

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2015
Delta Downs
Vinton, Louisiana
9:00 A.M.

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Bobby Duhon
Thomas B. Early
Michelle La Voice
Neal Mc Fadden
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent :

Jeff Delhomme
Keith Myers

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Ross Brupbacher
Julie Calzone
Roger Heitzmann III
Jamie Klibert
Linda McLellan
Mary McFadden
Anna Paul
Loretta Romero
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.

Bobby Duhon made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2014 meeting. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom Early explained the protocol for Stallion of the Year and opened the floor for discussion. Michele Rodriguez and Val Murrell were included in the discussion but were not allowed to vote because the stallions in the discussion stood at their farms.

Jake Delhomme made a motion that two stallions Brahms and Half Ours be declared co-winners and share the title for 2014. Bobby Duhon seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Roger asked for discussion on the location and place for our Annual Meeting.

After discussion the board thought the Opelousas area was centrally located and Belmont Day was accepted as the date. Roger was instructed to secure a location and to explore a different structure for the ceremony and let the board know at a later date.

The board entered into a discussion of the out of state breeders awards. Roger said the 2014 checks would be mailed next week. The percentage this year will be 7.73% as we have a new record of out of state winners. Tom started the discussion of the reduction in our foal crop and the difficulty on the calculation of international races. The Jockey

Club recognizes the earnings in sale catalogues but not in the stallion's progeny. After discussion the board decided to send it to the finance committee and report at a future meeting.

Tom Early introduced Anna Paul who addressed the board concerning a 2011 foal out of the mare Lip Gloss by Chestertown Slew. Tom read a letter from Mr. Mac Guillory from Carencro who said the mare was at his residence thru January 2012 before being exported out of the state. Roger tried to call the phone number of Mr. Guillory but had to leave a message to call us back. The board told Ms. Anna Paul we needed to talk to Mr. Guillory and have a notarized statement on the mare's residency.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val handed out the committee report from January 26, 2015 concerning the possible changes to the By-Laws. The committee could not agree on changes at this time so they agreed to have Tom Early capture the understanding of the committee in written form and present them at a future meeting.

Discussion was held on the insertion of Quorum Requirements requested by the auditor. Roger reported the auditor would like the conflict of interest and majority defined in our by-laws.

The audit starts on April 6, 2015. Charlotte Clavier made a motion for the by-law committee and the attorney Ross Brupbacher get together and present it in writing.

Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion, all in favor.

Event: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele reported our next event would be the Annual Meeting on Belmont Day. She suggested Roger get together with management at Evangeline Downs and Billie Jo Courville to discuss the possibility of the John Henry Room or the Events Center and report back to the board.

Finance & Audit: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte asked to delay her committee report until later in the meeting.

Governmental Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake announced several senators and representatives would be attending our races tonight. The luncheon we sponsor for the Acadiana Caucus would be held on April 21, 2015. Discussion was held on the proposed contract for our lobbyist. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the proposal pending approval of the contract. Val Murrell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. Brett Brinkman abstained from the voting.

The Board returned to the Anna Paul grievance as Mr. Mac Guillory returned the board's call. After discussion Michele Rodriguez made a motion to accredit the foal after an affidavit was signed by Mr. Guillory stating the mare was at his farm for the duration of the year. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously. Charlotte agreed to notarize the letter and forward it to the main office.

Grievance: Jim Montgomery – Chairman

Jim had no report for this meeting.

Inspection: Jeff Delhomme – Chairman

Jake informed the board that Jeff had no report for this meeting.

Membership & Nominating: Jim Montgomery – Chairman

Jim had no report for this meeting.

Old Business: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake had no report for this meeting

Salary & Benefits: Charlotte Clavier – Chairman

Charlotte reported she was waiting for some information concerning our employee insurance package due to some possible rule changes.

Technology: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle had no report for this meeting.

New Business:

Jay and Roger informed the board about a new form of wagering that Canada is using and Kentucky is considering. The new type of wagering is called Equine Lottery which ties horseracing to the lottery. Tom explained the details it took Mr. Jack Lohman to get Video Poker in Louisiana.

Tom introduced our guest Mr. Jamie Klibert to the board. Mr. Klibert addressed the board on how he thought the La. Equine Report could help promote our membership, Louisiana Horse magazine, and racing as a sport.

Old Business:

Nothing to report

Charlotte asked the board to go into executive session to discuss Financials ending December 31, 2014 and Budgets for the LTBA and Louisiana Horse for 2015. She requested that Therese and Roger to stay for the financial part of the meeting.

Charlotte Clavier asked if everyone received the Financial Statements for LTBA and Louisiana Horse Magazine. Everyone acknowledged that they had. Charlotte explained her review of the financials referenced and asked if there were any questions. No questions were presented.

Tom Early requested we return to our regular meeting.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association operating budget. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the Louisiana Horse Magazine budget as presented. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte made a motion to amend the Louisiana Horse billing policy as presented after being reviewed by our attorney. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Jay Adcock made a motion to accept the contact presented by Mike Whitler. Neal Mc Fadden seconded the motion, was voted on and passed unanimously.

Date, Time, and Place of next Board of Directors Meeting.

March 31, 2015 in the Lafayette area around 3:00 P.M. Place to be determined at a later date.

Jake Delhomme made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michelle LaVoice.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III
Secretary- Treasurer