

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2023
Prejean's, Carencro LA
11:00 am

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Tom Early
Danny Guidry
Warren Harang III
Keith Hernandez
Michelle LaVoice
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell
David Tillson

Directors Absent:

Michele Rodriguez

Others Present

Julie Calzone
Andrew Cary
John Duvieilh
Nathan Granger
Roger Heitzmann
Blake Lorio
Lora Pitre

Warren Harang called the meeting to order and asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. A quorum was present with Michele Rodriguez absent. The meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Warren moved to the first item on the agenda, Conflict Updates. None were reported.

Warren asked for approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting. There was one typo that Roger addressed before the meeting. Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. This motion was seconded by Michele LaVoice which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom Early gave a report on the sale with a report on the numbers, the catalog, both mailing as well as the posting online, and the start being at 10:00am.

Roger informed the board that the FFA Team of horse judging, which is an event we sponsored, was having trouble getting the monies to travel to compete in the nationals, so we sponsored that as well. The board was happy with the news.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val Murrell brought some modifications to the by-laws that Keith Hernandez was working on. Charlotte Clavier asked if we had the monies to make these propositions. Blake Lorio addressed the question and explained to the board the availability of the monies needed. Charlotte asked the same question. Roger explained to the board that with the new rules of Z horses and non-domiciled mares, some new monies being added, monies available in our savings, moves we've made on stake races, the interest rates on our monies being higher, this is a good move for the fully domiciled breeder. Discussion then took place.

Danny Guidry asked to discuss the current payout monies for breeders awards for all categories. Danny had a different understanding of the percentages of the Z horse than what was being presented and awarded by staff. Danny didn't think it was fair that the Z horse only received 9% and the non-domiciled mare breeding to a Louisiana Stallion received 10%. Much discussion took place on this as well as all of the breeders awards.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion that under the current by-laws that are in place, under (B) Breeders Awards, part (a) the Schedule for Breeders Awards established by the Board of Directors on (a) and only (a) the amount to be adjusted from twenty to twenty-five percent beginning October 1, 2023. The schedule for (b) will now be a payment of eighteen percent. Keith seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Keith suggested that part (c) should be scheduled at nine percent. A discussion was raised by Danny that part (c) should be made at ten percent. Warren called for a roll call vote.

For

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Keith Hernandez
Michele LaVoice
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell

Against

Jake Delhomme
Tom Early
Danny Guidry
Warren Harang
David Tillson

The schedule on Z horse Breeders Awards located in (c) will be at nine percent.

Jay Adcock made a motion that the schedule for section (d) will be set at ten percent, where it currently sits.

For

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Keith Hernandez

Against

Jake Delhomme
Tom Early
Danny Guidry
Warren Harang

Michele LaVoice
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell
David Tillson

The ten percent will remain in place.

A presentation was made by the FFA from Kinder, LA.

Election Committee: No Chair

The committee has been deleted.

Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

Blake informed the Board that the Audit has been pushed back once again due to Therese's condition.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

No report currently.

Grievance Committee: Michelle LaVoice – Chairman

No report currently.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Keith Hernandez – Chairman

Keith Hernandez reported that both handle and field size is up at Evangeline Downs.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Commission: Danny Guidry - Chairman

Danny Guidry turned the floor over to John Duvieilh who reported that soon you will be able to renew your racing license online.

Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairman

No report currently.

Membership Committee: Michele Rodriguez – Chairman

Michele was not present, and Roger will have report in Executive Session.

PAC Committee: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

We have set up an Anedot account. We are set up for a fund raiser at the Yearling Sale the night before the sale. We will be advertising and hopefully raise some PAC funds.

Purse Committee: John Duvieilh – Chairman

John reported the monies we contributed to LA Downs was the reason that there was a Louisiana Cup Day. We increased the amount of monies sent to them and reduced the amount to Evangeline Downs as they were able to get the purse transfer from their sister track Delta Downs.

The Fair Grounds and Delta Downs are next up. We introduced a stake schedule that does not cross each other. Last year we contributed \$450,000 for stake races at the FG. They put up \$1,450,000. Moving to make all Louisiana Bred Stakes at least \$100,000 in the future.

Monies for Stake Races for Louisiana Breds have moved from 4% to 16-18% at the FG. Looking for more monies to move even higher. HHR money is the key.

John asked the board to dedicate another \$100,000 to stake purses at the FG. Keith Hernandez made the motion. Charlotte seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Salary & Benefits: Tom Early – Chairman

No report currently.

Sale Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

Tom spoke on this earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

We spoke on FFA opportunities.

Old Business:

No report currently.

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

December 8, 2023. 1:00pm at the HBPA office.

Executive Session:

Tom requested that we move to Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Charlotte, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte made a motion to exit the Executive Session. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

David Tilson made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Charlotte which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III
Executive Director