



4 March 2014

To: Kathy Bottorf, Secretary
From: Alison Martin, election proctor, The Livestock Conservancy
Subject: Report on election results

The Red Wattle Hog Association (RWHA) requested The Livestock Conservancy to count ballots for a proposed amendment to the By-Laws, as attached.

Procedures.

A list of eligible members was received from Association Secretary Kathy Bottorf. As ballots were received, they were stamped with the date received and Alison G. Martin, Ph.D., Program Director at The Livestock Conservancy, compared the signature against the list of eligible members and recorded the votes. On March 3, the electronic tally was printed out, the paper ballots were alphabetized, and the vote tally was validated against the paper ballots to make sure they had been recorded properly. After validating the vote, the ballots were randomized and mixed together in a bin, then a ballot was selected blindly at random for the drawing. The tally was signed, and the signed copy of the tally and all the paper ballots were sealed in a manila envelope.

Ballot validation.

73 eligible ballots were cast.

One ballot was not signed and was declared invalid.

One extra ballot was received from a household eligible for only one ballot, and was declared invalid.

Vote results.

Vote to amend the RWHA by-law of annual enrollment date from January 01 to March 31, with no grace period.

Approve: 69

Disapprove: 3

Winner of the drawing:

Matt Burdick!

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2014 Ballot by the Red Wattle Hog Association

Proposed By-Law amendments:

Old Wording: Anyone may become a member by presenting application with required dues to the Secretary/Treasurer. Membership runs *January 1 to January 1*. People who join after *January 1*: membership expires *January 1* of the following year. *There will be a 30 day grace period before membership is discontinued.*

Proposed new wording:

Membership runs March 31 to March 31. The annual open enrollment period shall run from Jan. 01 to March 31, with no grace period before membership is discontinued. People who join after March 31: membership expires March 31 of the following year.

Discussion: Your RWHA Board of Directors feels this change may make it easier on those wanting to renew, but at a difficult financial time coming right out of the holidays. The board made the temporary decision to allow membership renewals for 2014 until March 31 however to make the change permanent it requires our membership participation and vote. This means that everyone currently on the roll as a member will remain a member until March 31. That's 3 free months for everyone. Please mark your ballot and mail it in. We've made it easy for you by even providing the postage. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any board member. The deadline for The Livestock Conservancy to receive your vote is **Feb. 28, 2014**. Votes received after that date will not be counted.

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