

## **EBRA BOD Meeting 7-20-26**

Present: President Dehan Courtney, VP Melissa Mol-Pelton, Kelsey Rogers, Olga Pushkareva, Registrar Rebecca Courtney

### Items of Discussion

1. Filling the Registrar Position
  - a. Kara Prescott is the sole person who expressed interest in the position. Her name was submitted by Kelsey and she seems to be qualified as well as available
  - b. Board approved Rebecca making contact with Kara to share more about the requirements and responsibilities of the role and determine that Kara is willing to serve. Rebecca will report back to the board via email to confirm that everyone approves before beginning training
  - c. Discussed the possibility of having multiple people trained for Registrar work. While promising in theory, it's likely the backup candidates would struggle to keep up with changing policy or requirements over time if they are not actively performing the role. Rebecca is willing to stay active and serve as a backup Registrar, if needed, and will also work on written protocols for the primary registrar tasks that could be accessed and followed by other board members if necessary
  - d. Recommended offering \$15/hour compensation for the role. This will allow for increasing the payment over time, if needed, without exceeding the \$20/hour estimate that was used in budgeting for fees, etc
2. Fall/Winter Clinic
  - a. Discussed possible topics for the educational clinic
    - i. Hoof Care- Kelsey has a farrier school near her and Dehan has a logging friend who is a farrier so there are multiple options for speakers on this topic. Include information for both hands-on owners who are doing some hoof care and also details about selecting a quality farrier for owners who are hiring one
    - ii. Saddle Fitting- There is a well known saddle maker who does a lot of fitting work in Idaho. Availability is uncertain but it could be an interesting topic for our members
    - iii. Harness Fitting- Kelsey has a harness maker near her who taught her about fitting harnesses and collars last fall
  - b. Kelsey volunteered to take point on the clinic, including reaching out to Stacy Pearsall as needed for help getting everything set up

- c. Kelsey will reach out to the individuals mentioned to determine who might be available and willing to do a clinic and then will report back to the board. Once the final topic is selected, she can move forward with determining dates and costs
3. Livestock Conservancy breed list
- a. Melissa brought up that we have had discussions in the past about having the European Brabant listed on the Conservation Priority List for the Livestock Conservancy in order to raise awareness of the breed and also allow our members to take advantage of funding and programming offered through the Livestock Conservancy
  - b. Rebecca shared that the Brabant was once on the list as a subset of the Belgian, but upon review the Livestock Conservancy determined that they are interested primarily in heritage breeds from North America (as of a certain date, well ahead of recent Brabant imports) and therefore removed the Brabant from the official list
  - c. It's been several years since the discussion about the Brabant and we are not certain if the guidelines could have changed, or if we would be able to make a case for the European Brabant to be recognized as a conservation breed
  - d. Melissa offered to reach out to the Livestock Conservancy to reopen that conversation and let them know that we are still interested in their organization and working on our own conservation mission for the breed
  - e. Rebecca will look through old emails and forward any that seem relevant to the discussion to Melissa for review before she reaches out