Board of Directors meeting Nov. 12, 2016. 6:00 P.M. Via Skype

Present: President- Jenifer Kraus, Vice President- Ricky Hughes, Sec/Tres- Kathy Bottorff, Board Member at Large- Dale Stevens. Absent: Board Member at Large- Cam Pauli

Topics of discussion

* Investigate the possibility of adding a buy-sell area or page to the current RWHA facebook. Discussions for later review were how to monitor the ads, who would have access or abilities to post, and would ads be restricted to 100% Red Wattles, registered or feeder/meat hogs. All board members present gave approval to proceed.

Jenifer Kraus & Kathy Bottorff will check into the possibility of the area or page addition.

* All board members present agreed to adding a link to the current RWHA face book site connecting to the RWHA website, and a link from the RWHA website to the RWHA facebook.

Jenifer Kraus will add the link on the RWHA face book in the pinned description. Kathy Bottorff will work with webmaster Doug Myer to add a link to the website if possible.

* All board members present agreed to review a possible revision of the forum section of the RWHA website. The goal would be to make it more user friendly by providing valuable RWHA information, combining some topics and/or eliminating topics that are not used.

Kathy Bottorff will work with webmaster Doug Myer.

* Prizes were chosen from the recent RWHA election ballots with 18 names drawn by The Livestock Conservancy. Jenifer Kraus and Kathy Bottorff will notify the winners, order and distribute the prizes.

**Topics pertaining to the integrity and protection of the breed.**

* Due to an increase in ear tag use for registration the board discussed the necessity of developing universal guidelines to be used by all RWHA members for their registered hogs if they choose to ear tag. There currently are no guidelines for tag use. All board members will research tag types and systems and discuss thru email or phone calls for a final decision.
* In an effort to protect the integrity of the breed, the pork and the members, the board discussed ways to assure the public, individuals and businesses that they are purchasing 100% Red Wattle pork raised by RWHA standards and by RWHA members. This will be a continuing discussion as we work with professionals and experts in those fields to form a plan of action. This may at some point also tie in to the above topic on ear tags, and possibly the restricted use of a certified Red Wattle label for pork products.
* An additional effort to protect the breed is the use of DNA. In keeping with protection and with knowing most other associations are currently requiring DNA, the board discussed time frames and systems to collect and record DNA of all registered hogs. A suggestion was made that at some point in the near future all registered boars must have DNA on file or future offspring will not be registered. This topic will be discussed further before a final decision is made.

Recorded by Kathy Bottorff, RWHA secretary/treasurer