American Brahman Breeders Association

Show Committee Meeting Agenda

February 12, 2025, 10:00 AM CST
Teleconference

Pasquale Swaner called the meeting to order at 10:00 am CST.

Present
Pasquale Swaner
Steve Hudgins
Tyson Ward
Jim Williams
Val Walters

Staff
Paul Maulsby
Kylie McIntosh

The Show Committee Meeting focused on several key issues. A discussion was held regarding standardizing judging procedures. Paul Maulsby emphasized the importance of consistent rules for judges across shows. It was noted that comments from the meeting would be recorded for future reference to ensure consistency and transparency in future discussions.

The committee reviewed show entries for the upcoming international show. Nearly 1,000 gray entries were recorded, consisting of 946 animals and 51 group entries, while the red entries totaled 954, which included 887 animals and 67 group entries. There was also a discussion on the 2025 National Brahman Show judge selection process, and a list of the top 10 judges was shared with the committee for consideration.

The Mississippi Brahman Association's request for approval of three upcoming shows was considered. The shows were scheduled for the fall of 2025 (September and October) and one in the spring of 2026 (April). The committee approved the Mississippi shows without issue.

Regarding the Florida show, the Heartland Brahman Breeders Association requested approval for their event scheduled for August. However, concerns were raised about the number of shows per management team, as well as issues related to the show management and judge selection. Due to these concerns, approval for the Florida show was deferred pending further information.

The executive session began with the identification of attendees, including Val Walters, Steve Hudgins, Tyson Ward, Danny Hughes, Jim Williams and Pasquale Swaner.

The committee then discussed concerns regarding hostile show management, particularly involving non-American Brahman Breeders Association members. These issues were noted but there were no immediate comments from the attendees.

The conversation shifted to exhibitor behavior, with Val Walters mentioning an incident in Belton. There was further discussion about the role of ABBA in managing exhibitor issues, including a notable gun-

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related incident in Jackson that was tied to a rubber snake. Paul Maulsby introduced the topic of a draft code of conduct, which he was working on to address these behavior issues. He pledged to circulate the document to the committee for feedback.

Jim Williams joined the conversation and discussed social media policies for judges, specifically referencing Houston's policy. He emphasized the importance of discretion in public comments and mentioned the need for proper protocol during executive sessions.

The meeting concluded with action items. Paul Maulsby was tasked with emailing the draft code of conduct to committee members for feedback. The committee was also assigned to review the document and provide their feedback. Additionally, the committee planned to present their progress on the code of conduct to the board in Beaumont.

After no new business the meeting adjourned.

The committee approved the HBBA Kickoff Show as an ABBA Sanctioned Point Show.

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