

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2019
Evangeline Downs racetrack & Casino
Opelousas, Louisiana**

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Carrol Castille
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Tom Early
Daniel Guidry
Warren Harang III
Michelle LaVoice
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Neal McFadden
Jim Montgomery

Others Present:

Harry Benoit
Dex Comardelle
John Duvieilh
Ed Fanesci
Roger Heitzmann III
Linda McLellan
Alan Peltier
Don Stemmans

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.

Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Roger Heitzmann presented the Board with a change to the minutes from the October 2, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. This change was suggested by the Attorney of the Association, Mr. Alex Bonin, to correct discretion of the board to follow Roberts Rule of Order. The motion reads and is presented as the following. A motion to amend something previously adopted; to delete from the October 2, 2018 Board Minutes (approved at the December 7, 2018 meeting) the following, "During Executive Session Tom Early made a motion that a mare that has had two consecutive foals in Louisiana can leave the program without penalty following the second foal. The motion was seconded by Michelle LaVoice, which was voted on and passed unanimously". Jake Delhomme presented the motion. This motion was seconded by Danny Guidry, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Warren Harang III then requested from the Board any conflict changes that needed to be noted. Hearing none the meeting continued.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report at this meeting, but stated that He and Jay would have something for the next meeting. Danny Guidry brought to the board a suggestion that the board look into changing the rule on the 2/3 vote for by-law changes. Discussion took place.

Roger Heitzmann presented to the board that the by-laws of the association need to be adjusted as to when the election of officers should take place. With the movement of the annual meeting to accommodate members of the association or to try to increase the availability of members a more permanent date needs to be established. He suggested to the committee that they look into this.

Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom Early asked if everyone had their quarterly financial statements. He then began to explain the variances compared to last year as well as some timing issues. He explained some of the trending we are experiencing.

Discussion also took place on the amount of monies spent on parties and social events to recruit members. Roger pointed out that we must always show fiscal responsibility when spending monies on these types of gatherings and the perception they bring to the table. Keeping the price of membership low does not equate to a high volume of monies spent on unneeded items.

The board made it clear that all members are invited to all events regardless of the cost. Roger was instructed that this was the way they wished to see functions in the future and that the ladies of the board would be of assistance if needed.

Tom asked the board to allow the Finance & Audit to oversee the presentation of the audit and submit the approval for the board. Jake Delhomme made the motion to allow the Finance & Audit Committee to oversee the presentation, and if needed and warranted, approval the Audit on behalf of the Board of Directors. This motion was seconded by Brett Brinkman, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Harry Benoit presented to the Board information from the last Legislative Session. Discussion took place on many political affairs.

Grievance: Michele LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle had no report at this meeting.

Inspection: Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Brett had no report for this meeting

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report for this meeting

LTBA/LSRC: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake had no report for this meeting. Much discussion took place over the Commission's failure to allow the purse transfer. Charlotte Clavier made a motion that Harry Benoit set up a meeting between representatives of the LTBA and and Governor Edwards. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Membership & Nominating Committee: Roger Heitzmann – Acting Chairman

Roger informed the Board that no one wanted to participate in the election as a candidate other than the board members seeking re-election. Roger then contacted the attorney for the association and followed his direction to complete the process of the 2019 Board of Directors' election. He also stated that the by-laws need to be adjusted to include the rules to follow if this would happen again.

Discussion took place about the membership number and its ties to racing and the number of mares breeding. Proposed changes to the domicile rule were suggested.

PAC Committee: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

No report for this meeting.

Salary & Benefits: Tom Early – Chairman

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session by Charlotte Clavier which was seconded by Carrol Castille. All were in agreement and the board entered Executive session. Charlotte made a motion to exit Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Tom Early with no objection. Charlotte then made a motion to make a budget adjustment by raising the amount of the salary budget by \$10,000. Roger is instructed to make the adjustment and what it is to be used for to Therese Arroyo, the LTBA accountant. This motion was seconded by Carrol Castille which was voted on and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Alan Peltier made a request to send a mare out of state. It was discussed and found that she can leave the program.

Charlotte brought up an HBPA position that may be made in the future. If a race is cancelled the HBPA may begin to compensate horsemen with a payment to cover cost.

Roger informed the board on the state of Louisiana bred races being used at this point of the current race meets.

Old Business:

None reported.

Date, Time and Place of Next Board of Directors Meeting.

The meeting will be August 3th in the Bossier City area in conjunction with Louisiana Cup Day. Roger will be making arrangements and informing the board.

Jake made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Carrol Castille, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III