

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Teleconference Special Meeting
March 10, 2014

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Jake Delhomme
Jeff Delhomme
Thomas B. Early
Dexter Gary
Nathan Granger
Michelle LaVoice
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Keith Myers
Lora Pitre
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Charlotte Clavier

Others:

Ross Brupbacher
Roger Heitzmann III
Loretta Romero

Jake called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll.

Roger Heitzmann asked if anyone objected to waiving their ten day notice. All were in agreement to let the meeting proceed.

The board then entered into a discussion concerning the need to hire a lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session.

Jake Delhomme stated the governmental committee and the executive committee had been working on this issue for about two weeks and recommended the need for a lobbyist. He felt it was essential that this be done as soon as possible. He stated that if these bills that are currently on the agenda of the House of Representatives passed the future of our industry as we now know it would be changed to our detriment.

The board discussed the need for hiring a lobbyist for the 2014 legislative session.

Roger Heitzmann stated the money would be used would come from our unrestricted operating fund.

Discussion took place concerning different lobbyist that were contacted and prices that they offered.

Tom Early made a motion to hire Harry L. Benoit, Lemmie Walker, and Dan Robin as our lobbyists with the amount not exceed \$100,000 and have the contract signed as soon as possible. Keith Myers seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed. Brett Brinkman abstained from voting. Lora Pitre's phone line was disconnected and she did not participate in the voting.

Jake Delhomme adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III
Secretary/ Treasurer