

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association Board of Directors Meeting

August 10, 2004
Prejean's Restaurant
Carencro, Louisiana
12:00 P.M.

Directors Present

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Donald Cormier
Christine Early
Dexter Gary
Warren Harang III
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Harvey "Drew" Peltier
Lora Pitre
Patrick Richmond
Firal Ryder
Carrol Sonnier

Directors Absent

None

Others Present

J.J. Davidson
Thomas B. Early
Theresa Arroyo
Loretta Romero
Roger Heitzmann III
T wenty Members

Dexter Gary called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll.

Christine Early lead us in an opening prayer.

Dexter Gary called upon the board to elect our new officers.

Nominations for president were as follows: Mr. Carrol Sonnier made the motion to nominate Mr. Warren Harang III, seconded by Christine Early. Mr. Neal McFadden made the motion to nominate Mr. Jay Adcock, seconded by Mr. Don Cormier. Nominations for president were closed. Dexter Gary then called for an official roll call vote.

Voting for Warren Harang III

Christine Early
Dexter Gary
Warren Harang III
Val Murrell
Harvey Peltier III
Allen Peltier
Patrick Richmond
Lora Pitre
Firal Ryder
Carrol Sonnier

Voting for Jay Adcock

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Donald Cormier Sr.
Neal McFadden

Mr. Warren Harang advanced to the podium as our president and welcomed our two new directors, Charlotte Clavier & Lora Pitre. He welcomed our guests and said he was honored to be our next president.

Nominations for 1st Vice President were as follows: Mrs. Christine Early nominated Dexter Gary, seconded by Carrol Sonnier. Mr. Neal Mc Fadden nominated Don Cormier, seconded by Jay Adcock.

Voting for Dexter Gary

Christine Early
 Dexter Gary
 Warren Harang III
 Val Murrell
 Harvey Peltier III
 Allen Peltier
 Patrick Richmond
 Lora Pitre
 Firal Ryder
 Carrol Sonnier

Voting for Donald Cormier Sr.

Jay Adcock
 Charlotte Clavier
 Donald Cormier Sr.
 Neal McFadden

Nominations for 2 nd Vice President were as follows: Jay Adcock nominated Mr. Neal McFadden, seconded by Don Cormier. Mrs. Christine Early nominated Patrick Richmond, seconded by Mr. Drew Peltier. Warren Harang asked for a roll call vote.

Voting for Patrick Richmond

Christine Early
 Dexter Gary
 Warren Harang III
 Harvey Peltier
 Allen Peltier
 Firal Ryder
 Carrol Sonnier

Voting for Neal McFadden

Jay Adcock
 Charlotte Clavier
 Donald Cormier Sr.
 Neal McFadden
 Val Murrell
 Lora Pitre

Abstaining

Patrick Richmond

Theresa Arroyo gave her financial report and explained about our source of revenues and how they are broken down on our financial sheets. She then reviewed each page of the report and answered various questions. A motion was made by Mrs. Charlotte Clavier to accept the financial report, seconded by Mr. Allen Peltier, and approved by all.

LSU- Next Meeting: Mr. Early addressed the board about a letter from Dr. Rustin Moore at LSU inviting the board to be guests at LSU for our next Board of Director's meeting and tour the facility.

American Horse Counsel, Mr. Early reported they requested that Louisiana participate in Economic Impact Study of the horse industry. The fees required will be around \$20,000. A motion was made by Drew Peltier to participate up to \$5,000 provided the \$20,000 in obtained from other sources in the state. This motion was seconded by Allen Peltier, voted on and approved by all.

Committee Reports :

Breeders Sales Company, Val Murrell – Chairman. Mr. Murrell reported our sale will be held on October 4, 2004 at Louisiana Downs. The board entered into a discussion on our upcoming sale. The tents, water, electricity, and costs were the issues for discussion and Tom Early & Roger Heitzmann were put in command to explore all opportunities for an outstanding sale.

Salary and Benefit Committee: Firal Ryder – Chairman. No report.

Louisiana Champions Day Committee: Carrol Sonnier – Chairman. Mr. Sonnier explained he was having a meeting next week so no report was given at this time.

Louisiana Horse Committee: Christine Early – Chairperson. Christine stated our magazine was at the printers and letters would be sent out for our stallion ad pages.

Finance Committee: Dexter Gary – Chairman. Mr. Gary reported on the bonus of Mr. Early and explained this was paid according to his contract. Mr. Early explained how his bonus was paid. Mr. Gary thought this should be done in a salary & benefit committee and be reported back to the board at the next meeting. Mr. Tom Early explained the letter from Randy Duke about the Video Poker at Evangeline Downs.

Louisiana Stallion Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman. Mr. Murrell talked with Mr. Yount and he would like to meet after the Evangeline meet closed. Patrick Richmond has been working on this all year and suggested nominating with the stallion register for the Louisiana Stallion Stake.

Public Relations Committee: Christine Early – Chairperson. Louisiana Stallion Stakes was discussed earlier.

Membership Committee: Carrol Sonnier – Chairman. Mr. Sonnier had no report.

Field Inspector Committee: Neal McFadden – Chairman. Mr. McFadden introduced Mr. Sonny Moss and he gave his report on his findings. Discussions were made about the hiring of other inspectors. Committee will meet to discuss violations of members and report to the entire board. Mr. Harang suggested they meet by phone conference and address the board with their findings.

Louisiana Breeders Award : Harvey Peltier III – Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Drew Peltier to urge various race tracks to use some of the money generated for purses from slot machines at their facility to supplement the purses in open stake races. This motion was seconded by Christine Early, voted on and passed. There was one opposing vote by Mr. Dexter Gary.

By-Law Committee: J.J. Davidson & Warren Harang – Co-Chairman. Discussions were made about our employees and the need to implement a policy manual with guidelines. A motion was made by Mr. Dexter Gary to have a committee appointed to be directed to set up a policy manual with all the guideline for all employees, this motion was seconded by Carrol Sonnier, all in favor.

Counsel was asked to research on a class of membership concerning out of state residence being eligible to be on the board of directors.

Development Committee: Patrick Richmond – Chairman. Mr. Richmond stated we need to expand our marketing and advertising plan. After a discussion no motions were made.

Old Business: Discussions were made about purse committees from our guests however no motions were made. Nancy Rumore's letter was discussed in detail however no motions were made. Mr. Davidson's response to the creation of more Louisiana bred races was given to a committee to be presented to the board at a later date.

New Business: A motion was made by Mr. Don Cormier that the membership be notified by postcards 20 days in advance of our Board of Directors meetings. Publish on our web site notification of the date, time, and place of next board meeting. This motion was seconded by Val Murrell, voted on and passed.

Mr. Don Cormier made a motion to add a supplement list of accredited foals in the spring issue of Louisiana Horse magazine, seconded by Mr. Jay Adcock, this motion voted on and passed unanimously.

Date, Place, and Time of next Board of Directors Meeting: Our next meeting was set for Friday October 22, 2004 at Louisiana Downs in Bossier City for 12:00 Noon.

Following this the meeting was adjourned.

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