

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 6, 2022**  
**Winners Circle Church @ Louisiana Downs**  
**10:30 am**

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Tom Early  
Warren Harang III  
Keith Hernandez  
Michelle LaVoice  
Val Murrell  
Michele Rodriguez  
David Tillson

**Directors Absent:**

Brett Brinkman  
Danny Guidry  
Jim Montgomery

**Others Present**

Therese Arroyo  
Judy Beavin  
Alex Bonin  
John Duvieilh  
Nathan Granger

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Associations' President, Warren Harang, called the meeting to order and asked Therese Arroyo to call the roll. Ten (10) Directors were present. With a quorum of Directors present, Warren declared the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Jake Delhomme led everyone present in prayer.

**Conflict Updates:** Warren requested the Directors provide any updates to their individual conflict policies. There were no updates from the Directors for the record.

**Minutes of 7/11/2022:** A correction was cited for the minutes of the June 11, 2022, board meeting. Michele Rodriguez was absent from this meeting, and the minutes should be amended to reflect this. Warren asked if there were any further corrections to be made, and there were none. Warren requested approval of the minutes to the meeting of the Board on June 11, 2022. Jake Delhomme motioned to approve the minutes as amended, which was seconded by Michelle Lavoice, voted on, and passed unanimously.

Jake Delhomme made a motion for the Directors to enter executive session, and the motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez and passed unanimously. The Directors, with Alex Bonin, John Duvieilh and Therese Arroyo, entered executive session.

Jake Delhomme made a motion for the Directors to come out of executive session, and the motion was seconded by Tom Early and passed unanimously.

**By-Laws Discussion and approval / resolution:** John Duvieilh and Alex Bonin reviewed the proposed By-Laws, explaining that the only differences between the By-Laws under review today and the By-Laws reviewed by the Board at the meeting on July 19, 2022, are the changes noted as necessary at the July 19, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. The By-Laws were reviewed in open meeting, one at a time. All changes noted from the meeting were reviewed in detail. After discussion was had and the review was complete, Michele Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the By-Laws as presented, and Keith Hernandez provided a second to the motion. A roll call vote was taken and with all Directors voting in favor of the new By-Laws, the motion was unanimously approved.

A tentative 2022 election schedule was presented to the Board. John Duvieilh explained that a resolution was necessary to adopt the new timeline for this year's Board of Directors election. The election is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2022 (ballots mailed out to members) and run through November 30, 2022 (ballots counted by independent balloting agency). Tom Early made a motion to approve the new timeline for this year's election schedule; Michelle Lavoice seconded. A roll call vote was taken and with all Directors voting in favor of the resolution, the motion was unanimously approved.

**Report on LTBA's Breeders Sale:** Tom Early reported that there were 139 yearlings and 29 mixed horses consigned to the LTBA sale to be held on October 1, 2022 @ Equine Sales Facility in Opelousas, Louisiana. Tom also stated that the Louisiana Quarter Horse Association had reached out to request we include some quarter horses in our yearling & mixed sale in October. The sale is anticipated to be a success once again this year.

**Donation to BBF:** Michelle Lavoice made a motion to sponsor the Chaplin's Banquet to benefit the Backside Benevolence Fund at Louisiana Downs. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion, and the motion carried unopposed.

**Committee Reports:**

**By-Law: - Val Murrell**

Previously reported on earlier in meeting

**Election Committee: - David Tillson**

Previously reported on earlier in meeting

**Finance and Audit: - Tom Early**

Discussion took place regarding Stallion Awards. Therese advised the Board that Stallion Awards will be released next week.

Programming the new breeders system is on track and we hope to implement it by January 1, 2023. Questions were raised regarding our website, and it was explained that after implementing the new breeder award system there would also be a “member log in” area for each member. This will allow each member to have access to their breeding stock, accreditation and futurity information in real-time. Therese explained that everyone is working hard toward this goal.

**Government Affairs: - Jake Delhomme**

Jake and the entire Board of Directors would like to thank Joel Roubideaux and Courtney Baker for a job well done in the previous legislative session. The LTBA looks forward to working with both in the future.

**Grievance Committee: - Michelle LaVoice**

No report at this time.

**LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: - Keith Hernandez**

Discussion ensued regarding HISA as well as the previous legislative session.

**LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: - Danny Guidry**

No report at this time.

**Inspection Committee: - Brett Brinkman**

No report currently.

**Membership & Nominating Committee: - Michele Rodriguez**

Michele Rodriguez presented the new membership form for approval. Michelle Lavoice made a motion to add the exact verbiage from the By-Laws regarding membership to the top of the new membership form. Val Murrell seconded the motion. All Directors were in favor and the motion carried.

**PAC Committee: - Keith Hernandez**

No report at this time.

**Purse Committee: - John Duvieilh**

No report at this time.

**Salary & Benefits Committee: - Tom Early**

No report at this time.

**Sale Committee: - Val Murrell**

Previously reported on earlier in meeting

**Old Business:**

None currently noted

**New Business:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Date, time, and place of next Board Meeting:**

The next Directors meeting will be on December 9, 2022, at the HBPA building on Gentilly Boulevard (if available)

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Peyroux Arroyo