

RWHA Newsletter

January 21, 2025

The end of year meeting for 2024 was held via zoom on January 9, 2025. Board members Jim Myers, Pres., Walt Wickham, V.P., Jonathan Northrop, Member-at-large and Robert Gross, Member-at-large were present. Jennifer Rafn, Sec./Teas. could not attend due to a last-minute family medical emergency. There were also four RWHA Members in attendance.

Election 2025

Walt Wickham gave the election results as follows. Of 96 possible votes, 22 votes were cast. 21 votes were made for Jim Myers, 21 votes for Jonathan Northrop and 20 votes for Bob Gross.

Hog Registration

In 2024 there was a total of 90 new pig registrations, 68 females and 22 males. Numbers were provided by Doug Meyer, Registrar. As of January 9, 2025, all registrations had been recorded. A few transfers needed to be completed.

Of the 22 boars that were registered 14 have not had DNA recorded in the registry. The Board will be contacting the owners to find out if DNA was submitted. When livestock is purchased to be registered it is the responsibility of the buyer to submit the registration and in the case of a boar, also the DNA.

DNA update

RWHA no longer has two DNA labs to choose from. Neogen has stopped the DNA parentage testing we have been using. They sent this notice November 18, 2024, "After careful consideration, the PPTv2 test will be discontinued due to a variety of factors. After Friday, December 6th, no new orders will be accepted for PPTv2. Any orders already in progress will be processed normally." This notice was sent to all users of this test.

U.C. Davis is still available for banking DNA and parentage testing. You will need to create an account with UC Davis at this website, <https://vgl.ucdavis.edu> . The fee to test a sample submitted for a pig for Genetic Markers is normally \$44 per sample. The Red Wattle Hog Association has negotiated contract pricing for \$40 per sample for Genetic Markers. To see the discounted price, you will need to select "Registry Affiliation (optional)" on the order form, and then select "Red Wattle Hog Association". The online instructions say that hair samples are required. However, after communicating with U.C Davis they said they would also accept any of these samples, hair, blood cards and tissue samples collected using a TSU or similar device.

Court update

RYAN KOLODZIEJ VS RED WATTLE HOG ASSOCIATION

Court was held in Linn County, IA on November 18. As of January 15, 2025, no ruling has been made on this case. When a ruling is to be made is entirely up to the court.

Membership Report

We currently have 78 active members going into 2025

- 30 family memberships
- 44 individual memberships
- 4 lifetime memberships

As a reminder membership renewals and fees are due annually by March 31st, 2025. You can now renew completely online, no need to mail in any forms. Log into the Member Area and choose the Shopping Cart from the Main Menu.

Financial Report

Our balance sheet reflects the following items

Revenue for the year was \$4101.96 with the bulk of that being new or renewed memberships

Operating Expenses for the year totaled \$14,074 with \$12,000 being attorney fees for the Ryan Kolodziej court case.