

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 2006
Evangeline Downs Race Track
Opelousas, Louisiana
12:00 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
Firal Ryder

Directors Absent:

Others Present:

Sean Alfortish
David Arroyo
Therese Arroyo
James Davidson
Shirley Dievert
Thomas B. Early
Roger Heitzmann
Michelle Murrell
Bonnie Proctor
Shesta Richmond
Gerald Romero
Loretta Romero
Don Stemmans
Stephan Tolin

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

Christine Early led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes of the April 8, 2006 meeting was corrected to include the motion make by Donald Cormier to write to the associations asking for more

Louisiana bred races to be written. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Patrick Richmond to accept the amended minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Charlotte Clavier, voted on and passed unanimously.

Mr. Greg Romig presented the Audit of Financial Statements for the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. He stated the audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Christine Early made a motion to forgive the debt the Political Action Committee owes the operating fund in the amount of \$6,400 and eliminate that item on future Financial Statements and Audits. Firal Ryder seconded this motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the audit report as presented; the motion was seconded by Christine Early, voted on and passed unanimously.

Warren Harang III introduced our next guest Mr. Sean Alfortish president of the H.B.P.A. Mr. Alfortish explained the H.B.P.A.'s Workman's Compensation program and the date in which it would be in effect. The farms in Louisiana would be eligible for coverage if the farm owner is licensed by the Louisiana State Racing Commission. The forms to apply for coverage are going to be posted on their web site August 1st with all the necessary guidelines. Mr. Alfortish explained the new purse distribution structure at Louisiana Downs which will change in the third condition book.

Mr. Early stated that Mississippi would be sending Mr. Stewart Madison as their TOBA Award recipient. After a brief discussion Firal Ryder made a motion to exclude Mr. Madison from our ballot for this year's TOBA award. This motion was seconded by Christine Early, voted on and passed with two opposing votes by Allen Peltier and Drew Peltier.

A motion was made by Christine Early to send in Stewart Madison's name as our choice for regional award recipient as an owner. This motion was seconded by Neal McFadden voted on and approved by all.

Warren Harang called for a vote on the TOBA candidates for 2005. Roger Heitzmann was asked to collect the votes and count them and report the winner later in meeting.

Committee Reports:

Breeders Sales Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the plans for future Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana sales a motion was made by Val Murrell to go to Louisiana Downs and ask them to accept or reject the proposal presented to them with ten days or to express an interest in negotiating a long term solution. This motion was seconded by Firal Ryder.

Voting Yes:

Voting No:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Donald Cormier Sr.
Christine Early
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez
Firal Ryder

Dexter Gary
Harvey “Drew” Peltier
Lora Pitre

This motion passed.

Salary and Benefit Committee: Firal Ryder – Chairman.

Nothing to Report.

Nominating Committee: Lora Pitre – Chairperson.

Lora announced that all 5 incumbents were seeking reelection along with 4 others. Ballots would be counted on June 30.

Finance Committee: Dexter Gary – Chairman.

Nothing to report.

Louisiana Champions Day Committee: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson. Charlotte stated that she would like to have a press conference on the morning of Louisiana Champions Day with some significant political figures present. Mr. Early explained about the scholarship program and said we have enough to offer ten, one thousand dollars awards.

Warren Harang announced the votes were tabulated and the winner of the TOBA award from Louisiana for 2005 is Stanley Seelig.

Louisiana Horse Committee: Christine Early – Chairperson. Christine announced our next magazine would be out before the sale.

Membership Committee: Harvey Peltier – Chairman. Nothing to Report.

Marketing and Development Committee: Patrick Richmond – Chairman. Patrick reported that his committee was looking for a facilitator for their 2 day workshop to discuss personal thoughts on our industry. The committee will report on their findings at the next board meeting.

Roger Heitzmann announced that Walmac Farm will once again provide the stallions for the Louisiana Matchmaker Stake in August at our Louisiana Downs Champions Day. The stallion seasons donated are 1st place Omega Code, 2nd place Roar of the Tiger, and 3rd place Keats.

Patrick Richmond made a motion to sell advertisings in our sales catalogue at the cost of \$300.00 for a full page and \$500.00 for a full page color ad. This motion was seconded by Allen Peltier voted on and passed.

Inspection Committee: Neal McFadden – Chairman. Neal reported the inspectors were out checking mares and would recheck those mares coming back from out of state breeding in August.

Roger Heitzmann reported on a letter from Mr. Cantrell concerning his 2005 foals. Mr. Cantrell filled out a grievance report which was read aloud and the board decided to stand firm on their decision from last meeting. The horses will remain ineligible for accreditation.

LTBA/ HBPA: Dexter Gary – Chairman.

Dexter explained that Mr. Alfortish's presentation would be his report.

By-Law Committee: - Harvey Peltier III – Chairman.

Nothing to report.

Public Relations Committee: Christine Early – Chairperson.

Chrisie reported that she still has plenty bumper stickers available.

Louisiana Stallions Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman.

After a brief discussion Patrick Richmond made a motion to change the nomination date for the Louisiana Stallion Stake weanlings to September 1st instead of October 1st. The motion was seconded by Christine Early. A substitute motion was made by Jay Adcock to change the nomination date to November 1st, which would be after our sale. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, voted on and passed unanimously.

Grievance Committee: Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

Mr. Davidson explained the procedures of the upcoming arbitration concerning the horse bred by Keith Hernandez et al which will take place in Lafayette on July 27, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

Patrick Richmond said the committee is still working on suggestions and changes for our grievance form with our attorney and hopes to have it ready at our next meeting.

Building Committee: Firal Ryder – Chairman.

Firal Ryder said our new building would be arriving shortly. Mr. Early stated the building would be about 4 ft longer and 2 feet wider than our previous one.

Old Business:

Dexter Gary said a letter will be sent to our membership for the group insurance.

New Business:

Charlotte requested two minutes to talk about the REAP program and their upcoming fund raiser scheduled for June 27th.

Date, Place, & Time of next meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled conjunction with Louisiana Downs Champions Day in Bossier City on August 19th at 9:00 A.M.

Following this the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared and submitted by:

Thomas B. Early
Secretary-Treasurer