

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 11, 2015  
Landry's Restaurant, Lakefront  
New Orleans, LA  
12:00 P.M

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jeff Delhomme  
Bobby Duhon  
Thomas B. Early  
Michelle LaVoice  
Neal McFadden  
Val Murrell  
Michele Rodriguez

**Directors Absent:**

Jake Delhomme  
Nathan Granger  
Jim Montgomery

**Others Present:**

Therese Arroyo  
Ross Brupbacher  
Julie Calzone  
Roger Heitzmann  
Linda McLellan  
Loretta Romero

Tom Early called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Charlotte Clavier led us in prayer.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting. Bobby Duhon seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Brett Brinkman made a motion to assist with the cost of the TVG production for Delta's Premier Night and Evangeline's Legend's Night in the amount of \$5000.00 each. Val Murrell seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

**By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Val Murrell presented the board with a re-write of the membership section regarding Business Entity Membership from attorney Ross Brupbacher. After discussion, the board decided to make some changes and requested that the Ross review and rewrite the definition of a Business Entity membership and present it at the next meeting of the board.

**Events: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson**

Michele reported the Louisiana Champions Day Gala would be held tonight at the Fair Grounds. Louisiana Horse Rescue is hosting the silent auction at the gala. Michele reminded everyone that this is the twenty-fifth (25th) anniversary of Louisiana Champions Day.

**Finance and Audit: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson**

Charlotte asked that the presentation be moved to the end of the meeting.

**Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Jake was absent so Tom Early gave an overview following the last election and moving forward.

**Grievance: Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim was absent from the meeting, so there was no report.

**Inspection: Jeff Delhomme – Chairman**

Jeff had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Membership & Nominating: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson**

Michele had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Old Business:** Julie Calzone reminded everyone the Annual Acadian Caucus Luncheon will be held on March 22, 2016 in Baton Rouge.

**New Business:** The board had no new business.

Brett Brinkman made a motion to go into Executive Session. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion.

Charlotte made a motion to return to Regular Session. Bobby Duhon seconded the motion.

Charlotte reported on the motions made during executive session.

1. Starting on April 1, 2016 the breeder's awards will be reduced to 18%.  
This motion was made by Charlotte Clavier and seconded by Jeff Delhomme, which was voted on and passed unanimously.
2. InfiniEdge will be named our website provider at their stated rate and Julie Calzone will be retained as a consultant with a fee to be negotiated by Tom Early and Michele Rodriguez. Julie will provide a monthly report to Tom Early and Michele Rodriguez.  
This motion was made by Michele Rodriguez and seconded by Michelle LaVoice, which was voted on and passed unanimously.
3. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to have the next board of directors meeting January 19, 2016 in the Lafayette area. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

4. Michelle LaVoice made a motion that it is made the breeders' responsibility to report out of the country races to the office of the association by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year earned in order to be eligible to receive a breeders award for the race. Also a cap on the purse for out of the country races will be set \$50,000, excluding Stake Races. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.
5. Charlotte made a motion that we get an opinion on how PAC money can be raised or generated and invite both Greg Romig and Harry Benoit to our next board meeting to discuss the findings. This motion was seconded by Brett Brinkman and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III