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The Breed Reps Committee

Agenda for meeting to be held on 9th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Present – Guy Kiddy (Chair), Sarah Howes, Janice Wood, Chris Hudson, Jane Matthews, Ryan Perry, Trish Horsley, Nick Kiddy, Lissy Carr, Sharon Groves, Ron Fieldhouse, Jan Walton, Ali Chew, Dave Aldous, Jack Holroyd, Corrina Taylor

1. Apologies

Teresa Cook, Tracey Bretherton, Grace Bretherton, Chris Impey, Lisa Hodgson, Charlotte Holding, Nigel Overend

2. Conservation Plans

These were presented by the various reps for their individual breeds and will be put onto the BPA website during week beginning 13th April 2026

Berkshire
British Landrace
British Saddleback
Duroc
Gloucestershire Old Spots
Hampshire
Large Black
Large White
Mangalitza
Middle White
Oxford Sandy & Black
Pietrain
Tamworth
Welsh

3. Breed rep reports

Jan Walton had initially raised the possibility of reinstating Breed Rep Reports to make it easier to track what is happening within a breed during the course of a year. GK & SH had discussed this with Grassroots and starting from today a letter would be sent by Grassroots each time a new member joins to the relevant breed rep. SH to ask if the same could be done when a pig is transferred to a non member so breed reps can encourage them to join the BPA. The second part of the process will be in the form of a report that will come from SH on a monthly basis. This should then cover everything that was in the old breed rep reports.



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4. Gene bank

Having checked with Nigel Overend it was confirmed that there is no change in the Gene Bank since last year. With the current funding difficulties with the Gene Bank, it was explained to members of the committee that at this current time sponsorship would need to be found to add any more boars the bank. It was explained that the Gene Bank is an ongoing expense for the Association, the flasks have to be checked regularly and topped up with liquid nitrogen as necessary, some flasks have been replaced with more modern ones which require less maintenance. Dave Aldous asked about using semen already in the bank and it was explained that if any breed wanted to use frozen semen a paper would need to be submitted to the Conservation Committee for their consideration.

5. Any other business

Dave Aldous asked why the inbreeding coefficient had changed within breeds so much. It was explained that with the new Grassroots system the data for inbreeding covers many more generations therefore changing the numbers. Janice Wood has done some work on this matter and explained how she had compared old and new figures to give her some idea how the numbers could be compared. Janice also stated that she thought that in future Grassroots was going to limit the figures to 10 generations which would change the results again. SH to check with Grassroots on the current thinking on this matter.

Jan Walton asked how dead pigs can be found on Grassroots. Ryan Perry gave a demonstration of grassroots to show how this can be done.

SH showed some of the other things Grassroots can do for members such as breed graphs. As there are many areas we could use Grassroots for it is thought a focus group looking at this alongside Grassroots staff would be useful. GK & SH to organise

Lissy Carr said a British Saddleback boar had been left out of the survey. She is to let SH have the details so this can be investigated