

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Special Board of Directors Meeting
February 19, 2016
Equine Sales Company of Louisiana
Opelousas, LA
1:15 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
Ross Brupbracher
Bernard Chatters
John Duvieilh
Ed Fenasci
Roger Heitzmann
Keith Hernandez
Loretta Romero

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.

Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana

Ross Brupbracher distributed a proposed agreement between the Breeders Sales Company of Louisiana and Equine Sales Company of Louisiana to conduct the annual thoroughbred yearling sale. After discussion, changes are made to the original document.

Jake Delhomme made a motion to the non-conflicted members to accept the amended offer and present it to the entire Board of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association (LTBA). Charlotte Clavier seconded this motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Brett Brinkman then made a motion to the entire Board of Directors of the LTBA that this contract be presented to the Equine Sales Company of Louisiana. Val Murrell seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Bobby Duhon made a motion to have Tom Early execute the contract on behalf of the LTBA. Val Murrell seconded the motion, which was voted on passed unanimously.

Proposal made to the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association by the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LHBPA)

Bernard Chatters, President of the LHBPA, addressed the board about the possibility of the horsemen owning a not for profit racing facility.

Ed Fenaci, Executive Director of the LHBPA, presented the board with the concept of adding a facility that generates purses. Profits would be returned to the Louisiana Horse racing Industry. Horsemen would have a say so in race dates at this facility. Horsemen gain input to market and promote their own product. The track could provide year round stabling and training. The capital structure would allow maintaining a Premier Racing Facility. Ed explained the impact of additional purses generated by the new facility.

The H.B.P.A. asked for a commitment to support the new track proposal and help with the cost of an economic impact study. The Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association has already met and voted in favor, and would share in the cost.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to fund 1/3 of the share for the economic impact study with a limit of no more than \$15,000. Val Murrell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Michelle Rodriguez made a motion to endorse the concept. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Michelle Rodriguez made a motion to adjust the 2016 budget of the LTBA to include the costs. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Nathan Granger asked to amend the agenda to discuss the amount of La. Bred races running each day. The board discussed the problems at hand with no action being taken at this time.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to adjourn. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III