



# Red Wattle Hog Association News Winter 2008-09

## Annual meeting held at small farm conference

Meeting minutes as recorded by the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer, Kelly Wendland:

The annual meeting of the Red Wattle Hog association was held November 8, 2008 at the Small Farm Trade Show in Columbia, MO.

Those present included: Marjje Bender, Larry Sorell, Clyde Grover, Tommy & Theresa Thompson, Ed Seger, Donnie Bishop, Dot & Brian Jordan, Erik & Marian Van Beaver, Jesse & Sally Adams, Bill Burge, George Loucks, Josh & Kelly Wendland. President Josh Wendland called the meeting to order. Those present introduced themselves for roll call.

Marjie Bender from the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) spoke about the role of ALBC and the importance of saving heritage breeds. The Red Wattle registration is doing well and continues to grow. She wanted to encourage breeders to: 1. understand the purpose of the hogs-they are a meat animal. 2. When breeding, cull. Select carefully and breed only the cream of the crop.

Kelly Wendland read the minutes of last years meeting. Larry Sorell moved they be approved as read. She then gave the treasurer's report with a current balance of

\$885.04.

### Old business:

Josh indicated we needed to vote for the vice president position. Nathan Melson was unable to attend the meeting but had indicated to Josh he would be interested in the position. Brian Jordan was nominated from the floor as a candidate as well. Clyde Grover moved nominations cease. Larry seconded the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands and Brian Jordan won the vote. He will serve a two year term.

The group next discussed the website. Marian has been involved with getting this set up and running. Dot Jordan moved we accept the website for the association. The motion was seconded and passed. Dot moved that Marian be nominated as the website coordinator. The motion was seconded and passed. Bill & Marian will continue to work together on the site.

### New Business:

The group discussed the idea of having a board of directors. After much discussion it was decided the board should consist of the three officers, and 2 members at large. The position is a one year term for the members at large. Nominations for the members were: Jesse Adams and Clyde Grover. Larry moved nomi-

nations cease. The motion was seconded and passed.

The position of secretary was voted on next. The group discussed the idea of leaving the treasurer position with Kelly or keeping it as part of the secretary's duties. Group consensus was to leave it with the secretary position. Nomination from the floor was Dot Jordan. Motion was accepted, seconded and passed.

Josh reported that ALBC was working on a pedigree registry. The group had specific questions about how this would work, what access would be available etc. Josh will get further information and get it out to the breeders. Questions/Concerns included: Is it a searchable database, can we link to our website, what is the program being considered, can we have hypothetical matings, can in-breeding be tracked.

The breed standards were next discussed. Members would like to see more specific standards be set. This will be a project for the board to work on. Are there standards or history we can get from Texas A & M on the early hogs?

The idea of voting by snail mail was discussed. Before the meeting a ballot will be sent out via snail mail and Continued on page 2

### Special points of interest:

- \* Win a 4H pig
- \* RW Census 2009
- \* New Officers and Board of Directors
- \* Membership renewal



RW display at Small Farm Conference

members will be asked to cast their ballot and return prior to the next annual meeting. This will allow members who can not make it to the meetings a chance to vote. Nominations from the floor could still be accepted, there should be limited voting done at the meetings, and results will be sent out by mail/website. Dot moved we implement the mail ballot and results returned to

the secretary. The motion was seconded and passed. Is there a organization newsletter? It would be a good idea to start one quarterly and post the newsletter to the website as well. The idea of conference calls was also discussed. It is an option and could be organized if there becomes a time and need for it.

The idea of a clearing house database on the website was also discussed. This would allow us to see who had pigs available for sale. The database could include a number projected to be born that would be marketable.

Breeder profiles of Red Wattle owners maybe another

good feature to add to the website. New breeders are always interested in the background of current breeders before deciding if Red Wattles are for them.

Marian moved we accept Bill as an associate member. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dot asked about letting 4-Hers submit an essay to the association for a grand prize of a 4-H hog. This was deferred to the board for further discussion.

Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed.

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**“Support your  
pork with your  
fork!”**

**Donnie Bishop**

**Bishop Farms**

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## Census 2009

We need your help!

The 2009 RW Hog Census is now underway. For the census to be accurate, everyone needs to report their herd/drift/drove/sounder statistics.

For those of you who are receiving this newsletter via email, the census form is an attachment. Please fill it out and return it via email to:

redwattles@hotmail.com

For those who are receiving the newsletter by snail mail, please fill in the enclosed



Photo courtesy Marian Van Beever

census form and return it to:

Red Wattle Association  
C/O Dot Jordan Sec/Treas  
7024 Spearsville Rd  
Morgantown, IN 46160

Results will be tabulated and published online and in the

spring newsletter.

\*\*\*Of special importance to keeping our registry current: If a registered hog dies or goes to slaughter please report that to the ALBC or to Dot Jordan. Secretary so that the registry can be updated.

## Call For Data

We've had many requests for information on breed history, litter sizes, farrowing setups, breed standard, alternative feeds, and carcass data.

We are attempting to collect as much of this information in one location as we can.

If you are willing to share herd records, have a great setup, are holding old RW hog photos or descriptions, have found a great feed mix for your hogs or have any carcass data. Please share this information.

Email or send information & pictures to:

redwattles@hotmail.com

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C/O Dot Jordan, Sec/Treas,  
7024 Spearsville Rd, Morgantown, IN 46160

## Win a PIG!!

The RWHA is sponsoring an essay contest for 4Hers who want to show a Red Wattle this year. Information will be sent out to county extension agents for distribution to eligible 4H members.

Essays should be 800 words or less about why they want to show a RW and why heritage breeds are important to preserve.

The winner will be determined by the board of directors of the RWHA.

If you are willing to donate a pig to this contest please let Dot Jordan know. It would be nice to get the pig as locally as possible for the winning youth.

Pigs should be born after January 1 and before March 1. Pigs should have good conformation including 2 well formed wattles.



Picture courtesy Marian Van Beever

## Tidbits:

◆ The Board of Directors is currently working on an update of the RW breed standard.

◆ The Board is also working on a rewrite of the association bylaws. The un-ratified bylaws will be mailed to all members along with a paper ballot for voting to ratify or not ratify the bylaws as written.

◆ Many thanks to Paul Bradshaw for his investment in the future of RW's with his website: [redwattleproject.com](http://redwattleproject.com)

He's created a great pedigree resource for all RW enthusiasts. In addition, he has created a forum for discussion and information sharing.

◆ ALBC 2009 National Conference will be sponsored by the Houston Zoo, November

13-15. The conference theme is: **Crucial Cuisine—Putting Rare Breeds Back on the Table.**

◆ The RWHA would like to thank Bill Burge for his efforts to promote RW's by creating/maintaining [redwattle.org](http://redwattle.org). THANKS BILL!

◆ Don forget to renew your RWHA membership for 2009.

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## Crucial Cuisine—Putting Rare Breeds Back on the Table

ALBC Conference 2009

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**Website Coordinator:**  
*Position currently vacant*  
Marian Van Beever has resigned effective January 2009. A big Thank You to Marian for all her hard work !!

◆ If you have any news or would like to submit an article for publication in this newsletter, please, send it to:

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# Red Wattle Hog Association Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evenings \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate the number of hogs you have in the following areas:

Registered Red Wattle Females \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Red Wattle Males \_\_\_\_\_

Crossbred Females \_\_\_\_\_ Crossbred Males \_\_\_\_\_

Purebred Females for Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Purebred Males for Sale \_\_\_\_\_

Crossbred Females for Sale \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not already done so, please enclose your 2009 dues:

\$20 for all members

Membership runs from January 1 – December 31

Breeders list will consist of any paid member with Red Wattles

Send dues to:

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