

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 7, 2013  
Landry's Seafood Restaurant, Lakefront  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Jeff Delhomme  
Dr. Dexter Gary  
Nathan Granger  
Michelle LaVoice  
Neal McFadden  
Jim Montgomery  
Val Murrell  
Keith Myers  
Lora Pitre  
Michelle Rodriguez

**Directors Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Terry Adcock  
Therese Arroyo  
Julie Calzone  
Billie Jo Courville  
Roger Heitzmann III  
Mary McFadden  
Linda McLellan  
Natalie Montgomery  
Loretta Romero  
Alison Wallis

Dr. Dexter Gary 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.

Minutes of April 10, 2013:

Val Murrell made a motion to have the attorney condense the minutes to read without the personal comments. Val asked if we could look into purchasing a better device to record because he listened to the tapes in the past and couldn't understand the voices. After discussion on the equipment used to record the minutes the board decided to have Roger and Dexter review the minutes without the personal comments and forward a copy to the board.

Roger said he and Billie were working with Travis, a technician at Evangeline Downs, on exploring a new recording device to handle our meetings.

Minutes of May 7, 2013 – Teleconference Meeting:

Val Murrell made a motion to approve the teleconference minutes as written as well as the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting with the discussed changes. The board made a unanimous decision to approve the minutes of both meetings.

Greg Romig presented the board with the results of our annual audit.

Greg explained our operating revenues and the best practices and needs for improvement for our non-profit association.

He suggested seeking a corporate attorney to review the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana since Mr. Paul Bonin obtained them in 1988.

The board decided to address this subject later in the meeting.

Progress report was presented by Roger Heitzmann. Roger stated the lobbyist did a good job at the last session. The annual meeting will be held Saturday June 8 in the Black Gold room. Seventy-five members responded to the notices.

Legends Night will be on July 6, 2013 at Evangeline Downs and Louisiana Cup Day will be held on August 17, 2013 at Louisiana Downs. The board discussed the need to increase participation in our annual meetings.

The membership forms, accreditation forms, and Breeders Sale Company of Louisiana Consignor Contracts were mailed.

Roger explained the black type changes concerning a double restriction and a minimum race quality score requirement for its age/sex division.

Roger notified the board that the ballots for the Board of Directors Election were mailed on June 3, 2013 and will be counted on July 1, 2013. The approved list was sent to True Ballot with the members of the Membership Committee also receiving a copy.

The number of nominations received to the Elge Rasberry and A.L. "Red" Erwin Memorial stakes were given to the board.

Roger notified the Board that Stallion Awards were to be mailed in the first week of August.

Lora Pitre made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Michelle Rodriguez seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Lora made a motion to exit Executive Session. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was approved by all. No official business was voted on in executive session.

Lora Pitre moved that the law firm Jones & Walker be hired at an initial budget not to exceed \$10,000 to research Articles and By-Laws of the Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana and how they apply to the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association and members of its board. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Roger read a letter from Ms. Bettie Guidry concerning the industry and the problems she personally was experiencing. The board discussed the letter, but no action was taken.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Technology:** Keith Meyers – Chairman.

Keith reported after meeting with Raj Shetye, staff, and others that we needed to control the computer system in house. He reported that the server, our cloud and all information should be available and accessible to management. He reported that Raj met with Rodney Frisard and the meeting went well. It was also reported that we are currently looking into the capabilities of the system that we currently use. We may have additional capabilities that may not have been explored.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to allocate \$35,000 to use on upgrading the current computer system as needed. Charlotte seconded the motion, which was voted on and all were in favor.

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

Charlotte reported on the timing and trending issues. The board discussed the expenditures of the association and Charlotte made a motion that when the board engages a budget review at the August meeting, if what is spent is trending to over 10% of the budgeted amount or greater than \$1000 the board will address the issue. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **Breeders Sales Company:** Val Murrell – Chairman.

Dexter Gary asked the records to show all board members with a conflict of interest with the Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana left the meeting room during the discussion of the upcoming sale.

Val introduced Daren English as our new director of sales. Darin said he traveled around our state and received all positive responses.

### **By-Law Committee:** Neal McFadden – Chairman

Nothing to report at this time

### **Events Committee:** Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Nothing to report at this time

### **Government Affairs:** Nathan Granger – Chairman

Nothing to report at this time

### **Grievance Committee:** Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Nothing to report at this time

### **Inspection Committee:** Jim Montgomery – Chairman

Nothing to report at this time

### **Membership and Nominating Committee:** Lora Pitre – Chairperson

Nothing to report at this time

**Salary and Benefit Committee: - Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson**

Nothing to report at this time

**New Business:**

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to assist Evangeline Downs in the cost of the production of TVG for Legends Night for an amount of \$5000. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Charlotte explained she was contacted again by the Southern Regional 4H and F.F.A. to sponsor this event. Val Murrell made a motion to pledge \$1000 to the event. Charlotte Clavier seconded this motion, voted on and passed.

The board discussed the need to have a retreat again this year prior to our board meeting. It is tentatively scheduled for August 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

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

The next meeting is set for August 16, 2013 in Shreveport, Louisiana. The time and place of the next board meeting will be determined upon availability.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III  
Secretary/ Treasurer