

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 8, 2006

Prejean's Restaurant

Carencro, Louisiana

5:00 P.M.

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Donald Cormier Sr.
Christine Early
Dexter Gary
Warren Harang III
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Harvey "Drew" Peltier III
Lora Pitre
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez (by proxy)
Firal Ryder

Directors Absent:

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Charles Ashy
Paul Bonin
Billie Courville
Thomas B Early
Charles Gardiner
Roger Heitzmann
Jerry Meaux
Shesta Richmond
Gerald Romero
Loretta Romero

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

Christine Early led us in an opening prayer.

A motion was made by Christine Early and seconded by Patrick Richmond to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2006. This motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Therese Arroyo presented the financial report to the Board of Directors and after discussing the general operating accounts a motion was made by Christine Early to accept the report as presented. This motion was seconded by Drew Peltier, voted on and passed unanimously.

The president asked that the minutes reflect the arrival of Donald Cormier and Lora Pitre.

Dexter reported on the group insurance and after a brief discussion Patrick Richmond made a motion to invite representatives of USI Insurance to our annual meeting. This motion was seconded by Christine Early voted on and approved by all.

Warren Harang III introduced our next guest Mr. Jerry Meaux. He discussed the possible delay in enrolling breeding farms in the workman's compensation program through the

HBPA. Following a brief discussion a motion was made by Drew Peltier to address a letter to the HBPA about this situation. This motion was seconded by Neal McFadden and approved by all.

The Membership Committee recommended the list of new members that was in everyone's meeting folder be approved. Drew Peltier made a motion to approve this list; the motion was seconded by Christine Early and approved by all.

Mr. Thomas Early gave a list of TOBA nominees for this year's awards and asked the board to table voting until the next meeting. He also recommended we invite A.L "Red" McMurray, last year's winner, to attend this year's ceremony since he missed last year's ceremony due to the hurricane. A motion was made by Christine Early to invite Mr. McMurray. This motion was seconded by Firal Ryder and approved by all.

Warren Harang III introduced Mr. Charles Gardiner, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Racing Commission. Mr. Gardiner explained the funding of the Louisiana State Racing Commission and a bill that is currently in the legislature to help with the budget of the Commission. After a brief discussion, Lora Pitre made a motion for Thomas Early to draft a letter and mail to our membership expressing our support of House Bill 708. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, voted on and passed unanimously.

The board then entered into a discussion of the current by-laws and whether or not they need to be changed to clarify them.

A motion was made by Charlotte Clavier to vote on whether to change the By-Laws Part C (A) 2(a)(i), Part C 1 (A) 2(b), Part c. Section 1 (A) 5, and Part C. Section 1 (A) 8. Jay Adcock seconded this motion.

Voting Yes:

Christine Early
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Harvey Peltier III
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez

Voting No:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Donald Cormier Sr.
Dexter Gary
Neal McFadden
Lora Pitre
Firal Ryder

The motion failed.

A motion was made by Neal McFadden for Tom Early to write a letter to announce that foals selling at the mare's side could be eligible for accreditation through an appeal to the Grievance Committee. A substitute motion was made for the board and the Grievance

Committee to take the list of mares with foals by their sides selling in tomorrow's sale and decide on eligibility for accreditation today. This motion was seconded by Val Murrell.

Voting Yes:

Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Harvey Peltier III
Lora Pitre
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez

Voting No:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Donald Cormier
Christine Early
Dexter Gary
Neal McFadden
Firal Ryder

The motion failed.

A substitute motion was made by Lora Pitre to get a letter to all consignors who are selling mares with foals by their sides in the sale taking place the next day concerning the requirement that they appeal to the Grievance Committee for the accreditation status of the foals if the mares are leaving the state. This motion was seconded by Drew Peltier and passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to schedule a workshop for the board to discuss our goals and objectives immediately following this year's board of directors' election. This motion was seconded by Val Murrell and passed unanimously.

Don Cormier made a motion that the association contact the various race tracks and urge them to consider writing more accredited Louisiana bred races. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, voted on and passed.

Committee Reports:

Breeders Sales Company: Val Murrell – Chairman.

Neal McFadden read a letter from Mr. David Yount at Evangeline Downs expressing an interest in hosting our yearling sale and asked it be passed on to the committee.

Salary and Benefit Committee: Firal Ryder – Chairman

No report

Louisiana Champions Day Committee: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson.

No report

Louisiana Horse Committee: Christine Early – Chairperson.

Christie reported that the magazines are at the printers and should be mailed this week.

Finance Committee: Dexter Gary – Chairman.

A motion was made by Dexter Gary to place an order for a new building to house our main office in New Orleans due to the hurricane damage. Seconded by Christine Early, voted on and passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion on computers and security servers, a motion was made by Charlotte Clavier to accept the annual budget with the amendment for some new computers, two new servers, and installation fees of up to \$30,000. This motion was seconded by Firal Ryder and passed unanimously.

Louisiana Stallion Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman.

No report.

Public Relations: Christine Early – Chairperson.

No report.

Membership Committee: Harvey Peltier – Chairman.

Report was given early in the meeting.

Inspection Committee: Neal McFadden – Chairman.

Neal stated the inspectors will start soon and the list will be larger. Roger Heitzmann announced we have 472 new mare registration forms so far this year.

Val Murrell made a motion to increase the new mare registration to \$50.00 and a \$10.00 fee for transferred mares to help pay for our inspectors. This motion was seconded by Christine Early.

A substitute motion was made by Neal McFadden to make the fee \$20.00 for both new mares and transfers. This motion was seconded by Jay Adcock and voted on and passed with 3 opposing votes by Harvey Peltier III, Michele Rodriguez, and Lora Pitre.

Louisiana Breeders Awards: Harvey “Drew” Peltier – Chairman.

No Report.

Marketing & Development Committee: Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

Patrick reported our web site is currently being updated and needed some advancements. Allen Peltier made a motion for Patrick Richmond to do what is needed to resolve the issues on the web site. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier and all in favor.

Grievance Committee: Patrick Richmond- Chairman.

No Report.

Building Committee: Firal Ryder – Chairman.

Report was given earlier.

LTBA/ HBPA: Dexter Gary – Chairman.
Report was given earlier.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Date, Place, and Time of next meeting: In conjunction with the annual meeting on June 10, 2006 in Lafayette area.

Following this the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared and submitted by:

Thomas B. Early
Secretary-Treasurer