

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 24, 2014
Equine Sales of Louisiana
Opelousas, Louisiana
10:00 A.M.

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Jeff Delhomme
Thomas B. Early
Nathan Granger
Michelle LaVoice
Val Murrell
Keith Myers
Lora Pitre
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Brett Brinkman
Dexter Gary
Neal McFadden

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Harry Benoit
Ross Brupbacher
Julie Calzone
Elaine Carroll
Rick Carroll
Cloyce Clark
Katie Cronvich
Bobby Duhon
Cynthia Eyre
Harold Foreman
Roger Heitzmann III
Gary Johnson
Lee Lange
Sonny Moss
Loretta Romero
Richard Schrag
Mike Whitler

Jake Delhomme called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting. Val Murrell seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes of the teleconference meeting held on May 5, 2014. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Jose Aponte of LaPorte presented the board with our annual audit report. Tom Early made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Roger stated that he was notified about another horse that has earnings won in Korea that we were unaware of. The board entered into discussion about out of the state breeders awards. Lora Pitre made a motion for Roger to research and pay Cynthia Villar the amount due for the out of the country awards earned. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The board decided to have the by-law committee create a plan for 2015 with a time limit, cap on the money or separate fund, and the responsibility of the breeder to notify the association. Our goal is to limit the funds to the \$400,000.

Committee Reports:

Breeders Sales Company – Brett Brinkman – Chairman.

Nothing to report at this meeting

By-Law- Tom Early – Chairman.

Roger read a letter from Kathleen Mordenti, owner of the mare Pink Stiletto, who wanted to return the mare to racing. Kathleen is currently racing in Boston. After discussion the board decided to have Roger mail a letter to the breeder explaining why we could not give her mare an exemption to leave the state.

Events- Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson.

Michele asked the board members who would be attending the races tonight to present a trophy.

Finance & Audit- Keith Myers – Chairman.

Mr. Myers reported on the functional classification of expenses (program vs. supporting).

Governmental Affairs- Nathan Granger – Chairman.

Mr. Harry Benoit expressed thanks for hiring him as our lobbyist and explained the process of the legislature. The board thanked Harry for working diligently on our behalf and keeping us abreast on all bills concerning the horse industry.

Grievance- Dr. Dexter Gary – Chairman.

Dr. Gary has absent from the meeting but the committee reported they did not approve the accreditation on the foals for Mr. Necaize and a certified letter was mailed to the breeder.

Inspection- Jeff Delhomme – Chairman
Nothing to report at this meeting.

Membership & Nominating- Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson.
Michelle stated 805 people are eligible to vote in the 2014 election. Ballots will be counted on June 30, 2014 by True Ballot Inc. in New Haven, CT.

Salary & Benefits-Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson.
Nothing to report at this meeting.

Technology- Dr. Dexter Gary- Chairman.
Nothing to report at this meeting.

Nathan Granger made the motion to approve all the committee reports. Charlotte seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

New Business:

Roger reported on the Louisiana Slots revenue from the gaming commission reports (its downward trend).

Tom Early asked the status of La Bred races at the tracks now running. Roger informed him that through the 18 of May he believed that, Evangeline Downs was plus 14 and Louisiana Downs was plus 7.

Old Business:

The board entered into discussions about the breeder's award for a Louisiana Bred that competed and won a stake at a track that did not have pari-mutual wagering.

Nathan Granger made a motion to follow the rules of racing where a breeder's award shall not be paid if it doesn't have pari-mutuel wagering. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Date, Time and Place of next Board of Directors meeting.

August 2, 2014 Bossier City, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III
Secretary/ Treasurer