

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association****Board of Directors Meeting**

December 13, 2003

New Orleans LTBA Office

**Directors Present**

Jay Adcock  
 Donald Cormier Sr.  
 Christine Early  
 Dexter Gary  
 Warren Harang III  
 Bryan Krantz  
 Marcia Lamarche  
 Neal McFadden  
 Val Murrell  
 Allen Peltier  
 Harvey Peltier III  
 Patrick Richmond  
 Firal Ryder  
 Carrol Sonnier

**Directors Absent**

None

**Others Present**

Theresa Arroyo  
 J.J. Davidson  
 Mickey Guidry  
 Lora Pitre  
 Shesta Richmond  
 Loretta Romero  
 Paul Trahan  
 Rae Woods  
 Tom Early

Bryan Krantz called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Woods to call the roll.

Christine Early gave an opening prayer.

Christine early made the motion that the minutes of the October 11th meeting be approved. This motion was seconded by Warren Harang III, voted on and passed unanimously.

Theresa Arroyo gave a report on our financial status and a brief discussion on the issues of the financial statements. The board asked that in the future she would mail the previous month's financial statement to them. Christine Early made the motion to accept the financial report. This motion was seconded by Warren Harang III, voted on and passed unanimously.

Bryan Krantz asked that the minutes reflect that Board member Val Murrell was in attendance.

Mr. Early gave a report on the nominees for Horses of the Year Candidates for 2003. All stakes winners for the remainder of the year will be added.

Mr. Early gave a report on the Web page and after a brief discussion Mr. Harang made the motion to spend \$12, 000 a year to include entries and results for Louisiana bred listed by breeder on our web site on a daily basis. This motion was seconded by Donald Cormier, voted on and passed unanimously.

Mr. Mickey Guidry made his recommendation on the company pension plan to accept Nationwide Investments. Discussion was made on the fact that this would reduce the fiduciary responsibility of the board of directors. After the discussion Marcia Lamarche made the motion to accept Mr. Guidry's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Donald Cormier and passed all in favor.

The president called for committee reports:

**Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana Committee:** Val Murrell, Chairman. Mr. Murrell reported that the sales committee met in Baton Rouge with a representative from Fasig Tipton to discuss ways to improve our marketing of the upcoming sale. Mr. Ryder reported that a meeting with Mr. Ray Tromba and Mr. Thomas

Roberts was scheduled to discuss the sales pavilion at Louisiana Downs for future sales. However there were no motions made.

**Salary and Benefit Committee:** Firal Ryder, Chairman. Mr. Ryder reported the committee would meet in two weeks to discuss recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Drew Peltier to go into executive session with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sonnier voted on and passed.

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the motion by Neal McFadden to accept the recommendation of Mr. Early to increase the salaries for Lori Neece and Linda McLellan was seconded by Firal Ryder voted on and passed unanimously.

Firal Ryder made the motion to pay the office staff a bonus for the October sales. This motion was seconded by Marcia Lamarche and approved by all.

**Louisiana Champions Day:** Carrol Sonnier, Chairman. Mr. Sonnier reported we had six Gold Row tables sold and 31 stallion donations for this year. Mr. Dexter Gary reported that we had contracted with TVG to televise the races on Louisiana Champion's Day. The cost would be \$25,000, which would be shared by the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association.

**Louisiana Horse:** Christine Early, Chairperson. Mrs. Early stated the stallion register was available and there were 103 stallions listed in the register for 2004.

**Finance Committee:** Dexter Gary, Chairman. Mr. Gary stated the addition to our staff now included our in house accountant, Theresa Arroyo.

**Louisiana Stallion:** Val Murrell, Chairman. Mr. Murrell stated there was nothing to report at this meeting.

**Public Relations Committee:** Christine Early, Chairperson. Mr. Richmond made a motion to form a development committee to promote the industry to help sell our product. Warren Harang seconded this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

**Membership Committee:** Carrol Sonnier, Chairman. Mr. Sonnier had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Field Inspector Committee:** Neal McFadden, Chairman. Following a brief discussion a motion was made for Neal and Tom to get together to develop an application with the criteria needed for the inspector. This motion was seconded by Warren Harang, voted on and passed.

**Louisiana Breeders Award:** Harvey Peltier III, Chairman. Mr. Peltier made the motion to stay in compliance with the Jockey Club's black type and raise all accredited Louisiana bred stakes to \$40,000 to keep up with the black type requirements. This motion was seconded by Jay Adcock, voted on and passed.

**Building Committee:** Firal Ryder, Chairman. Mr. Ryder complimented the new building and stated that this should be the end of this committee.

**By-Law Committee:** J.J. Davidson & Warren Harang, Co-Chairmen. Mr. Harang made a motion to accept the paragraphs as written to be part of our rules for accrediting a foal as a Louisiana bred. **Effective January 1, 2004 any mare shipping into the State of Louisiana for the purpose of foaling in Louisiana and having the foal accredited as a Louisiana bred must be domiciled in the State of Louisiana for a minimum of six months, or if said mare is shipped out of state for the purpose of breeding after foaling in Louisiana, she must be returned to the State of Louisiana by August 1 of the current year foaling to resume her domicile in the state. If said mare is not returned to the State of Louisiana by the said date, the current year's foal shall NOT be eligible for accreditation as a Louisiana bred.** This motion was

seconded by Christine Early, voted on and passed unanimously with Jay Adcock abstaining from voting because he needed more time to understand it.

Paragraph II, **Effective January 1, 2004 all new mares entering the state must be registered with the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association as accredited mares upon entry into the state and upon each transfer of ownership thereafter. The fee for registering a mare as an accredited mare is ten dollars (\$10). The fee for transferring a mare is ten dollars (\$10). Transfer fees shall be the responsibility of the new owner.** After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Warren Harang to accept this paragraph as part of our rules. This motion was seconded by Christine Early, voted on and passed unanimously.

Date, place and time of next Board of Directors meeting was set for Saturday February 7th at Delta Downs in Vinton, Louisiana in conjunction with the Louisiana Premier Night.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Patrick Richmond made the motion that Mr. Early write a letter to the racing secretary at Delta Downs recommending that we are in favor of adding races if it would not take away from the ones already in place. This motion was seconded by Donald Cormier Sr., voted on and passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas B Early  
Secretary-Treasurer

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