

The Conservation Committee

Minutes for meeting held on 7th November 2024

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting on 03/04/2024
Signed as true and correct
3. Matters arising
Oliver Giles middle white boar, RP felt the BPA should report the illegal move. IC felt we were removing valuable genetics from the herdbook and questioned if it was the last of the line?
4. BPA/RBST Large White Project (Nick Kiddy joining for this item)
RBST is awaiting a report on the progress made so far. £500 to be used for promotion of the project through the JPC
There are 2 Lassies at Easton Farm Park and 2 gilts out of one of them with Nick Kiddy. These needs registering.
Queens at Bredon School
Funds have not yet been forthcoming from the RBST which has created a blame game which is not good for either organisation. RP to send GK the original paperwork for the project following which GK will write a report for both BPA directors and the RBST. Marcus to let RBST have BPA bank details. Lack of funds has meant the JPC has funded much of the project so far. JW said it is important that the project concentrates on least related and female line which are low in number. This can be discussed further when the survey results are known
5. Use of frozen semen, request from Berkshire Pig Breeders Club
CH on behalf of the Berkshire Club requested the use of the pelleted semen, a debate followed about the viability of the semen and the best way to use it. It was suggested that in the first instance CH should speak to Nigel Overend
6. Genebank
A paper was tabled showing the current status of the genebank.
7. Survey
It was agreed to launch the survey on 14th November with an updated list of surveyors as below

Forename	Surname	Breed
Dave	Aldous	Oxford Sandy and Black
Grace	Bretherton	Landrace
Tracey	Bretherton	Middle Whites
Irving	Carter	British Saddlebacks
Ali	Chew	Tamworth
Oliver	Lightfoot	Gloucestershire Old Spot
Sharon	Groves	British Saddlebacks
Lisa	Hodgson	Mangalitzas
Chris	Hudson	Berkshires
Guy	Kiddy	Hampshire
Nick	Kiddy	Large White
Jane	Matthews	Oxford Sandy and Black
Nigel	Overend	Landrace
Gavin	Pawson	Pietrains
Ryan	Perry	Tamworth
Corrina	Taylor	Welsh
Jan	Walton	Durocs
Janice	Woods	Large Black

Office to check surveyor log in and let members know when it is happening

8. Herdbooks

These have now all been checked and GK will look at the most cost-effective way they can be printed

9. Junior Pig Club

Two camps have taken place this year which have been a great success and it is planned to have similar events next year. Good progress has also been made getting the City Farms involved with the BPA

10. Any other business

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 2025