

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 19, 2016  
Landry's Seafood Restaurant  
Breaux Bridge, Louisiana  
12:30 P.M.

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Jeff Delhomme  
Bobby Duhon  
Thomas B. Early  
Nathan Granger  
Michelle LaVoice  
Neal McFadden  
Jim Montgomery  
Val Murrell  
Michele Rodriguez

**Directors Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Therese Arroyo  
Danny Brown  
Ross Brupbacher  
Julie Calzone  
Roger Heitzmann  
Linda McLellan  
Nathalie Montgomery  
Patrick Richmond  
Loretta Romero  
Greg Romig  
Mike Whitler

Tom Early 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.

Jake asked the board for us to have a moment of silence for Darrell Comeaux who had just passed away.

Jake Delhomme made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting with minor corrections. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Greg Romig of LaPorte per request of the Board made a presentation regarding the establishment of and proper classification of contributions to a Political Action Committee (PAC). Mr. Romig explained to the Board that the LTBA can engage in lobbying of direct legislation and direct political activity as a 501 (c) 6 nonprofit association. It was further explained that the LTBA can only use self-generated funds towards these activities. He further explained that the LTBA would need to establish a

PAC Committee to oversee the funding and expenditures of any PAC campaign. After much discussion the Board thanked Mr. Romig for the presentation.

Roger Heitzmann presented the board the ideas from Fair Grounds racing office about races on Louisiana Champions Day. After discussion the board decided to send it to a committee and address it at our April meeting.

Val Murrell made a motion to have the next Annual Meeting in the Lafayette area on June 11, 2016.

Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **By Law: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Val Murrell presented the Business Entity re-write amendment for the by-laws which was written by our attorney Ross Brupbacher. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the amendment as written. Neal McFadden seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **Events: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson**

Michele had nothing to report at this meeting.

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

Jake reminded everyone about the luncheon on March 22, 2016 in Baton Rouge for the Annual Acadian Caucus lunch.

#### **Grievance: Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim had nothing to report.

#### **Membership & Nominating: Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim and the committee had nothing to report.

#### **Technology: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson**

Michelle had nothing to report.

Roger Heitzmann gave a report on the Louisiana Bred race statistics for each track.

Old Business: Roger reported the Louisiana Futurity had a total of 485 nominations for 2018.

New Business: Mr. Danny Brown was in attendance and requested to speak by the board. Mr. Brown addressed the board about managing the business, satisfying the membership and having a management tool to bring forth something positive for the breeders association.

Date, Time, and place of next Board of Directors meeting.  
April 12, 2016 in Lafayette area with place to be determined later.

Charlotte made a motion to go into Executive Session. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte made a motion to return to regular session. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III