

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2013
Teleconference Meeting
1:00 P.M.**

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Jeff Delhomme
Dr. Dexter Gary
Nathan Granger
Michelle La Voice
Neal McFadden
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell
Lora Pitre

Directors Absent:

Michele Rodriguez

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Julie Calzone
Roger Heitzmann III
Loretta Romero
Alison Wallis

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dexter Gary.

Dexter Gary reported the need to discuss matters pertaining to the upcoming legislative session and the need for a lobbyist to protect the interests of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

The board entered into a discussion to act on a proposal of hiring a lobbyist for our association.

Julie Calzone reported on the information the Government Affairs committee had received and recommended the firm of Haynie and Associates. Julie explained the three important issues concerning tax exemptions for the horse industry that was under review. Julie stated this group was really strong in Baton Rouge and represented Churchill Downs and Caesar's properties. No paid employee of the association can be hired as a lobbyist.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Government Affairs committee and Julie Calzone, and enter into an agreement with Haynie and Associates for a period of four months at the price of \$25,000, plus any tax required by IRS rules and regulations. Val Murrell seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken by Loretta Romero with the results being 12 yeas and 1 abstaining vote by board member Lora Pitre.

Roger Heitzmann asked about the possibility in the future of having conflicting interests between the groups being represented by the same lobbying firm. It was discussed that the rules governing lobbyists would apply if this were to happen.

Other business: Neal McFadden reported that the Livestock and Sanitary Board had received information that a horse sale was seeking permission to be conducted in St Tammany parish in the city of Bush. Neal will bring more information to the next meeting.

Adjournment: The teleconference meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Roger Heitzmann III