

Agenda
Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 16, 2013
Holiday Inn Express Hotel
Bossier City, La.
3:30 P.M.

- I. Roll Call
- II. Prayer
- III. Election of Officers
- IV. Minutes of June 7, 2013 Meeting
- V. L.T.B.A. Board Resolutions; B.S.C.O.L Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and
Protocols presented by Allison C. Bell, Attorney Representing the firm Jones Walker
- VI. 990 Policies
- VII. Southern Hemisphere Breeding
- VIII. Louisiana Horse Magazine; Revenue & Expense Solutions; Survey
- IX. Committee Reports:
 - a. By-Law – Neal McFadden – Chairman
 - a. Departing Mare
 - b. Events – Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson
 - c. Finance & Audit – Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson
 - d. Government Affairs – Nathan Granger – Chairman
 - e. Grievance – Brett Brinkman – Chairman
 - a. Half Moon Stable
 - f. Inspection – Empty Seat
 - g. Membership & Nominating – Lora Pitre – Chairperson
 - h. Salary and Benefits – Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson
 - i. Technology – Keith Myers – Chairman
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Date, Place & Time of next Board of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2013

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Enclosed is the tentative agenda for the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for August 16, 2013 at 3:30 P.M., at Holiday Inn Express Hotel in Bossier City, La. (workshop begins at 10:30am). Also enclosed are the minutes of the June 7, 2013 meeting, a Memorandum, a conflict of Interest Policy, Confidentiality Protocols, Resolutions, Articles and By-Law amendments as presented by Allison Bell of Jones Walker, as well as the Financial Statement for the month end June 30, 2013. Please read the minutes for accuracy before the meeting. If you have anything you would like added to the agenda please contact me.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Heitzmann III
Secretary-Treasurer

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 16, 2013
Holiday Inn Express
Bossier City, Louisiana**

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Jeff Delhomme
Thomas B. Early
Dr. Dexter Gary
Nathan Granger
Michelle LaVoice
Val Murrell
Keith Myers
Lora Pitre
Michelle Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

None

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Julie Calzone
Billie Jo Courville
Roger Heitzmann III
Linda McLellan
Loretta Romero
Alison Wallis
Mike Whitler

Dr. Dexter Gary 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.

Charlotte Clavier led us in prayer.

Election of Officers: Dr. Dexter Gary addressed the board and announced he would not be seeking another term. Dexter thanked the entire staff for all their help and efforts as well as the directors.

President:

Dr. Dexter Gary nominated Jake Delhomme for President which was seconded by Charlotte Clavier. Tom Early asked for the nominations to be closed which was seconded by Michelle La Voice.

Jake Delhomme was elected by acclamation. Jake addressed the Board on the direction he wished that the association move forward.

1st Vice President:

Michelle LaVoice nominated Keith Myers for 1st Vice President which was seconded by Lora Pitre. Val Murrell asked for the nominations to be closed which was seconded by Dr. Dexter Gary.

Keith Myers was elected by acclamation.

2nd Vice President:

Lora Pitre nominated Dr. Dexter Gary for 2nd Vice President which was seconded by Michele Rodriguez.

Keith Myers nominated Brett Brinkman for 2nd Vice President which was seconded by Tom Early.

Charlotte Clavier asked for the nominations to be closed which was seconded by Tom Early.

Alison Wallis counted the ballots and announced the results as follows:

Brett Brinkman - 9 votes

Dexter Gary - 5 votes

Brett Brinkman was elected as 2nd Vice President.

The 990 policies, Conflict of Interest as well as the Whistle Blower and Document Retention and destruction were signed and remain in place.

The following disclosures were made:

Jake Delhomme: Disclosed that he owns 12.5% of Redding Colliery along with Nathan Granger, Jay Adcock and Neal McFadden

Disclosed he owns 12.5% of Calibrachoa along with Nathan Granger, Jay Adcock and Neal McFadden.

Disclosed he owns 8 horses together with Nathan Granger.

Disclosed his sibling, Jeff Delhomme, trains for him.

Keith Meyers: Had no conflicts to list.

Brett Brinkman: Disclosed he is related by marriage to board member, Charlotte Clavier.

Disclosed he owns LeMesa Stallions LLC and does business with board members and members of the LTBA.

Disclosed he is a licensed trainer and trains horses for board members and LTBA members.

Jay Adcock: Disclosed he is owner of stallions standing in LA that breeds to mares of members of the association.

Disclosed he owns broodmares in LA and sells foals to the public.

Disclosed he is a shareholder in Equine Sales of LA.

Disclosed he is partners in stallions and/or mares with Neal McFadden, Nathan Granger, Jake Delhomme and Dexter Gary.

Charlotte Clavier: Disclosed she is President of Stemmans, Inc./Traders Rest Farm Inc. and does business with LTBA members and others.

Disclosed she is president of Stemmans Inc. Horse Sale, which holds an annual mixed sale and administers Evangeline Downs's 2-year-old sale.

Disclosed she is a cousin by marriage to Brett Brinkman.

Jeff Delhomme: Disclosed he is brother to Jake Delhomme and trains horses for him.

Thomas Early: Disclosed his daughter, Pamela Settoon, has been employed by the LTbA since 2005.

Disclosed he owns a share in a stallion standing at Clear Creek Stud.

Dexter Gary: Disclosed he owns a breeding share in the stallion Wire Me Collect with Charlotte Clavier.

Disclosed he owns breeding rights to the stallion Tiz the One, along with Jay Adcock, Nathan Granger and Neal McFadden.

Disclosed he is a partner on the stallion Due Date, with Lora Pitre.

Nathan Granger: Disclosed he owns 2 shares of the Equine Sales of Louisiana under Kayro Investments.

Disclosed he owns 8 horses with Jake Delhomme.

Disclosed he owns shares in Tiz the One, Redding Collery and Calibrochoa with Jay Adcock and Neal McFadden.

Disclosed he owns stallion Bind with Jay Adcock.

Michelle LaVoice: Disclosed Val Murrell is her father.

Neal McFadden: Disclosed he owns one share of stock in Equine Sales of Louisiana LLC.

Disclosed he is in partnership and owns shares of stallions and broodmares with Adcock's Red River Farm LLC and Jay Adcock.

Disclosed he owns 51% of Feed Pro LLC which does business with all horsemen.

Disclosed he shares stallion and mare breeding rights with Nathan Granger and Jake Delhomme.

Disclosed he temporarily boards a mare with Lora Pitre.

Val Murrell: Disclosed his daughter is on the board.

Disclosed Ted Brandon is a partner, who is retiring this fall from LaPorte.

Disclosed that Brett Brinkman trains horses for himself and a partner of his.

Lora Pitre: Disclosed she leases a stallion from Mike Whitler, the inspector.

Disclosed she is in a partnership with Dexsan Stable on Due Date.

Disclosed she does business with Stemmans and Feed Pro.

Disclosed she boards a mare and foal for Neal McFadden.

Michele Rodriguez: Disclosed she owns 3 & 1/3% of Equine Sales of Louisiana.

Disclosed that each of her son's own 1% of Equine Sales of Louisiana.

Disclosed she owns stallions and mares.

The minutes of the June 7, 2013 were approved with the necessary corrections made.

Allison Bell, the attorney representing the firm Jones Walker will be scheduled for the next meeting to address new policies.

The board had a discussion about Southern Hemisphere breeding dates, and decided to send it to the by-law committee and address it at the next meeting.

Louisiana Horse Magazine: Julie Calzone reported on the revenue and expense solutions for the magazine as well as the results of the recent survey.

Committee Reports:

By-Law- Neal McFadden – Chairman.

The board entered into a lengthy discussion on the resident mare and departing mare leaving the program.

Dexter Gary made a motion to compile a list of all the mares Roger could remember he gave information to along with a flow chart be brought back to the by-law committee. Charlotte Clavier seconded this motion.

Dexter Gary withdrew the motion.

Tom Early made a motion to approve the departing mare Grand Facile.

Tom Early withdrew the motion.

The board decided to have the members in question receive a letter from Roger indicating the rule violation and forward their response to the Grievance Committee for a review and ruling.

Events: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson.

Michelle reported the committee was researching on ways to better host Champions Day. The Fair Grounds suite will be canceled next year. The invitations will be different and the auction will be a daytime event.

Finance & Audit: Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson.

Charlotte reported on the financial packets received by the board and after viewing the trending and timing on these reports asked if any board members needed additional information to contact her.

Tom Early made a motion to allow Therese Arroyo to write off a bad debt as long as the amount is below \$100.00. Michelle LaVoice seconded the motion. Motion adopted by unanimous consent.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to change the printing expense on the magazine budget from the amount of \$55,000 to \$80,000. Lora Pitre seconded the motion. Motion adopted by unanimous consent.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to decrease the publication income from \$155,000 to \$100,000. Lora Pitre seconded the motion. Motion adopted by unanimous consent.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to increase scholarship expenses by \$2,000, decrease election expenses by \$500.00, and increase Stallion Stakes Purse Supplement by \$130,000. Tom Early seconded the motion. Motion adopted by unanimous consent.

Government Affairs: Nathan Granger – Chairman.

Nathan had nothing to report at this meeting.

Grievance: Brett Brinkman – Chairman

The accreditation price of two 2 year old foals bred by Half Moon Stables was discussed. The board determined that a grievance would have to be filed before they would consider a special exemption.

Inspection: Jeff Delhomme – Chairman

Jeff had nothing to report at this meeting.

Membership & Nominating: Lora Pitre- Chairperson.

Lora reported the election had a total of 400 ballots received. Twenty ballots were not signed or counted.

The board discussed a way to embrace more breeders to become members of the association.

Lora suggested that we look into the possibly of adding an e-associate member. For \$10 dollars someone could become a member of the association only to receive the information we supply on e-mails. We would make the first year free with a renewal available at our annual membership registration time. The discussion took place on how this would need to be added to the by-laws to enact it; however we should begin a pilot program then address the by-laws.

Salary and Benefits: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson.
Michele had nothing to report.

Technology: Keith Myers – Chairman.
Keith reported the need to upgrade our software to serve our needs. The vendor will be a New Orleans firm and the equipment will cost approximately \$35,000.

Old Business: None

New Business: Roger explained the need for a new recorder. Billie-Jo and Roger spoke with an audio specialist at Evangeline and he recommended a type to purchase. Tom Early made a motion to purchase the \$750.00 new recorder. Val Murrell seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Roger reported on the slot activity at the different racing facilities.

Date, Place, and Time of next Board of Directors meeting will be October 8, 2013 at Landry's Restaurant in Breaux Bridge at 1:00P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Heitzmann III
Secretary/ Treasurer