

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 11, 2015
Prejeans Restaurant
Carencro, Louisiana
12:00 P.M.**

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Jake Delhomme
Jeff Delhomme
Bobby Duhon
Thomas B. Early
Jim Montgomery
Val Murrell

Directors Absent:

Charlotte Clavier
Nathan Granger
Michelle LaVoice
Neal McFadden
Michele Rodriguez

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Billie Jo Courville
Roger Heitzmann
Loretta Romero
Mike Whitler

Tom Early called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Election of Officers:

The floor was open to accept nominations for the position of President of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Val Murrell nominated Tom Early for President. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion. With there being no other nominations presented, Tom Early accepted the position as President with all in favor.

The floor was open to accept nominations for the position of 1st Vice President of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Tom Early nominated Jake Delhomme for First Vice-President. Bobby Duhon seconded the motion. With there being no other nominations presented, Jake Delhomme accepted the position of 1st Vice President with all in favor.

The floor was open to accept nominations for the position of 2nd Vice President of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Bobby Duhon nominated Brett Brinkman for Second Vice-President. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion. With there being no other nominations presented, Brett Brinkman accepted the position of 2nd Vice President with all in favor.

Bobby Duhon made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2015 meeting. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Conflict Policies were mailed to the members of the board, and handed to employees to complete for this meeting. Tom Early read the conflict policies for employees and board members as follows:

Tom Early:

1. His daughter Pamela Early Settoon works part time for the L.T.B.A.
2. He writes articles for the Louisiana Horse Magazine
3. He owns shares in the stallions Custom For Carlos and Apriority
4. Ricky Courville (husband of L.T.B.A. employee Billie Courville) trains for him

Jake Delhomme:

1. He owns shares in the stallions Calibrachoa, Redding Colliery, and Songandaprayer
2. Owns horses with Nathan Granger (board member)
3. His Brother Jeff Delhomme trains horses for him (board member)
4. He has a mare boarded at Clear Creek Stud (owned by board member Val Murrell)

Brett Brinkman:

1. He has a public stable of which he is the owner
2. He is the owner of Spanish Cross LLC
3. He is the owner of LeMesa Stallions which boards mares, stands stallions, etc
4. Owns mares and stallions in partnership with members of the association as well as members of the board
5. Related to Charlotte Clavier (board member) by marriage
6. Has business interests with members of the association as well as members of the board as a licensed trainer

Jay Adcock:

1. Owner of Red River Farm
2. Shareholder in Equine Sales Company
3. Breeds and boards mares for members of the association
4. Sells horses of all ages to members of the association
5. Sells horses of all ages at sales both inside and outside the State of Louisiana
6. He has partnerships with horses of all ages with fellow board members Jim Montgomery, Neal McFadden, Nathan Granger and Jake Delhomme

Jeff Delhomme:

1. Jeff trains for his brother Jake Delhomme (board member).

Bobby Duhon:

1. Bobby owns horses who are trained by Brett Brinkman (board member)

Michelle LaVoice:

1. Listed that she is the assistant farm manager at Clear Creek Stud working for her father Val Murrell (board member)

Neal McFadden: was not in attendance; however mailed his signed conflict of interest list

1. Shareholder in Equine Sales of Louisiana with fellow board members Jay Adcock, Jim Montgomery, Michele Rodriguez, and Nathan Granger.
2. Owns mares and stallions with Board members Jay Adcock, Jim Montgomery and Nathan Granger.
3. Boards mares with Jay Adcock (board member)

Jim Montgomery:

1. Owns a share in Equine Sales Company of Louisiana
2. Owns horses with Jay Adcock (board member) as well as stallion shares
3. Does business with members of the board as well as members of the association
4. Owns a share in the Behindatthebar Syndicate who stands at LeMesa which is owned by Brett Brinkman (board member)

Val Murrell:

1. Owns Clear Creek Stud which employs Michelle LaVoice (daughter and board member)
2. Owns stallion shares with Tom Early
3. Brett Brinkman (board member) trains horses for him
4. Boards horses for Jake Delhomme (board member)
5. Boards and breaks horses of all ages and owns percentages of some of the horses with members of the association.

Roger Heitzmann:

1. His brother Eric trains a public stable in which some of the horses are owned by members of the association.
2. His wife is a current horse owner
3. He receives breeders awards from the LTBA for horses he has bred
4. His brother David is the Racing Secretary at Louisiana Downs

Therese Arroyo:

1. She is a director and treasurer of the Louisiana Horse Rescue Association
2. She is a director and treasurer of St. Rita of Casica School Board

Rachel Gandy:

1. No conflicts listed

Billie Courville:

1. Her husband trains a public stable for owners that include members of the association as well as Tom Early (board member)

Loretta Romero:

1. She is a Trustee and Vice President of the Backside Benevolence Fund
2. She is a member of the board of Winners Circle Church which is located at Louisiana Downs

Michele Salvino:

1. She is a part time clocker for the Fair Grounds Race Course

Katie Cronvich:

1. No conflicts listed

Beverly Mayard:

1. No conflicts listed

Linda McLellan

1: Occasionally does freelance photography or design work. Some of her clients include members of the association and members of the board both past and present.

The Board of Directors then moved to the next item on the agenda. Mr. Charles Ford was not in attendance after receiving certified mail requesting his presence to answer questions regarding recent charges brought against him. A discussion of the Board took place in regards to the charges brought against him and by-laws of the L.T.B.A. Val Murrell made a motion to expel Mr. Charles Ford from the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association membership for life. Bobby Duhon seconded this motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val had no report for this meeting.

Events: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele was not present at the meeting. Tom Early addressed the board with plans on having the Louisiana Champions Day gala this year for the 25th anniversary. Tom and Roger will be working with the Fair Grounds and other venues to hopefully bring the gala back for this momentous occasion.

Finance & Audit: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte was not present at the meeting so there was no report.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake expressed the good job our lobbyist did in Baton Rouge at the legislation session. Jay would like to receive more information on the bills concerning our industry from our lobbyist like he gets from the Louisiana Quarter Horse Association.

Grievance: Jim Montgomery – Chairman

Jim had no report for this meeting.

Inspection: Jeff Delhomme – Chairman

Jeff had no report for this meeting. Mike Whitler stated he had 3 anonymous calls which were being investigated.

Membership: Jim Montgomery – Chairman

Jim had no report for this meeting.

Old Business: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake had no report for this meeting.

Salary and Benefits: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte was not present at the meeting. Therese Arroyo reported she had met with Charlotte concerning the pension and the fees. Therese gave an update on the employees 401K and the moves being made to lower the cost to both employees and the LTBA.

Technology: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Michelle was not present at the meeting. Therese Arroyo reported on the bids we have received.

Julie Calzone handles our web-site while Linda and Pam post the information. Therese gave a summary on the direction that we would like to take the technology of our association moving forward.

Old Business: No one from the board had any additional old business.

New Business: No one had any new business.

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

October 19, 2015 at 12:00 Noon in the Lafayette area.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III