

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2017
Prejeans Seafood Restaurant
Carencro, Louisiana
4:00 P.M.

Directors Present:

Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Bobby Duhon
Tom Early
Warren Harang III
Michelle LaVoice
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Jay Adcock
Nathan Granger
Neal McFadden

Others Present:

Julie Calzone
Ross Brupbacher
Roger Heitzmann
Linda McLellan
Mike Whitler

Warren Harang III requested that Roger Heitzmann call the roll. Not in attendance was Jay Adcock, Nathan Granger, Neal McFadden, and Michelle Rodriguez, who had called and was nearby.

Warren asked Jake Delhomme to lead us in prayer.

Warren requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting held on February 11, 2017. Tom Early notified the board of a typographical error which he would pass along to Roger Heitzmann. With that he made a motion that the minutes of the meeting be approved. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Harry Benoit, one of the lobbyists for the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association (L.T.B.A.) gave the board an update on the special session and followed with a report on what we can expect in the upcoming session.

Warren asked Roger to update the board on the TCA Award of Merit. Roger brought members of the board up to date on the Thoroughbred Charities of America and the reasons for the award. After discussion Michele Rodriguez nominated Therese Arroyo as this year's recipient for the State of Louisiana. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Brett Brinkman then made a presentation on the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) and the benefits offered to members. Brett sits on the national board making Louisiana well represented.

Roger then presented voting sheets for the election of Louisiana's representative at the National Awards Ceremony as well as the recipient for our state award. After tallying the votes, Roger announced that Louisiana's winner was Irwin Olian, dba Tigertail Ranch.

The board then addressed the election of the overall horse of the year. After counting the votes Roger announced the winner as Mobile Bay.

Roger presented to the board financial and practical reasons why the Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana should be rolled under the umbrella of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. After discussion Tom Early made a

motion that the staff move forward in determining the best means of accomplishing this endeavor and to bring it back to the board before making it final. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report for this meeting

Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom informed the board that the auditors were in the office all week and that the audit would be presented at the next meeting of the board.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake informed the board that Tuesday April 25, 2017 we are hosting a luncheon for the Acadiana Caucus and that we needed a headcount on who is attending so that the correct amount of food would be ordered.

Grievance: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle had no report for this meeting.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val reported on the issues that the HBPA are dealing with in regards to track conditions at Evangeline Downs.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake informed the board of the upcoming Racing Commission meeting to be held on Monday April 24, 2017 and the condition of the turf course would be addressed.

Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Brett informed the board that he had no report. Mike Whitler reported that the number of mares going out of state may be down just a bit.

Membership & Nominating Committee: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

- a. The nomination committee and members of the board nominated Bobby Duhon, Jim Montgomery, Val Murrell, Michele Rodriguez, and Danny Guidry.
- b. The membership list for voting was presented to the board. Charlotte Clavier made a motion that it be approved. This motion was seconded by Michelle Rodriguez, which was voted on and passed unanimously.
- c. No one wished to make any additions and/or changes to the membership form in regards to information needed.
- d. Roger will be notifying the members of the association of the upcoming election.

Pac Committee: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele had no report for this meeting.

Salary & Benefit Committee: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting.

New Business:

Roger explained to the board that the person who took care of our election at Tru Ballot has moved on to form his own company. Michele Rodriguez made a motion that we move our election to the new company (MK Election Services, LLC). This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Roger presented an example to the board of a field of \$12,500 claimers who were running for a purse of \$43,000 due to the conditions of the race. He explained how this was an example of why we should continue to look at the value system in awarding breeders awards.

Date, Time of the next Board of Directors Meeting:

Saturday June 10, 2017 before the annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III