



Mangalitsa Breed Organization And Registry

MEETING MINUTES

May 7th, 2021

Meeting commenced 18: 28 EST

In attendance; **Peter Solberg, Ryan Thatcher, Carla Benton, Christina Traeger, Diane Steele and Catherine Topel**

Treasurer's Report ~ no report available. Ellen not in attendance

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Website Redesign** ~ Barbara is working with Grant. Barbara was not available to report however, Ryan shared that the redesign is on hold at this time.
- b. **Appendix Committee** ~ This committee ideally will be composed of 5 members that will meet either in one long meeting or two short meetings to establish the structure and approach to Appendix animals by Thanksgiving Day. Focus will be on how to implement the requirements for registration and should MBOAR delay the closing of the herdbook. The primary goal of the Appendix is to pull in genetics in order to preserve useful genetics. It is important to note that this Appendix is not like that of other breed organizations in that this is NOT for upgraded animals.
- c. **Video** ~ A video guide on how to submit samples and register animals has not yet been created
- d. **Litter Registration** ~ Current price to register a litter is \$30 and \$10 for each animal. The importance of litter registration is to enable a breeder to use the Mangalitsa name on USDA products. Ryan recommends lowering the price to register a litter.
- e. **Communication to members about 2 free registrations** ~ It is important to reiterate that members receive 2 free registrations with membership but that DNA sample submissions will still incur a fee.

It was noted that members are still confused about the process of registering their animals. Streamlining the registration process is vital. Those breeders with questionable lineage are overwhelmed with the process. This is one reason MBOAR is not pushing a mass promotion.

Maintaining registrations is a struggle with many breed organizations, not just MBOAR. Some larger breeders of Mangalitsa are unfortunately discouraging other breeders to join MBOAR, namely because they do not agree that color combination should be permitted. Carla spoke out strongly against inbreeding. While these purists exist, they are ignoring the impurity of their own breeding stock! Peter suggests that an animal should be considered pure of color after 3 generations.

- f. **Automatic Emails** ~ These have been sent automatically with registration with errors but these have been fixed. These emails now emphasize that the new member "Must wait for a form from MBOAR" before submitting DNA to Neogen.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Mangalitsa Registration Transfers** ~ Current pricing to transfer is \$5 while unlimited for members. Ryan proposes lowering the price to \$2 and if registering and transferring at one time it is free of charge. Currently there is an expense for each step; registering a litter, an animal, submitting DNA and transferring ownership.

A VOTE was taken to amend the pricing of transfers ALL IN FAVOR

B. **Hair Sample Submission Form** ~ Proposed that a form can be used in place of the hair cards using a unique barcode.

C. **Change Fees** ~ Send an email requesting a vote on a new cost schedule for registering litters and breeding stock.

D. **Making Registration Process Easier** ~ A VOTE was taken to eliminate the hair cards ALL IN FAVOR. Other considerations are to remove the requirement for 840 ear tags. The discussion was not favored by Ryan or Catherine. It was proposed that the MBOAR website augment the State specific instructions on how to acquire a Premise ID Number to ease the confusion for new members.

E. **Change of Mailing Address** ~ Peter proposed changing the mailing address to Ellen in CA for all MBOAR correspondence. Ellen was not in attendance thus she will be contacted and then a VOTE will be taken through email.

F. **By Laws** ~ It was proposed that MBOAR allow for proxy voting at meetings to insure a quorum is met. Ryan suggested that a Canadian member be allowed to serve as a board member. Peter will check with the state of NY to confirm that MBOAR as a 503e is permitted to allow foreign people on the board.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Diane ~ a resounding thank you to all who are carrying the load of MBOAR and shared that she thinks it is going very well for such a new organization forging new territory!

Maybe someone should represent Mangalitsa at the National Swine Convention in Iowa in June 13-19th 2021. As a new registry this could be an opportunity for education and expansion.

Ryan does not like the 90 day wait and inquired if we could move the DNA out of Neogen. It is not possible at this time as all of Max's work is there as well as the Marker. Next meeting Ryan will send an email for discussion

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING (Peter) 7:55pm EST
Catherine seconded the motion.