

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 2, 2008
Delta Downs
Vinton, Louisiana
9:00 A.M.**

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Christine Early
Dexter Gary
Warren Harang III
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Jeffery Picard
Lora Pitre
Corky Pleasant
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez
Firal Ryder

Directors Absent:

None

Others Present:

Sean Alfortish
Theresa Arroyo
Paul Bonin
Bill Davis
Thomas B. Early
Michelle Murrell
Dawn Picard
Gerald J. Romero
Loretta Romero
Mona Romero

Warren Harang III called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll.

Christine Early led us in prayer and asked for a special prayer in memory of Loretta's mother who passed away on Christmas Day.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the minutes of our December 6, 2007 meeting with the necessary typing corrections. Corky Pleasant seconded this motion, all were in favor.

Theresa Arroyo gave her financial report. After a lengthy discussion Allen Peltier made a motion that the quarter ending financial statements be mailed prior to our board meeting. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez. A substitute motion was made by Charlotte Clavier asking for the most current financial statements be mailed even if it is not in the packet mailed with the meeting notice. Corky Pleasant seconded this motion which passed with all in favor. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented, Christine Early seconded the motion which was voted and passed unanimously.

Warren Harang III invited Sean Alfortish, the president of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association to address the board. Mr. Alfortish reported on the National HBPA convention held in New Orleans and the great things happening with the workman's compensation program. The board thanked him for coming to our meeting.

Tom Early gave a report on the Horse of The Year process and the current list of the candidates for 2007. Allen Peltier made a motion to allow the dam of Costa Rising to be added to list for Broodmare of the Year as a one year exception. Michele Rodriguez seconded this motion. Warren Harang called for a roll call vote, with the following results:

Voting Yes:

Charlotte Clavier
Christine Early
Allen Peltier
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez

Voting No:

Jay Adcock
Dexter Gary
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Jeffery Picard
Lora Pitre
Corky Pleasant
Firal Ryder

The motion failed with 8 nays and 5 yes.

Jay Adcock made a motion to eliminate the horse that won only starter races from the ballot for horse of the year. Val Murrell seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Corky Pleasant made a motion for the Annual Membership Meeting to be held in Shreveport in June. The events committee will determine the actual date and place. Neal McFadden seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Evangeline Downs Sponsorship Packages were presented to the board but no action was taken.

Julie Calzone reported on the meeting she and Tom had with Dr. Mike Strain D.V.M. with the Department of Agriculture and Mr. Don Pierson of the Department of Economic Development concerning promoting the horse industry in Louisiana. Julie said she thought the Recreation and Tourism Bureau could be a way to promote and market the horse industry. Lora Pitre made a motion to accept the Calzone report, seconded by Jeffery Picard and passed unanimously.

Warren Harang III called for Committee Reports:

Breeders Sales Company: Val Murrell – Chairman.

After a brief discussion of the date for this year's sale, Val Murrell made a motion to have the sale on September 29th and 30th in West Monroe, Louisiana at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center. This motion was seconded by Neal McFadden. The motion passed unanimously.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to make the sale in Monroe for yearlings only. This motion was seconded by Allen Peltier voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to leave the entry fee at \$300 per horse but increase the minimum commission fee to \$250 with an upset price of \$1,000. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez voted on and passed unanimously.

Allen Peltier made a motion to increase the two sales stakes, the A.L. Erwin and the Elge Rasberry to \$150,000 each starting with the 2008 runnings. This would include horses sold in the 2006 and 2007 sales. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez and a roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yes:

Christine Early
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Jeffery Picard
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez
Firal Ryder

Voting No:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Dexter Gary
Lora Pitre
Corky Pleasant
Neal McFadden

The motion passed.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to commit to this purse increase at least through the 2010 runnings. Jeffery Picard seconded this motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to pursue and check into the privatizing of the sales company and report back to the board. Neal McFadden seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Salary and Benefits: Firal Ryder – Chairman.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to address all calls from the Board of Directors be addressed to Thomas Early and not the staff when they are seeking information concerning business of the Association. Allen Peltier seconded this motion. Opposing this motion were Lora Pitre and Dexter Gary, stating that this should be discussed in Executive Session. Lora Pitre then called for the meeting to go into Executive Session, which was seconded by Val Murrell and approved by all. Charlotte Clavier made the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Jeffery Picard with all in favor.

Nominating: Allen Peltier – Chairman.

Allen reported that the Board Members whose terms expire this year are: Warren Harang, Val Murrell, Michele Rodriguez and Firal Ryder, all of whom are running for re-election. Other nominations will be taken at election time.

Finance: Dexter Gary – Chairman.

Presentation was earlier on the agenda.

Louisiana Horse: Christine Early – Chairperson.

Christine reported the magazine would be one week earlier than originally planned and would be 128 pages, which is one of our largest ever.

Marketing & Development: Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

Patrick reported the committee is working on getting LTBA license plates.

Inspection: Lora Pitre – Chairperson.

Lora Pitre introduced to the board Mr. Bill Davis, who has been inspecting horses in the southern area of the state. Lora Pitre made a motion to reimburse the travel expenses of Mr. Davis. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion which was approved by all.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to send certified letters to owners informing them their foal's accreditation could be in jeopardy if their mares were not located at the place where they were reported to be domiciled. Lora Pitre seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

By-Law: Jeffery Picard – Chairman.

Jeffery Picard reported on his committee meeting findings with Paul Bonin. He suggested the outsourcing of the inspectors be assigned to the Finance Committee for assessment of the costs and procedures and that a recommendation be presented at the next meeting.

Louisiana Stallions: Val Murrell – Chairman.

Thomas Early reported the 2008 Stallions Stakes will be run in the fall at Louisiana Downs on October 18, 2008. He reported a total of \$107,305 was in the account for the 2008 race. Louisiana Downs reported they would add \$25,000 per race.

Grievance: Patrick Richmond – Chairman.
No grievances to report on at this meeting.

Advertising Oversight: Tom Early – Chairman.
The report from Julie Calzone sufficed as the advertising report.

Legislative: Voter voice is in the process and a letter will be mailed to inform the membership and encourage their participation in the legislative process.

Date, time and Place of next Board of Directors Meeting:
April 8, 2008 at the Steamboat Restaurant in Washington, La. at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas B Early