

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 2021
Petroleum Club
Lafayette, Louisiana
1:30 p.m.**

Directors Present:

Brett Brinkman
Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Tom Early
Daniel Guidry
Warren Harang III
Keith Hernandez
Michelle LaVoice
Val Murrell
David Tillson

Directors Absent:

Jay Adcock
Carrol Castille

Others Present:

Therese Arroyo
Julie Calzone
Chrisie Early
Paul Franks
Roger Heitzmann
Thomas Hewett
Corrie Mayet
Linda McLellan

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

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Warren requested the approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Board on August 20, 2021. Tom Early made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Michele LaVoice, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the report for the Yearling and Mixed Sale held by the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Tom presented the numbers and the response of members, buyers and sellers who participated in the sale. Everyone seemed pleased and the sale appeared to be a great success, especially with the limited time to put it all together.

Moving forward with the agenda, and with no chairperson for the Election Committee, Roger informed the Board that the ballots for the 2021 Board of Directors Election were mailed from M K Elections on October 15, 2021. He also stressed that they must be back in the hands of M K Elections on November 15, 2021 in order to be counted. Any ballot received after the due date will not be counted.

David Tillson reported that Carrol Castille, Jay Adcock, Michele LaVoice, Jake Delhomme, William Reed, Jim Montgomery, Michele Rodriguez, and Tommy Hewett are on the ballot for this year. With no questions, Warren suggested we continue to move forward with the agenda.

Discussion of the Lawsuit was the next item on the agenda. With none of our attorneys able to be with us today, Roger presented the board with the last email they received from Alex Bonin and a short discussion occurred with no new information concerning the suit.

Charlotte Clavier thanked the board on helping with the REAP program. She reported due to the fact the LTBA helped sponsor it this year saving them much money, it was a huge success and Chaplain Brown has capital to work with this year.

The next item on the agenda was the breed back rule which was placed on the agenda by request of a member of the board. Charlotte asked how she was to respond when the question or questions are asked of her about the breed back rule. Roger suggested that we answer by stating that the rules listed on our website are the current rules of the association. If the rules are changed in the future you will always be judged by the rules that were in place at the time of breeding and/or foaling, depending on the situation. You will never be judged by a rule that was not in place at the time of your action as the breeder of a Louisiana Bred.

Tom Early stated a change in his conflict policy in that he now owns a share in Imperial Hint, who stands at Clear Creek Stud.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: No Chair at This Time – Chairman

No report for this meeting

Election Committee – No Chair at This Time

No report to give other than what was reported earlier in the meeting

Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

No report for this meeting as we just concluded the sale. Therese gave a report on the new computer system and that we should have a demonstration at the next meeting.

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake had no report for this meeting.

Grievance Committee: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

Michele LaVoice brought two grievances to the board that was brought to the committee.

Grievance #1

A member of the association reported a mare and foal as deceased that was not. Continued to nominate and pay for a deceased mare and foal due to a mix-up of the two after purchase of them both at the sale.

She is asking that the payments for accreditation, mare registration, etc. be switched. Roger requested to the board that this be done as he felt this was an honest mistake and the end result doesn't hurt anyone or break any rule. Tom made a motion to allow the mistakenly mixed identified horse be corrected with no penalty. This motion was seconded by Charlotte, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Grievance #2

A breeder of a foal by an out of state stallion returned to Kentucky to breed to an out of state stallion once again. When the mare is found not to be in foal she returned to Louisiana and was covered by an in-state stallion. Roger is asking the board whether or not the first foal is a Z horse or not. In the meeting of the grievance committee, the committee agreed that the foal should be a Z horse due to the intent of the breeder from the first cover. They felt that if they intended not to have a Z horse the first cover should have been by a Louisiana stallion. Tom referred to a similar situation that happened many years ago when

we had the same rules and how they handled it at that time. Tom made a motion that the foal in question should be considered a Z horse. Brett Brinkman seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val passed the floor to Charlotte who gave a report to the board on vaccine regulations at the Fair Grounds as well as other tracks and locations. She also discussed new insurance policies offered by the HBPA. Roger asked if some information could be sent to him for investigation for LTBA employees.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairperson

Jake Delhomme had no report at this time

Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairperson

Brett had no report at this time.

Membership and Nominating: No Chair at This Time – Chairperson

As there is no chairperson at this time, Roger informed the board of a meeting of the Membership Committee held on October 11, 2021. Michelle Rodriguez, Jake Delhomme, Brett Brinkman, Warren Harang, Jim Montgomery, and Roger Heitzmann were all present for this meeting.

Roger reported that the question presented to the committee was that since a former members wife is listed as the voting member of an LLC that they both own, he would like to be a member as well per the 50% rule. He owns 50% of the LLC which owns the mare. He states that if he states that he owns 50% of the mare he is technically not providing the truth.

The committee couldn't come to a conclusion in its meeting, so they decided to bring it to the board.

Discussion took place on how we need to be clear in our by-laws, how our forms need to be made more simple for the different types of membership, as well as to how this should be handled. After much discussion, Warren suggested that this question needs to be answered with an attorney present. It was then agreed upon that we take this up at the next meeting of the board.

Pac Committee: Keith Hernandez – Chairman

Keith had no report for this meeting

Salary and Benefits: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting.

New Business:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

Roger gave a report on Louisiana Champions Day and possible functions.

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

December 10, 2021 at the HBPA Office on Gentilly Blvd., Lunch to be catered

Tom Early made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Danny Guidry, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Roger Heitzmann
Secretary/Treasurer
Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association