

**American Guinea Hog Association
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2024**

Attending:

Michaela Densmore - President	Pam Christiansen - Treasurer (present first hour of meeting)
Felicia Konrad-Bevard - Secretary	Donna Dorminey
Josh Miller	Matt Hunker
Nancy Stuckwisch	

Meeting Called to Order 8:03pm EDT

Approval of minutes: Minutes approval for October 19, 2023 and January 11, 2024 Motion by Donna. Second Pam.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to enter treasurer's report into record by Nan. Second Josh.
-Need to look for new treasurer

Secretary report: tag instruction email will be going out. Call for newsletter submissions.

Breeders handbook: It is back from the editor. There's a few things to take care of, then go over it with the committee before bringing it to the Board.

Presidents report: We have a google voice number now for people to contact the president/organization at. 612-405-4456

Unfinished Business

Breeder transfer issue: We have a hog who was originally registered by an AGHA member (also original *breeder*) in excellent standing, then sold to *Person 1*. Registration papers were issued to *Person 1* who last year sold the hog to *Person 2*. We have the transfer request in our system as well as the payment, but for some reason, the transfer never was saved in our system from Person 1 to Person 2. This means, Person 2 never received the paperwork on this hog. Now, *Person 2* has sold the hog in question back to the *original breeder*. Person 2 never received the paperwork because of the glitch in our system. Now, the original member / breeder has no way to get the hog transferred back into their name. Besides our internal failure to get the hog into Person 2's name initially and send a new registration certificate, all other links in the chain are well documented.

Recommendation to get the hog paperwork in question transferred back to the original breeder. Motion to issue the paperwork back to the original breeder / who is in possession of the pig and make it right since it was a glitch in our system. Motion by Josh. Second Nan. 6 Ayes, motion carries

Fiscal Authorization: Motion to untable fiscal authorization by Donna. Second Josh.
Motion to vote on approving fiscal authorization 2024 by Donna. Second Felicia. 6 Ayes, motion carries.

Board to Research options for advertising. Livestock Conservancy/Open Herd will help.

[Pam left meeting around 9 pm EDT]

Cost for mailing brochures: Motion to untable the discussion for cost for mailing brochures by Felicia.
Second Josh.

Motion to find flat rate containers to correspond to the number of brochures being mailed and add a dollar to the cost (handling) for the new shipping cost and update as USPS changes rates in perpetuity. Motion by Felicia. Second Nan. 5 Ayes, motion carries.

Institutional Memberships: Motion to untable the topic about zoo memberships and send it to Policies & Procedures (P&P) committee. Motion by Nan, Second Donna. 5 Ayes, motion carries

New Business

Discuss **directors emails:** conclusion of discussion is that more research is needed and will be discussed at the next meeting. Currently, the problem is that emails through the guinehogs.org domain are not always received by the director. The idea is to create a dedicated email address for each board member (officers, regional and at-Large directors) that then can be handed off in its entirety to the next person filling the position, rather than having the guineahogs.org emails being forwarded to the board member's private email.

Discussion: Additional member issue brought to Board: Member-breeder stud issue: a breeder who sold a bred sow is not responding to requests for stud affirmation, thus, piglets from the mating cannot be registered. Michaela to talk to people involved and offer a mediator.

Committee volunteers (in alpha order):

Donna:	P&P - any other?
Felicia:	P&P, Marketing
Josh:	Ad Hoc, support Marketing, Finance?
Matt:	any <u>except</u> Finance
Nan:	P&P
Pam:	[not present at time of committee discussion]
Michaela:	<i>ex officio</i> on all committees

Discussion: Litter registration. Need data. How many breeders utilize it and how many usually register full litters? Sent to P&P committee to decide if it is still needed.

Discussion: **Enhanced services for members.** Ultimately sent to the Marketing committee for further discussion and recommendations. Michaela suggested **bi-monthly zoom meetings** where members can meet and informally engage with AGHA board members regarding any AGHA related matters (hogs, Association).

Announcement: Michaela ended the meeting by asking what to do with **AGHA items remaining with Becky's family**. Donna offered to take the banner and any other AGHA items remaining with Becky's husband and keep until further decisions (driving from KY to IN to pick up).

Motion to adjourn meeting by Felicia. Second Nan.

Meeting adjourned 9:57pm EDT