American Brahman Breeders Association

Membership Committee Meeting Agenda

February 3, 2025, 4:00 PM CST
Teleconference

Amy Wilder called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM CST.

Present
Amy Wilder
David Miller
David Simmons
Lance Wedgeworth

Staff
Paul Maulsby
Iridiana Ibarra

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and not approved due to lack of a second.

The membership list was reviewed, a motion was made by David Simmons to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to approve the list, seconded by Lance Wedgeworth, motion carried.

The meeting focused on key issues surrounding membership and voting procedures. During the meeting, concerns were raised about purchased memberships potentially influencing voting outcomes. The committee proposed distributing a survey to gauge interest in the 2025 membership convention.

Membership trends were reviewed, showing a decrease in active members over the years, particularly among international members who are facing new challenges with DNA registration. The committee discussed potential solutions to assist international members with the new registration process.

The committee also debated the voting rights of designated representatives, with some members questioning whether these representatives should qualify as active voting members. There was further discussion on the need to clarify the International Committee's judge requirements and the verification of registered cattle for voting eligibility. Some members proposed DNA testing to validate membership and ensure voting rights are appropriately assigned.

The group proposed a digital transition for membership applications, aiming to enhance accessibility. However, concerns were acknowledged about non-tech-savvy members and their ability to adapt to an electronic process. A proposal was made to implement an online membership application form on the new website.

Regarding multiple-ownership scenarios, the committee clarified how animals with multiple owners would count toward voting eligibility. There was also a discussion on limiting the number of memberships an individual or family could hold and considering age restrictions for voting members, with the suggestion that members should be 18 years or older to vote.

After no new business, meeting adjourned.

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