

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 6, 2015  
Evangeline Downs Racetrack and Casino  
Opelousas, Louisiana  
12:00 P.M.**

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Bobby Duhon  
Thomas B. Early  
Michelle LaVoice  
Jim Montgomery  
Val Murrell  
Michele Rodriguez

**Directors Absent:**

Jeff Delhomme  
Neal McFadden  
Keith Myers

**Others Present:**

Terry Adcock  
Jose Aponte  
Therese Arroyo  
Ross Brupbacher  
Julie Calzone  
Shirley Dievert  
Linda Duhon  
Roger Heitzmann III  
Linda McLellan  
Natalie Montgomery  
Allen Peltier  
Harvey "Drew" Peltier III  
Loretta Romero  
Robert Schuler  
Mike Whitler

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.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting with a few grammar changes. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom asked if anyone had any changes to their conflict disclosure. None were made so the meeting proceeded.

Tom invited Jose Aponte of the accounting firm Laporte to address the board with our annual audit report for the year ended December 31, 2014. Jose reviewed the audit report with the Board

of Directors. Jose requested that Therese Arroyo hand out graphs of our net assets. Discussion by the board was brief. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the draft audit as presented. Bobby Duhon seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom introduced Ms. Shirley Dievert, representing Blood Horse Magazine. She presented to the board and those in attendance the workings of their new app and links for websites.

Julie Calzone made a Web Site presentation about the changes that could be made to our current site. Linda McLellan expressed her excitement about the digital pages and ads.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Val explained the need to change Part C section 3 in the bylaws concerning Louisiana Stallion Award Eligibility. Val presented the change he and the By-Laws Committee have agreed upon. He requested that the Board approve it. The new by-laws read as follows:

#### ***Section 3.*** (Revised 6-6-15)

*Louisiana Stallion Award Eligibility. A stallion standing in Louisiana is defined as a stallion domiciled year-round in Louisiana with the purpose of covering mares in a breeding season. The owner of a stallion standing in Louisiana must register the stallion with the LTBA within 30 days of entry in the state and/or change of ownership.*

*To be eligible for stallion owner's award as set forth by the LTBA Board of Directors, the stallion must have been enrolled in the Stallion Award program by payment of the required fee during the calendar year in which the foal was conceived.*

*To remain eligible for the Stallion Awards such stallion(s) shall not depart the state except:*

*(1) When the LTBA approves the stallion's departure to the Southern Hemisphere for the Southern Hemispheric breeding season.*

*(2) If the stallion in Louisiana requires medical treatment at a veterinary facility outside Louisiana.*

*(3) If a stallion has participated in the stallion award program for four consecutive years he is entitled to leave without penalty. If a stallion has not participated in the stallion award program for four consecutive years, the stallion will be awarded according to a schedule established by the executive committee of the LTBA.*

*(4) If pensioned*

*All departures must be reported in writing or electronically to the LTBA office before the stallion leaves the state.*

*With a medical departure, the LTBA office must be notified in writing or electronically within 72 hours of that departure. Upon the stallion's release to travel by the attending veterinarian and to be in compliance, the stallion must be returned to Louisiana within ten (10) days of the medical release. Written notice of the return shall be given to the LTBA. It is the responsibility of the stallion's owner to provide documentation relevant to this situation if requested by the LTBA office.*

*The LTBA must also be notified in writing or electronically of a stallion returning from the Southern Hemisphere to continue his domicile in the State of Louisiana. All domicile changes within the State must also be reported to the LTBA in writing or electronically.*

Val indicated he would like to have another committee meeting on the by-laws concerning mare domicile, and he is open to all ideas. Val Murrell made a motion to approve the committee findings on Stallion Award Eligibility. Jay Adcock seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Events: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson**

Michele asked Roger to report on the annual meeting which is taking place this afternoon. Roger stated the awards banquet would be starting at 4:00p.m. in Mo-Jo's for non racing awards. We will watch the Belmont Stakes at 5:50 p.m.

The other trophy presentations will be presented in the winner's circle after each race, including Horse of the Year.

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

Members of the Board stated they had received the income statement that was produced by Therese. Charlotte went over the report and requested questions from the board's members. Receiving none she then requested that Therese hand out the expense summary which was discussed briefly. Bobby Duhon made a motion to approve the financial report. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Governmental Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Jake reported the luncheon held for the Acadiana Caucus in Baton Rouge was well attended. Mr. Harry Benoit, one of our lobbyists, expressed his regrets for not being at the Annual Meeting as he would be in Baton Rouge all weekend to oversee our position in the final days of the session.

**Grievance: Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim had no report for this meeting.

**Membership & Nominating: Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim reported the Board of Directors election ballots were mailed on June 1, and will be counted on June 30.

**Old Business: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Jake yielded the floor to Michele Rodriguez to read a letter from the Louisiana Horse Rescue Association filing a written complaint against Charles Ford. Mr. Ford was convicted of multiple counts of felony charges of animal cruelty in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. Discussion was made on

the subject and the board decided to accept the formal complaint. Roger was instructed to contact Mr. Ford by certified letter insisting his presence at the next Board of Directors meeting. Michele Rodriguez requested the L.T.B.A. by-laws be changed to expel any member convicted of animal cruelty. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to send all other information to the by-law committee. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Salary & Benefits: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson**

Charlotte had no report for this meeting.

**Technology: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson**

Michelle reported work on the systems were an ongoing process, as with any business trying to keep up with new technology. We will continue to improve our technology as working capital allows.

**Old Business:** No one from the Board had any additional old business.

**New Business:**

Charlotte reported the Backside Benevolence Fund at Louisiana Downs was scheduled for August 31, 2015. The table will be purchased as in the past which was already in the budget. REAP will be soon but no date had been set.

**Date, Time, and Place of the next Board of Directors Meeting:**

July 11, 2015 at 12:00 Noon in Opelousas, Louisiana

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III