breed Standard
 - The breed standard for American Guinea Hogs is located on the website.
 - The board might want to look into tweaking it a little bit but it does not need to be re-written.
 - The board agrees that we do not want to be too specific or picky on the standard or be too loose with it.
 - There are two body types of hogs – fat, roly-poly type and the tall, leaner type.
 - o Create an article addressing new buyers on how to buy an AGH
 - Include Topics such as:
 - Inbreeding Coefficient
 - Breed Standards
 - Lineage
 - Teats

- Toenails
 - General Health
 - Piglet Litter Size
 - Questions to Ask a Seller
- o Breeder Ethics
 - Look into other hog registries and how they inform their members on breeder ethics.
- Nevada County's Sustainable Food and Farm Conference January 10-11, 2015
 - o Teresa will write up a proposal to the board for the cost of a booth and attendance.
- Nancy proposed that each regional director find a swine specialty vet to be on call to answer medical questions. The contact information for the vets will be posted on the website.
- The board was contacted about registering an AGH located in Canada. Due to legalities we do not register AGH outside the United States.
- Reminder to Ron: Do not schedule the December meeting on 5th.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00pm EST