American Brahman Breeders Association

Show Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2025, 10:00 AM CST
L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles – Sycamore Room A
Lake Charles, LA

Val Walters called the meeting to order at 10:00 am CST.

Present
Val Walters
Pasquale Swaner
Lanna Hensgens
Natalie Herzog
Steve Hudgins

Staff
Paul Maulsby
Kylie McIntosh

The committee discussed the change to how points are calculated for the **Show Animals of the Year** program. Currently, show animal points are based on Register of Renown points earned at each ABBA-approved show. These points contribute both to the individual animal's show record and to the sire and dam for Register of Renown purposes. With many approved shows scheduled for the upcoming year, the committee expressed concern that animals earning the most points are often those shown most frequently, rather than the animals with the most wins. To address this, the committee proposed limiting show animal point calculations to an animal's top 25 shows per ABBA show season**.** This change would apply only to the Show Animal of the Year program and would not affect Register of Renown point accumulation.
In addition, the committee discussed the possibility of creating regional divisions for the Show Animal of the Year program. Under this proposal, the U.S. would be divided into three to five regions. Animals competing within those regions would earn regional points, allowing recognition for breeders who participate more locally rather than traveling to national shows.

A motion was made by Natalie Herzog to limit the calculation of show points for Show Animal of the Year to an animal's top 25 shows, and to establish a regional division consisting of three to five regions for regional Show Animal of the Year recognition. The motion was seconded by Pasquale Swaner and carried.

The committee addressed the need for improved information sharing related to ABBA-approved shows. Members discussed enhancing the ABBA website to provide more detailed and easily accessible show-related content for the membership. To support this initiative, the committee recommended requesting standardized information from show organizers to ensure consistency and completeness in the materials made available online.

A motion was made by Natalie Herzog for the Board to authorize the Communications Committee to develop a uniform information template to collect consistent data from each show. The motion was seconded by Pasquale Swaner and carried.

The committee is currently working to update the judges list and finalize revisions to both the Judges' Code of Conduct and the Exhibitor Code of Conduct. These documents are expected to be ready for approval prior to the beginning of the new Show Season.

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Additional discussion covered the upcoming National Show schedule and an update on the International Show. While details from Houston are still pending due to delays in finalizing last year's event, no major changes are anticipated.

The committee also addressed color classification. Fort Worth has not hosted color classification for the past two to three years due to weather-related issues and meeting cancellations. As a result, Houston has become the first classification opportunity of the year, placing additional strain on the association.

A motion was made by Pasquale Swaner to remove Fort Worth as a color classification show and designate the Heart of Texas Show, held the first week of January, as its replacement. The motion was seconded by Natalie Herzog and carried.

The committee discussed a request to add a new ABBA-approved show to the spring 2026 schedule. The proposed show, tentatively named the **Cajun Showdown**, is expected to take place in Louisiana. Further details regarding location, dates, and approval requirements will be reviewed as the proposal develops.

A motion was made by Lanna Hensgens to approve the addition of the Cajun Showdown as an ABBA-approved show for the 2026 show season. The motion was seconded by Pasquale Swaner and carried.

After no new business, meeting adjourned.

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