

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 19, 2015  
Landry's Restaurant  
Breaux Bridge, La  
12:30 P.M.

**Directors Present:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Jeff Delhomme  
Bobby Duhon  
Thomas B. Early  
Michelle LaVoice  
Neal Mc Fadden  
Jim Montgomery  
Val Murrell  
Michele Rodriguez

**Directors Absent:**

Nathan Granger

**Others Present:**

Therese Arroyo  
Ross Brupbacher  
Chrissie Early  
Roger Heitzmann  
Linda McLellan  
Loretta Romero  
Greg Romig  
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.

Tom Early asked the board members if they had any conflict notifications or updates.

Charlotte Clavier read her conflicts aloud.

She stated that her father was on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protection Agency (HPBA).

Charlotte notified that was a Trustee on the HBPA Pension Plan.

She is the President of Stemmans Supply and does business with many of our members as well as members of the board.

Tom Early read Michelle Rodriguez's conflicts aloud.

Michele Rodriguez is a share holder in Equine Sales of Louisiana and currently sits on its Board of Directors.

She is on the Board of Directors of Louisiana Horse Rescue.

She currently owns stallions that are owned in partnership with members of the Board and members of the association.

Tom then read the conflicts listed by Pamela Settoon.

Pam is an employee of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association of which her father is President. She is also an owner and breeder of horses that are accredited Louisiana breds.

Greg Romig presented the 990 Tax return to the board of directors. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the tax return as presented by Mr. Romig. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom Early asked Michele Rodriguez to read aloud her conflicts of interest for the record as she was a late arrival.

Bobby Duhon made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2015 meeting. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Tom Early presented his committee appointments and asked if anyone objected to the appointments or would like to make a change to any committee. Everyone is in agreement to the appointments.

Harry Benoit addressed the board about PAC money needed to assist in situations that may arise in the next legislature session. He stated there would be a lot of changes due to term limits or incumbent's being defeated.

The board entered into discussion on ways to increase our PAC monies. Tom Early appointed a committee to study ways to increase our PAC account. Charlotte Clavier, Michelle LaVoice and Michele Rodriguez accepted the committee appointment.

Val Murrell explained the change needed in the by-laws in regard to Business Entity Memberships when it applies to married couples. The By-Law Committee met on the subject and all agreed in the change. After discussion the Board agreed and requested that the attorney review and rewrite the definition of a Business Entity Membership and present it at the next meeting of the board.

Robert Schuler was unable to attend and address the board.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman**

Presented committee findings earlier in the meeting.

#### **Events: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson**

Michele Rodriguez stated Tom Early met with the Fair Grounds about Louisiana Champions Day gala this year. Tom stated he would like to have the gala for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Fair Grounds gave him a price with a cash bar and a price with an open bar. The board entered into discussion and Charlotte Clavier made a motion to have the Gala Dinner party with the open bar at the Fair Grounds. Members would receive free entrance and non-members would be allowed to join the association as Associate members for \$50.00 which would make them eligible to attend. Michele Rodriguez seconded this motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Finance & Audit: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson**

Charlotte started by asking if everyone had received their copy of the financials. After affirming that everyone was in receipt she presented a report on the financials through June 30, 2015 for revenues, expenses and slots. Jeff Delhomme made a motion to accept the report. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Jake had no report following Mr. Benoit's presentation earlier in the meeting.

**Grievance: Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Inspection: Jeff Delhomme – Chairperson**

Jeff had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Membership-Jim Montgomery – Chairman**

Jim had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Old Business: Jake Delhomme – Chairman**

Roger read the letter that was sent to Mr. Charles Ford regarding his membership being expelled by the board of directors. He notified that the letter was signed for and we have not received any feedback at this time.

**Salary & Benefits: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson**

Charlotte had nothing to report at this meeting.

**Technology: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson**

Michelle gave a report on the LTBA website quotes.

**New Business:** Michelle Rodriguez made a motion to have a silent auction hosted by Louisiana Horse Rescue at Louisiana Champions Day party with the proceeds to benefit Louisiana Horse Rescue. Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

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

December 11, 2015 at noon in New Orleans.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III

