

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2018
Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino
Vinton, Louisiana
11:00 A.M.

Directors Present:

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

Directors Absent:

Danny Guidry

Others Present:

Terry Adcock
Roger Heitzmann
Mike McHalfey
Mary McFadden
Mike Whitler

Warren J Harang III called the meeting to order and asked Jake Delhomme to lead us in prayer.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Warren asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. Danny Guidry was absent. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Warren requested from the board if there were any changes to be made in their conflict policies.

Tom Early pointed out several corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. After discussion Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the December meeting as amended. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Roger read a letter from the Vice President in charge of racing at the Fair Grounds, Jason Boulet. In it he was asking for changes to the Louisiana Champions Day Starter Stakes as well as the Louisiana Champions Day Classic. He made several suggestions on the Starter Stakes with his main belief being that we discontinue it. His suggestion on the Classic was that we shorten the distance from one-mile and an eighth to one-mile and a sixteenth.

Discussion on both subjects was lengthy. Roger Heitzmann was then given instructions by the board to work with the Fair Grounds about the idea of eliminating the starter race with several tradeoffs suggested by members of the board. The board also requests that the Louisiana Champions Day Classic remain at one-mile and an eighth.

The subject of the Annual Meeting was next on the agenda. Several suggestions were made asking that we move the time and date as it has not been well attended the last few years. After

discussion Tom Early made a motion that the Annual Meeting be held on Sunday May 6, 2018 in the Equine Sales Company of Louisiana Sales Pavilion at 5:00 p.m.. This motion was seconded by Brett Brinkman, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report for this meeting but the committee was working on something that would be presented at the next meeting. Jake Delhomme requested a clarification of a rule currently in the By-Laws of the Association. After discussion it was made clear that everyone agreed that the change could be made and that it would be a change addressed at the next meeting.

Finance & Audit – Tom Early – Chairman

Tom requested that it be moved to the end of the meeting

Government Affairs – Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake reported that the luncheon with the Acadia Caucus is scheduled for April 24, 2018 in the Capital Building.

Jake also reported that the contract for our lobbyist was set to expire in March. It was agreed that it would be discussed in executive session.

A special session has been set up by the Governor so we will stay on top of that with our lobbyist.

Grievance – Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle notified the board she had no report for this meeting.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee – Val Murrell – Chairman

Val reported that he was working closely with the HBPA and would have a report at the next meeting. Brett Brinkman reported to the board on happenings at Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs. Marketing of horse racing was a major topic of discussion.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee – Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake thanked Commissioner Mike McHalfey for coming and conveying information on upcoming events.

Inspection Committee – Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Brett notified the board that the contract of inspector Mike Whitley is expiring at the end of the month so a new contract needs to be agreed upon in Executive Session.

Conversation about the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, and horse rescue in Louisiana then took place for an extended period of time.

Membership & Nominating Committee – Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte noted that everyone had received a list of members and no one has objected to the list received. Everyone will be receiving an additional list for the members added up until March 31. When you receive this list, check it over and be ready to approve at the April meeting.

She also expressed that we need new members to run for the board. Please seek out members to step up and run for the board and let their voice be heard.

PAC Committee – Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele had no report for this meeting.

Salary and Benefits – Tom Early – Chairman

Tom asked if everyone received their financial report. Charlotte moved that we enter Executive Session. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Nathan Granger made a motion that we exit Executive Committee. Jake seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

While in Executive session the board did the following:

Tom Early made a motion that the Budget be adjusted in two areas. He requested on the income side of the budget that Accreditation Fees reflect a movement from \$85,000 to \$100,000 in income. Also he asked that Membership Fee income be adjusted to \$50,000 from the \$75,000 suggested. This motion was seconded by Val, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom made a motion to approve the Budget as amended with all variances. This motion was seconded by Jake Delhomme which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom made a motion to approve the financial report as amended. This motion was seconded by Brett Brinkman which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The Board spoke on the contract of the lobbyist. Charlotte made a motion that we accept the contract of the lobbyist as amended. Tom seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously. Roger and Jake were to speak to the lobbyist to get more updates as to what is on the agenda.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion that we renew the contract of Mike Whitler for one year. This motion was seconded by Michelle LaVoice which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom Early made a motion that the Breeders Sale Company of Louisiana a wholly owned subsidiary be dissolved as of 12/31/2017, and all assets are to be transmitted to the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Associations and held in a Board designated restricted position in order to facilitate any possible future horse sales. This motion was seconded by Warren Harang, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

There is no old business that was not already covered.

New Business:

There is no new business not already covered in this meeting.

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

Tuesday April 10, 2018 in Lafayette, LA. 11:30 am

Jake Delhomme made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Brett Brinkman which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger A. Heitzmann III