

Iowa Blue Chicken Club – Standards Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2014

1. Call to order
 - Standards Committee Head Kari McKay-Widdel called to order the regular meeting of the Iowa Blue Chicken Club - Standards Committee at 10:18 CST on January 12th, 2014 via PalTalk venue.
2. Roll call
 - The following persons were present: Kari McKay-Widdel, Connie Hurley, and Curtis Burroughs, and Trisha Dusil. Eric Bilney was present for a portion of the meeting. Denny Johnston and Jennifer Littleton absent.
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - No approval was made, this is the first meeting of the new committee.
4. Open issues
 - Iowa Blue Standard – Opening Paragraph(s)
 - Discussion was held on the following points:
 - Adding John Logsdon as the originator of the breed
 - Updating dates of origin from 1900s to 1920-1950
 - Remove the legends, simply stating that there are multiple accounts as to the origin
 - Recommended wording for this section to now read:
 - ***The Iowa Blue was developed from 1920 to 1950 by John Logsdon on his farm near Decorah, Iowa. Multiple accounts of the creation and origin are told. The breed was carried by several Iowa hatcheries through the 1960s, but was nearly lost when many hatcheries went out of business. The breed was rescued from a few remaining flocks and has been bred and preserved through the efforts of a few breeders since the late 1980s. The Iowa Blue grew in popularity in 2010 with a group of dedicated breeders working together to preserve and return the breed to its original type and purpose.***
 - Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
 - Iowa Blue Standard – Economic Qualities
 - Discussion was held on the following points:
 - Color of skin

- Yellow vs. white vs. not stipulating was discussed
 - Slate legs/white skin to be the ideal
 - Egg color
 - Due to variability of egg coloration, listing vs. not-listing was discussed
 - Adding in maternal instincts and protective instinct was suggested as an important part of the breed
 - Recommended wording for this section to now read:
 - ***A dual purpose fowl and active free range forager. Well developed maternal and protective instincts. Color of skin, white; color of egg shells, tinted.***
 - Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
- Iowa Blue Standard – Standard Weights
- Discussion was held on revising the current weights of Cock 7 pounds; Cockerel 6 pounds; Hen 6 pounds; Pullet 5 pounds to a heavier weight in consideration of their dual purpose.
 - Recommended wording for this section to now read:
 - ***Cock – 8 Pounds***
 - ***Cockerel – 7 Pounds***
 - ***Hen – 7 Pounds***
 - ***Pullet – 6 Pounds***
 - Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
- Iowa Blue Standard – Disqualifications
- Discussion was held regarding keeping this section unchanged vs. adding a disqualification for Autosomal Red.
 - Recommended wording for this section to remain unchanged.
 - Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
- Iowa Blue Standard – Shape
- Comb
 - Discussion was held, with suggestion to change “medium to large” size to “medium” in better keeping with their resistance to cold climates.
 - Recommended wording for this section to now read:
 - ***COMB: Single; bright red, medium, tight to the head, thick at base, with six well defined, evenly spaced points, those in the***

front and rear slightly shorter than those in the middle, blade not conforming too closely to the shape of the head.

- Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
 - Beak
 - Discussion of removing the coloration from this section and placing it into the color section.
 - Recommended wording for this section to now read:
 - ***BEAK: Medium length, slightly curved.***
 - Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
 - Face
 - Discussion showed no changes to be proposed.
 - Recommended wording for this section to remain:
 - ***FACE: Bright red, clean-cut, skin fine and soft in texture, clean face around eyes and cheeks.***
 - Motion to accept proposed, seconded, voted in by unanimous consent of the committee members present.
 - Beak - Color Section – to be discussed in the future, recommendation made for a section for Beak be added with the following wording:
 - BEAK: Dark horn fading to light horn at tip.
 - This will be addressed during future meetings.
5. Adjournment
- Vice President McKay-Widdel adjourned the meeting at 23:04 CST.
 - Minutes submitted by: Connie Hurley
6. Next Meeting Scheduled
- Saturday, January 18th, 9am.

Iowa Blue Chicken Club
Standard Committee Meeting Agenda

a) January 12, 2014

b) 10 AM - Noon

Meeting: Review of Standard of Perfection

Location: Paltalk – IBCC Standard Committee group

<http://express.paltalk.com/index.html?gid=1546385149>

Password: **iwablue**

Committee Leader: Kari McKay-Widdel

Committee Members: Eric Bilney, Curt Burroughs, Trish Dusil, Connie Hurley,
Denny Johnston, Jennifer Littleton

Recommended Reference Materials: Copy of current Iowa Blue Standard, APA
2010 Standard of Perfection, pictures of examples,

2. Call to order

3. Roll call

4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

5. Open issues

Review of current varieties

Shape of male – Establish perfect silhouette

Shape of female - Establish perfect silhouette

6. New business

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7. Adjournment