



President The Most Hon. The Marquess of Salisbury KCVO, P.C. , D.L.

MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

3rd April 2024 by Zoom

Present – Guy Kiddy (Chairman), Janice Wood, Brian Kelly, Chris Hudson, Irving Carter, Ryan Perry, Ali Chew, Marcus Bates

By invitation – Oliver Giles, Jason Knaggs, Lisa Hodgson, Jane Matthews

Apologies – Tracey Bretherton

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1. Duroc Breed Standards. JK explained to the committee the changes he would like to see being made to the breed standard for the Duroc to make it easier to understand. OG said he did not want to see any specific measurements in breed standards. After some discussion it was agreed we cannot change the way the standards are presented for just one breed, it would have to be across the board. RP also said he would like to make them simpler. A proposal was put forward to make a video with a pig pointing out all of the points for each breed. It was also noted that Jan Walton as the other Duroc breed rep was against changing the breed standards. A vote taken after the invitees had left and it was decided to leave the breed standard for the Duroc at it is but to look into the possibility of producing a video explaining the standards for all breeds
2. Mangalitza Breed Standard. Lisa Hodgson gave a comprehensive explanation for changing the breed standards as follows.



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I understand you have a conservation meeting coming soon and hoped you could add this to the agenda as some of my breeders are hoping to show this year and it's becoming a problem.

I have listed reasons for change request below to help the other members of the committee to understand the reasons for the change, it's not just for showing either.

The rest of the world will only accept 10 for herdbook, 12 is seen as a mutation.

I myself imported 2 pigs from the Hungarian herdbook whose pedigrees were personally signed by Peter Toth, Hungarian breed Ambassador. These both had 10 not 12.

A world's first has been accomplished with the sale of UK Mangalitza semen. Both boars at Deerpark have 10 nipples. I myself made sure both boars had 10 as one in the world would buy if they had 12 it would be seen as a genetic flaw.

We are working to import from Europe, all these pigs will have 10.

Mangalitza don't have big litters, they average 6. Very rarely do they produce 10.

10 nipples are better as they are evenly spread leaving more room for piglets to gain access to nipples without squashing as usually, they are not weaned until 10 -12 weeks, this extra room is of great benefit for growing piglets.

Only 1 boar bloodline in UK has 12 it is the Wonder line (which actually should have been rejected when importing)

The only 2 sow lines we have been able to get 12 on when bred with Wonder are Bonny and Delight. Usually 1 piglet per litter. Others are 10, 11 or 12 with 2 blind nipples. Which, when their offspring are bred with other boar lines predominately revert back to 10 on piglets.

One of my breeders who has over 300 pigs does not have a single pig with 12. His lines are from most recent imports.

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Myself and my breeders feel the nipple obsession of 12 is ridiculous and there are greater problems with the breed that need addressing, especially feet. In the past some breeders have registered everything and anything to get sales which has caused many problems. We have a very small gene pool, and my breeders are striving to improve it by culling hard.

Forcing 12 is destructive to the breed and I as breed rep, refuse to enforce it. If I did the breed would have less than 15 pigs in the herdbook.

There was a survey taken 10 years ago with breeders doing nipple counts, there were very few with 12 so I can't understand why it was decided to change to 12 in the first place.

A vote was taken after the invitees had left and it was decided to change the breed standard for the Mangalitza pigs as requested

Lisa's second request was to change the rules around show ID to double tags rather than notching or tattooing.

A vote was taken after the invitees had left and it was decided to leave the show ID rules as they are for the Mangalitza pigs.

3. Middle White boar purchased by Oliver Giles. Although Oliver had had the relevant pigs tested to prove their parentage it was not done following BPA procedures. As a result, it was decided to have the relevant pigs tested using the correct procedure to ensure the integrity of the BPA herdbook. Hopefully we will have the results before the next meeting of this committee.
4. Genebank. See attached Genebank progress report

We still need to collect a BK, 2 X MW, 2 X OSB and the Felton Sam boar.

We have an OSB from Dave Aldous and Guys Sam boar to go into quarantine in June.

Tracey has identified a MW Mischief boar and I will check the Kinship

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That leaves us the BK, MW and OS.

We need all these boars to be in the tank by the end of September before we have our 25th Anniversary AGM in October.

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5. Herdbooks. Both the 2022 & 2023 herdbooks to be sent by email for proof reading to the following

Berkshire	Chris Hudson
British Landrace	Nigel Overend
British Saddleback	Irving Carter
Duroc	Jan Walton
Gloucester Old Spots	Andrew Robinson
Hampshire	Guy Kiddy
Large Black	Janice Wood
Large White	Nick Kiddy
Mangalitza	Lisa Hodgson
Middle White	Tracey Bretherton
Oxford Sandy & Black	Jane Matthews
Pietrain	Gavin Pawson
Tamworth	Ryan Perry
Welsh	Corrina Taylor

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The meeting finished at 9.10pm

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