

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 7, 2018  
Landry's Seafood House  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Jake Delhomme  
Thomas B Early  
Daniel Guidry  
Warren Harang III  
Michelle LaVoice  
Jim Montgomery  
Neal McFadden  
Val Murrell  
Michele Rodriguez

**Directors Absent:**

Carrol Castille  
Charlotte Clavier

**Others Present:**

Terry Adcock  
Therese Arroyo  
Alex Bonin  
Julie Calzone  
Keith Hernandez  
Roger Heitzmann  
Dennis Miller  
Mary McFadden  
Linda McLellan  
Lora Pitre  
Mike Whitler

Warren J Harang III called the meeting to order and asked Jake Delhomme to lead us in prayer.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Warren asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. Carrol Castille and Charlotte Clavier were absent. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Warren requested from the board if there were any changes to be made in their conflict policies. Hearing none, he moved forward with the meeting.

Warren asked the board for approval of the minutes for the October 2, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Michele LaVoice which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Warren then requested committee reports.

**Committee Reports:**

**By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Val Murrell submitted By-Law Changes recommended by the By-law Committee. He noted that the committee voted to recommend these changes to the by-laws. Val made a motion to approve the changes submitted. Tom Early seconded the motion. Warren opened this for discussion. Jay Adcock opposed the by-law changes as written and a discussion ensued. Brett Brinkman, Jay Adcock, Val Murrell, Danny Guidry, and Tom Early all provided their views on the change or the possibility of some change. The

main reason to produce some kind of change is to help bring the numbers of foals up from the sinking numbers we have shown in recent years. Jay is very concerned that we can't bring back the Z horse.

Michelle LaVoice pointed out that we are so restricted that breeders are leaving our state to go to other programs because they are not as strict in breed back or domicile rules.

Brett Brinkman pointed to the reason we have to stay so restricted because we have to protect ourselves from others in Baton Rouge. He said perception is key to those who really don't know about the business.

Danny Guidry pointed out various reasons on how the rules as presented will help the economy of the state, and how the Z rule only helped our program not hurt it when we had it in the past.

Discussion continued back and forth for some time with the whole board participating.

Discussion then took place as to whether or not the removal of any Z horse rule would get the new rules passed to enable mares to move more freely. Members of the board had not fully read the proposal A or proposal B. This caused reason for some members not to vote on it.

Discussion continued going over many scenarios that may happen. Discussion also took place on the rule passed at the last meeting that a mare could leave the program after her second Louisiana foal.

Suggestions continued to be made back and forth on the subject with no determination being made. Members of the board did not want to vote on this today as they wanted to see a final proposal on paper before voting.

The proposals were removed from the table to be discussed at a meeting in the future after some additional changes are made by our attorney.

Jake Delhomme had to leave the meeting for personal reasons.

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

Tom asked if everyone had their copy of the financials to which they all agreed. Tom presented the financials noting differences compared to last year and explaining the differences. Tom pointed out the net income being significantly higher than last year and how we are moving in the right direction in operations.

Tom then turned the floor over to Therese Arroyo to ask for changes in budgetary variances. After making five changes Michele Rodriguez made a motion to accept the changes Therese asked to be made to the budget. This motion was seconded by Brett Brinkman, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom made a motion to accept the financials as presented. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

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

This is going to be a tough year in the legislature. Get ready for spending time there and on the phone.

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

Michelle had no report for this meeting

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

We are currently looking into a couple of possible violations. We'll get back to the board if needed.

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

Val informed that the HBPA is doing a fine job in representing the horsemen. Michele Rodriguez spoke on the time it takes for tests to clear. Keith Hernandez, who is on the board of the HBPA, answered her concerns.

**LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Brett reported on behalf of Jake on recent happenings with the HBPA. The pros and cons of recent meetings attended.

**Membership & Nominating: Vacant – Chairperson**

No report

**Pac Committee: Michelle Rodriguez – Chairperson**

No report

**Salary and Benefit Committee: Tom Early – Chairman**

No report

**Old Business:** No report

**New Business:** Val requested that we look into resurrecting the party for Louisiana Champions Day. Some conversation took place on the subject.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to go to Executive Session. This was seconded by Brett Brinkman. Warren called for Executive session.

Val made a motion to exit Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Tom Early, which was agreed upon by all.

Warren informed Roger Heitzmann that he was to present the staff with a Christmas Bonus equivalent to last year.

The board asked Roger and Alex Bonin to get us ready for a special meeting as quickly as possible.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III  
Secretary-Treasurer