

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 2, 2019
L'auberge Casino
Lake Charles, La.**

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Carroll Castille
Charlotte Clavier
Tom Early
Warren Harang III
Michelle LaVoice
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent

Jake Delhomme
Daniel Guidry
Neal McFadden

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Roger Heitzmann III

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.

Michele Rodriguez led us in prayer.

Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes presented of the August 3, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Members of the Board who were absent at the August 3rd meeting presented their conflict pages.

Jake Delhomme: Jake boards mares and foals at the farm of fellow board member Carroll Castille. He owns shares in the stallions Calibrocha and Redding Colliery who stand at the farm of fellow board member Jay Adcock. He also states that he has business dealings with both Carroll Castille and Charlotte Clavier.

Danny Guidry: He and his brother make up DocAtty Stables, LLC; he is a partner in Guidry and Guidry law firm representing many members of the industry. He is a Director of Home Bank. He owns interest in the stallions Gemologist and Court Vision.

Jim Montgomery: Jim is a shareholder of Equine Sales Company of Louisiana as well as a board member. He owns shares in stallions at Jay Adcock's Red River Farm as well as partnering with Jay in broodmares ownership.

Carroll Castille: Carroll is the operator of Ranch Outlet Feed and Supply doing business with members of the board as well as many members of the association. He also owns Whispering Oaks Farm, which

boards, breeds and races thoroughbreds for members of the board as well as many members of the association.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val put forth the following which was agreed upon in conference and will be presented at the next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting to be voted on as By-Law and/or policy changes.

1. Charlotte made a motion that beginning with the change of calendar year the LTBA will no longer be offering a membership as an associate. The regular membership will be offered to anyone who has interest in thoroughbred breeding and racing with the fee of \$75. All regular members will have all rights of membership including the right to vote in the Annual Board of Directors Election. This motion was seconded by Carroll Castille, which was agreed to by all to be voted on at the next Board of Directors Meeting with ten day notice.
2. Michele Rodriguez made a motion that beginning with the foal crop of 2019 a mare that foals in Louisiana has two options to depart the Louisiana Program. If said foal is by a Louisiana standing Stallion, the mare if bred, must be bred to a Louisiana Stallion and can depart Louisiana after August 1st of that year with that foal at her side being considered a foal eligible for accreditation and full breeders awards. If the foal is by a stallion standing outside Louisiana the mare if bred, must be bred to a Louisiana Stallion and can depart the program after August 1st for the foal at her side but that foal will be eligible for 50% of the standard rate of Breeders Awards. If the mare of that foal stays until December 31st of that year the foal will be eligible for 100% of the standard rate. If the mare is sold at public auction, that would constitute a full stay.
3. Michele Rodriguez made a motion that beginning with the 2020 breeding season, if a mare foals in Louisiana, a foal by a stallion that covered the mare out of the state of Louisiana, and the owner wishes to sell that said mare before the end of that breeding season, he may do so, but it will be incumbent on the person selling the mare to use a form provided by the LTBA that states in writing that if the mare is bred back to a second out of state stallion, that foal will be ineligible for accreditation. This motion was seconded by Tom Early, which was voted on and passed unanimously.
4. Michele Rodriguez made a motion that beginning with the 2019 race meet to be held at Delta Downs, Breeders awards will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Accredited Louisiana bred foals that are by a stallion standing in Louisiana at time of cover will be awarded an award of 20% of the amount earned with a race cap of \$200,000.
 - b. Accredited Louisiana bred foals that are by a stallion that stood outside the State of Louisiana at the time of cover will be awarded a Breeders award of 18% of the amount earned with a race cap of \$200,000.

This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The previous sections 1-3 was voted on and passed with the knowledge that they will not become law and/or rule until it is placed on the agenda, a ten day notice is given and voted on and passed by a 2/3 vote of the board of Directors. Item #4 is considered passed and will take effect at the appointed time.

Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting. Therese Arroyo informed the board of the completion of the audit. She also let them know that the September 30th financials would be submitted as quickly as possible. She also informed the board that with Louisiana Downs not being able to simulcast the Preakness cost the association approximately \$25,000 which is used for Louisiana Champions Day. We will have to make that money up somewhere.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Charlotte put forth the idea of making sure that we invite as many Government Officials as possible to all LTBA events. She suggested that Loretta Romero contact them and serve as their host for the day.

Grievance Committee: Michele LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle LaVavoice brought back the grievance presented to the board at the August meeting. The board heard the grievance but could not come to any decision. Michelle and the committee went over the testimony and evidence presented and came back to the board with another finding. Michelle made a motion that in order to make Ms. Stewart's foal an accredited Louisiana bred she must pay a fine of \$1000 and complete the paperwork and fees needed. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report for this meeting

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairperson

Jake Delhomme was not present and there was no report

Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairperson

Brett presented a case to the board that may be coming forward in the future but the breeder in question was not making a plea at this time.

Membership and Nominating: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte suggested that we instruct Loretta to look into list of former members as well as owners and trainers, contact them and request that they become members of the association.

Salary and Benefits: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting.

New Business:

Michele Rodriguez made a motion that we make a donation of \$1000 in addition to the \$2500 we have previously donated to the FFA. Val Murrell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously

Roger Heitzmann presented the board with plans for the upcoming Louisiana Champions Event and Board Meeting.

Old Business: Nothing to report

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

