

Agenda  
Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 9, 2005  
Hampton Inn  
Bossier City, Louisiana  
9:00 A.M.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Prayer – Christine Early
- III. Minutes of August 9, 2005 and September 17, 2005 meetings
- IV. Horse of the Year Candidates
- V. Non Members Accreditation Fees
- VI. Assurant Health Underwriting – Dexter Gary
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Breeders Sales Company – Val Murrell – Chairman
  - b. Salary and Benefit – Firal Ryder – Chairman
    - 1. Ratification of Hurricane Relief
  - c. Louisiana Champions Day – Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson
  - d. Louisiana Horse – Christine Early – Chairperson
  - e. Finance – Dexter Gary – Chairman
  - f. Louisiana Stallion – Val Murrell – Chairman
  - g. Public Relations – Christine Early – Chairperson
  - h. Membership – Harvey Peltier III – Chairman
  - i. Inspection – Neal McFadden – Chairman
  - j. Louisiana Breeders Award – Harvey Peltier III – Chairman
  - k. By-Law – Harvey Peltier III – Chairman
    - 1. Ratification of change to Part C. Section 1(A) subparagraph 2.2 (a and b)(i)
  - l. Marketing & Development – Patrick Richmond – Chairman
  - m. LTBA / HBPA – Dexter Gary – Chairman
  - n. Grievance – Patrick Richmond – Chairman
- VIII. Date, Place and Time of next Board of Directors Meeting
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business

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**Directors Present:**

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

**Directors Absent:**

Charlotte Clavier

**Others Present:**

Theresa Arroyo  
Thomas B. Early  
Roger Heitzmann  
Michelle Murrell  
Shesta Richmond  
Loretta Romero  
Mel Hebert  
Ky Mortinson

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

Christine Early led us in an opening prayer.

Christine Early made a motion to postpone approving our minutes on August 9<sup>th</sup> and September 17, 2005 until the next meeting. Lora Pitre seconded this motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Early will prepare a list and mail to the board the Horse of the Year candidates and will add the winners of both the Louisiana Champions Day and the Louisiana Futurities. The Board discussed the cost of non member accreditation fees. Dexter Gary made a motion to refer it to the Membership Committee to recommend a fair cost of accreditation for non members and any penalty at our next meeting. This motion was seconded by Allen Peltier and was approved by all.

Patrick Richmond introduced the guest speaker Mr. Mel Hebert from Lafayette to talk about the Louisiana Horseman's Journal.

Dexter Gary reported the Assurant Affinity Group services which were able to consult, design, implement and provide benefits to the LTBA members on a voluntary basis. After much discussion the board decided to check on other companies' group policies.

Mr. Warren Harang III introduced Mr. Ky Mortinson from the LSU veterinary school. Ky talked to us about the need for a standing MRI at the clinic.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Breeders Sales Company Committee:** Val Murrell – Chairman.

Theresa Arroyo presented a projected income statement for our 2005 Yearling and mixed sale. She projected a gross profit for the sale but stated that all of the expenses may not be in yet and she promised to have a more complete report at the next meeting. The president invited Lora Pitre to join the sales committee and give her recommendations for next year's sale.

**Salary and Benefit Committee:** Firal Ryder – Chairman

Firal Ryder made a motion to accept the Ratification of the Hurricane Relief paid to the employees. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez and approved by all. Mr. Ryder made a motion to pay each employee working at the sale a bonus of \$1,000.00 This motion was seconded by Allen Peltier and approved by all.

**Louisiana Champions Day Committee:** Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson. Charlotte was absent from the meeting because of the extensive work she was doing to prepare for our cocktail buffet. Mr. Early reported we had 2 Corporate sponsors and 10 Gold Row sponsors.

**Louisiana Horse Committee:** Christine Early – Chairperson. Christine announced the magazines were mailed and the stallion registers were running a little later than usual. The bumper stickers will be available at the reception table tonight at the cocktail buffet.

**Finance Committee:** Dexter Gary – Chairman. No finance report was given due to the fact that the bank statements were not received in a timely manner due to the hurricane.

**Louisiana Stallion Committee:** Val Murrell – Chairman. Val reported we had 84 stallions nominated to the stallion stakes which will run in 2008.

**Public Relation Committee:** Christine Early – Chairperson. Christine stated earlier about the bumper sticker being ready.

**Membership Committee:** Harvey "Drew" Peltier – Chairman. Drew reported that since memberships were still being processed because of the hurricane he would present a more complete report at the next meeting.

**Inspection Committee:** Neal McFadden – Chairman. Mr. McFadden stressed the importance to checking on new mares entering into our program.

**Louisiana Breeders Award:** Harvey Peltier III – Chairman. Mr. Harvey Peltier asked Tom to report on the out of state awards. Tom explained the cost would be approximately \$325,000 this year, which is less than was budgeted for them.

**By-Law Committee:** Harvey Peltier III – Chairman. Christine Early made a motion to ratify the By Laws, Part C, Breeders and Awards, Section 1. (A) sub paragraph 2 (a) (i) and sub paragraph 2 (b) (i) by adding “or” after the word and in the second sentence of the aforesaid sub paragraphs (i). those sentences after amendment shall read as follows:

Section 1. (A), subparagraph 2.2(a) (i) second sentence:

“Her sale (public or private) and/or departure from Louisiana will not affect eligibility for accreditation of any foal dropped prior to departure provided she resided in Louisiana for six months of the foaling year.”

Section 1. (A), subparagraph 2. (b)(i). second sentence:

“Her sale (public or private) and/or departure from Louisiana will not affect eligibility for accreditation of any foal dropped prior to departure provided she resided in Louisiana for six (6) months of that foaling year.”

The aforesaid is being done so as to clearly define the intent of the By-Laws, which interpretation has heretofore been verbally issued by the LTBA. Wording provided by J.J. Davidson. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez and approved by all.

Discussion was made on an accreditation request from a breeder. Allen Peltier made the motion to send this case to the grievance committee and consult our attorney. The motion was seconded by Dexter Gary and voted on with one opposing vote by Lora Pitre.

**Marketing and Development Committee:** Patrick Richmond – Chairman. Patrick talked about our new web site and reminded the directors to send in their short bio. The board discussed contributing to the Fair Grounds Hall of Fame and Racing Museum.

The board briefly discussed the funds being earned for our scholarship fund and how they would be awarded. Tom Early stated that there should be no rush since the intent now is to begin paying for the fall of 2006 semester. Jay Adcock made a motion to send it to a committee on how to distribute the funds. This motion was seconded by Christine Early and approved by all.

Patrick Richmond made a motion to authorize Mr. Early to write a letter from the LTBA recommending that the tracks use more of their slot funds in our maiden races and not as much in claiming races under \$5,000. This motion was seconded by Lora Pitre voted on and passed unanimously. A Substitute motion made by Mr. Drew Peltier to ask the HBPA and the LTBA to write letters to the racetracks recommending using more slot funds in our maiden races and not as much in lower claiming races. This motion was seconded by Lora Pitre voted on and passed unanimously.

**LTBA/ HBPA Committee:** Dexter Gary –Chairman. Dr. Gary explained that he would like for the office to be as paperless as possible. Dr. Gary explained about having a computer assessment to see what we need in software and programming. He would like to get this information back before the next meeting and bring it before the board for recommendations.

**Investigative Committee:** Patrick Richmond – Chairman. Patrick asked Tom to explain how horses were nominated to Louisiana Champions Day. Patrick suggested a need for official procedures to be written and printed in our magazine. Mr. Warren Harang III asked Patrick Richmond to write them and present it at next meeting.

**Date, Place, and Time of next meeting:** February 18<sup>th</sup> at Delta Downs at 2:00 P.M.

**Old Business:** Mr. Allen Peltier made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Members of Warren Harang, Dexter Gary and Patrick Richmond. This motion was seconded by Christine Early and approved by all.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

Following this the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared and submitted by:

Thomas B Early  
Secretary-Treasurer

November 30, 2005

Jay Adcock  
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Dear Jay:

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association will meet on December 9, 2005 at the Hampton Inn in Bossier City at 9:00 A.M.

Enclosed is the tentative agenda for the meeting. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda please contact me. Also enclosed is the proposed change to the by-laws that was suggested at the August meeting which is to be approved at this meeting. There are no financial statements since we are just now receiving bank statements from August and have not had sufficient time to reconcile the accounts. Financial statements will be mailed to you as soon as they are prepared.

We now have new temporary numbers at our office in Harahan. We can be reached at 504-739-1450 or 504-739-1461.

Sincerely,

Thomas B Early  
Secretary-Treasurer