

BORAN CATTLE BREEDERS' SOCIETY

Chairman's Report 2013 63nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at The Nairobi Kennel Club, 10th December 2013.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Kennel Club for letting us hold the AGM in their grounds.

This financial year's events:

- I must start by thanking the show subcommittee on all their hard work in making the show a huge success. I would like to point out a few people in particular; Sean for all his hard work and patience, Lance for all his hard work in the background making sure cattle were in the right place at the right time and to Shaban and his team who ran the Boran tent so well.
- This show was the biggest showing of the Boran ever, it was a spectacle. Our Judges did a great job and thank you to Neville for coming up from Zambia and doing such a fine Job and to his assistants Jackie and Dr. Paul Egesa.
- Thank you to Jimmy who is the chairman of Livestock Breeders' Show & Sale, for all his hard work. Without the LBSS we wouldn't have a show.
- After the initial worry that the Fatstock auction wouldn't have enough buyers, expectation was exceeded and prices were brilliant. Thanks to the Kakuzi team who went round all the butchers beforehand giving out invites. Tom Tom pulled out all the stops, extracting every last shilling out of the butchers.
- On the bull auction it was hard work, but Tom Tom still managed to sell a Woragus bull for a new record of Ksh 480,000 to Kakuzi, well-done all round.
- On society matters we need to discuss the new constitution, Jimmy will be more than happy to go through this.
- Embryo's; Giles and Simon have worked hard on trying to get the South African Vet department to agree for embryos to go into South Africa. Our director of Veterinary Services Dr.

Ithondaka has also written to the South African Vet Department. If you would like to see a copy Giles has one. Thank you to them for all their hard work.

- Grev Gunson retired in July of this year as our senior member, I would to thank him and for his time and guidance over the years and we wish him well.
- On a sad note, John Kenyon passed away in October. I would like to convey our condolences to the Kenyon family. John was our oldest member and founder breeder and was instrumental in getting the Boran to where it is today. I was fortunate enough to spend may hours with John, chatting about the Boran. When inspecting at Mogwooni he would always attend the inspection, making sure the youngsters where doing a proper job!
- Aiden has set up a Facebook page, so please go there and have a look and interact. Thank you for setting this up.

Finally I must thank my Committee and Shaban for all their input this past year and their commitment to the Boran breed in general. Members should know that their committee volunteer much of their time on behalf of the members and the Boran Cattle.

Boran Inspectors have had a busy year with 449 new registrations. Well done to them and thank you for your time and support. This is figure is down on last year, this could be attributed to the 2009/2010 drought!

Lastly, we are indebted to our sponsors of the day who make these events what they are. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.