

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 10, 2018
Prejeans Seafood Restaurant
Carencro, Louisiana
11:30 A.M.

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Nathan Granger
Tom Early
Warren Harang III
Michelle LaVoice
Jim Montgomery
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Danny Guidry

Others Present:

Ross Brupbacher
Dex Comardelle
Don Cormier
Charles Guilbeau
Roger Heitzmann
Mary McFadden
Linda McLellan
Sonny Moss
Lora Pitre
Don Stemmans
Pam Stephenson
Mike Whitler

Warren Harang III requested that Roger Heitzmann call the roll. Not in attendance was Danny Guidry.

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 10, 2018. Roger made a correction to a mistake made on the minutes. Nathan Granger made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with the re-worded correction. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Warren requested the visitors we have at the meeting introduce themselves.

Warren moved to the next item on the agenda which is to select the breeder from Louisiana who will represent us at the annual Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association (TOBA) meeting in September. Our TOBA representative is one that breeds and races their own horses with the success of being a stakes winner. While the votes were being tallied Brett Brinkman, (who is on the TOBA Board), presented the Board with some information on what TOBA is working on.

Roger Heitzmann announced that the representatives and TOBA winners for the State of Louisiana is Bertram and Richard Klein.

Roger then announced to the board the results of the Horse of the Year vote by the Board of Directors. Big World is the Louisiana bred "Horse of the Year".

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report for this meeting

Finance & Audit – Tom Early – Chairman

The budget reflected the changes that were made at the last meeting. Tom made a motion to adjust the budget to \$60,000 for Membership Revenue. This motion was seconded by Nathan Granger which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Government Affairs – Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake turned it over to Warren and Roger who explained some recent happenings in Baton Rouge concerning gaming as well as our Video Poker Purse Supplement. Everything seems to be going well at this juncture, however it was explained that bills and amendments could change on a dime. Jake also informed the board that our annual luncheon with the Acadiana Caucus has been moved to May 1, 2018 and to please attend.

Grievance – Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle LaVoice had no report for this meeting

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee – Val Murrell – Chairman

Val Murrell reported that the HBPA is working hard on the future of racing in Louisiana. Discussion took place about the lack of attention to the customer at Evangeline Downs as well as the turf course.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee – Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake Delhomme informed the board of the Racing Commission meeting on April 24, 2018

Inspection Committee – Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Brett Brinkman had no report for this meeting

Membership & Nominating Committee – Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte informed the board of a meeting her committee had concerning the upcoming board election. She named the board members that were up for re-election, Jake Delhomme, Jay Adcock, Nathan Granger, Michelle LaVoice and Neal McFadden. She then noted that Carrol Castille, Terry Gabriel, and Zeke Zeringue were also interested. Val asked if Tommy Hewett could be added to that list to which Charlotte agreed. Warren asked for a motion to nominate these individuals. Charlotte made a motion that these persons be nominated to run for the Board of Directors. This motion was seconded by Tom Early, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte presented the list of eligible voters for the Board of Directors to the board for approval. Tom made a motion to accept the list of eligible voters. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte then presented the current membership form with request that it be approved once again for the 2018-2019 year. Hearing no changes needed Charlotte made a motion to accept the current membership form. Nathan Granger seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte then presented the board with the schedule of the upcoming Board of Directors election.

PAC Committee – Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele had no report for this meeting.

Salary and Benefits – Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting.

Old Business:

Charlotte informed the board of the letter received from Louisiana Economic Development of a firm that was being shot in Louisiana and was using our mail list as well as the logo for Louisiana Economic Development without permission. They were looking for investors without our permission, nor the state. She noted that anything you may want to do with this outfit to do so at your own risk.

New Business:

Roger Heitzmann informed the board that the main office building is in need of repair and sprucing up. He made a request that we replace the steps and ramp as well as apply Rhino-Shield to the building in the hopes of renovating the structure adding longevity to the building. He also noted that one of the air conditioners was not working and his plan was to only fix that at this time, but we may have to replace it next year. Tom made a motion that we apply rhino shield to the building as well as replace the ramp and steps. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Date, Time, Place, of the next Board of Directors Meeting:

June 12, 2018 in the Lafayette area.

Before the meeting adjourned Val presented a proposal of a possible by-law change to be spoken about in the future. The discussion wasn't put off and continued for some time. No conclusion was made but constructive discussion was held. More will take place in the future. No action was taken.

Tom Early made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III