American Brahman Breeders Association

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2026, 4:30 PM CST

ABBA Headquarters

Bryan, TX

President David Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM CST. Iridiana Ibarra called roll 9 present; a quorum was established.

Present
David Miller
Catherine Neumayr
Carolyn Falgout
Mark Forgason
J'Boone Koonce
Kelvin Moreno
Steve Hudgins
Hatch Smith
Amy Wilder

Staff
Paul Maulsby
Iridiana Ibarra

Legal Counsel
Frank Carroll

Guests

Jake Dixon
Will Detering
Rodney Finch
Craig Fontenot
Sallye Fontenot
Jo Ann Manke
Dakota Smith
Sally White
Nicole Wilson
Scott Weber
Bruce VanMeter
Charli Vernon
Tyler Vernon
Val Walters

Hatch Smith moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Amy Wilder. Motion carried.

Paul Maulsby provided an update on action items assigned by the Executive Committee at its previous meeting. He reported that all certified and electronic letters authorized by the Committee had been distributed and that copies had been provided to the Executive Committee members. No further discussion was held.

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Under new business, Mr. Maulsby reported on the development of an editorial data release calendar. He explained that, at the request of the Communications Committee, staff had been working to make certain statistical reports historically available to the membership. A schedule and protocol are being developed for releasing the information through newsletters and maintaining it on the Association website. Mr. Maulsby indicated that the proposed timeline would be shared with the Communications Committee and Executive Committee for review and feedback once finalized.

There being no further new business and no comments from guests, Kelvin Moreno made a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Hatch Smith and carried.

During Executive Session, the Executive Committee met and deliberated on three complaints that had been referred to the Committee by the Show Committee. The Executive Committee voted on the matters, and letters communicating the determinations are being prepared and will be distributed to the affected parties.

The Executive Committee discussed the ongoing administration and enforcement of ABBA-sanctioned show rules and guidelines. Committee members expressed concern regarding the Association's ability to effectively investigate and enforce complaints that are often reported several months after a show has concluded. Discussion focused on the importance of timely reporting, the role of show management in enforcing ABBA guidelines, and the need to reduce the Association's involvement in matters that can be more appropriately addressed at the show level. Committee members noted that the current process places significant burdens on the Association and often results in the review of complaints long after the relevant event occurred.

Following discussion, the Executive Committee considered a proposal to further delegate responsibility for the investigation and enforcement of ABBA show guidelines to individual sanctioned shows. Committee members discussed the original intent of the sanctioned show program, the importance of local accountability, and the potential for updated guidelines to establish reporting timelines and enforcement expectations for show management. It was noted that this action would continue a process initiated several years ago to place greater responsibility on sanctioned shows while maintaining ABBA oversight through the sanctioning process.

Hatch Smith made a motion, furthermore of the process started more than two years ago regarding the shows, the investigation and enforcement of the ABBA guidelines applicable to sanctioned shows shall be delegated to the ABBA sanctioned shows. The Show Committee will provide these updated guidelines to the shows within 14 days. Seconded by Amy Wilder, motion carried.

The Executive Committee also discussed concerns regarding the consistency of show rule enforcement, the selection of judges for sanctioned shows, and the need to provide greater clarity and accountability within the sanctioned show program. Committee members emphasized the importance of creating a system that encourages prompt reporting and resolution of concerns while reducing the Association's direct involvement in disputes occurring at individual sanctioned shows.

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The Executive Committee also discussed correspondence received from representatives of The Brahman Journal regarding reported discrepancies and corrections related to Association records and reporting. Committee members discussed the importance of reviewing any identified issues and coordinating efforts to address legitimate corrections while also considering the ongoing transition to the new registry platform.

Hatch Smith moved to direct EVP Paul Maulsby to contact The Brahman Journal and request a list of corrections and discrepancies for review and investigation by the Association, with implementation and resolution to be coordinated as appropriate and dependent upon the timing of the transition to the new registry system. Seconded by Kelvin Moreno. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Hatch Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Forgason. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

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