

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 1, 2020  
Boutin's Restaurant  
Carencro, Louisiana**

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Carrol Castille  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Tom Early  
Daniel Guidry  
Warren Harang III  
Keith Hernandez  
Michelle LaVoice  
Neal McFadden  
Val Murrell  
David Tillson

**Directors Absent:**

Brett Brinkman  
Neal McFadden

**Others Present:**

Therese Arroyo  
Allen Chiasson  
Roger Heitzmann  
Thomas Hewett  
Rita Hewett  
Lora Pitre

Warren Harang called the meeting to order and asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Carrol Castille arrived at the meeting.

Roger Heitzmann read his conflict policy stating that his entire family is in the business and that they have business with many members of the association.

Warren asked for the approval of the minutes. Charlotte Clavier stated that there was nothing mentioned about Gerald Averett speaking at the August Meeting. Roger informed Charlotte that Mr. Averett spoke on a subject matter that wasn't being addressed at the time but would make sure that Mr. Averett would be mentioned.

Michelle LaVoice added that there were some changes in regards to dates. Michelle pointed them out and Roger agreed that they were incorrect and would change them. Danny Guidry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Val introduced By-Law amendments that members of the committee met and approved to be presented to the board. Discussion took place before wording, and adjustments were made that presents the rules in a better format. Jay Adcock questioned several of the awards and the award schedule. Tom Early made a motion to accept the By-Law amendments with the word replacements that were discussed. Danny Guidry seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. Jay Adcock and Charlotte Clavier voted against the change based on that Jay felt that there were too many gray areas and Charlotte was not in favor of the rule to begin with.

### **Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman**

Tom Early had no report for this meeting as the third quarter ended the day before the meeting.

### **Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Jake reported that he spoke with our lobbyist Harry Benoit and Harry reported that at this time there is nothing on the docket that concerns us at this time. Gaming will be on the ballot. That is a major concern moving forward.

### **Grievance Committee: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson**

Michelle had no report for this meeting.

### **LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Val reported that he was concerned with the Fair Grounds dropping some race days. Keith Hernandez reminded the board that the law remains the same and that it's only because of date realignments caused by the hurricanes which created some overlapping days. He also informed them on the Fair Grounds asking to not allow Lasix in certain races. Discussion took place on those issues as well as the Sale of Louisiana Downs.

### **LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairperson**

Jake Delhomme reported on the race dates that were awarded for the Fair Grounds and Delta Downs. He also informed the board on the tracks and race dates in Texas.

### **Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairperson**

Brett was getting out of the hospital due to contracting Covid. Inspector Mike Whitler said he had no issues.

### **Membership and Nominating: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson**

Charlotte informed the board that she was resigning from the position. She nominated Keith Hernandez. Roger informed the board that we will need an additional member to sit on that committee as Neal McFadden was up for election this coming year which makes him ineligible to sit on the committee. Discussion took place and a decision would be made hopefully before the next meeting.

### **Pac Committee: Keith Hernandez – Chairman**

Keith had no report for this meeting

### **Salary and Benefits: Tom Early – Chairman**

Tom had no report for this meeting.

## **New Business:**

Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report

**Date, Place, Time of next Board of Directors Meeting:**

December 11, 2020, Copeland Towers, Metairie LA, 12:00pm

Charlotte made a motion to enter Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Carrol Castille, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Michelle LaVoice made a motion to leave Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Carrol Castille, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Tom Early, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Roger Heitzmann  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association