

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2017
Black Gold Room, Fair Grounds Race Course
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Directors Present:

Charlotte Clavier
Jake Delhomme
Thomas B Early
Daniel Guidry
Nathan Granger
Tom Early
Nathan Granger
Warren J. Harang III
Michelle LaVoice
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Neal McFadden
Jim Montgomery

Others Present:

Ross Brupbacher
Roger Heitzmann
Mike McHalfey

Warren J Harang III called the meeting to order and asked Jake Delhomme to lead us in prayer.

Jake Delhomme led us in prayer.

Warren asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. Jay Adcock, Brett Brinkman, Neal McFadden, and Jim Montgomery were absent. A quorum was present and the meeting was ready to proceed with business.

Warren requested from the board if there were any changes to be made in their conflict policies.

Roger read the conflict policy submitted by Nathan Granger.

Nathan Granger is in partnerships owning mares with Jay Adcock, and Jake Delhomme. Nathan is also a partner with Jay Adcock with the stallion Bind.

Warren Harang III requested from the members of the Board an approval of the minutes of the October 10, 2017 BOD Meeting in Carencro LA. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Early seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the Legislative report from Harry Beniot. Roger Heitzmann informed the Board that Harry called in sick and was unable to make it. Jake informed the board that we would be discussing some of this in an upcoming agenda item.

The next topic on the agenda was the assisting of both Evangeline Down and Delta Downs in the payment for television coverage. After discussion Jake made a motion not to donate \$5000 to both Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs for additional television coverage but to use the monies for more important issues like keeping contact with our state government. This motion was seconded by Val Murrell, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion led by Roger and Mike McHalfey, a member of the Louisiana Racing Commission, took place in regards to a Task Force being led by the Racing Commission on future gaming. The main issue

of today is to get the Board informed of some meetings that have taken place, the information gathered, and how the BOD of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association feel moving forward and how they would approach a split of possible monies. Much discussion took place on this topic. After discussion on the possible monies generated by new gaming opportunities Michele Rodriguez made a motion that the LTBA stay firm and not go lower than an offer 80/20 with the Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association on any new splits that may be awarded. This motion was seconded by Michele LaVoice, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Discussion continued to take place on how the LTBA and the LSRC can continue to work together for the betterment of racing in the state.

Charlotte explained the concept of Thoroughbred Makeover to the board. It's an aftercare program that unwanted thoroughbreds are retrained for other careers including sporting events. After discussion Michele Rodriguez made a motion that the Association participate and offer a \$1000 sponsorship and a prize of \$2500 to be divided to Accredited Louisiana Breds that may win the Thoroughbred Makeover. The motion was seconded by Jake Delhomme, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Warren then requested committee reports:

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val reported that the committee had a meeting earlier to speak about the breed back rules and regulations. The main goal is to simplify the rules and make them more clear as to what is an Accredited Louisiana Bred.

Finance & Audit – Tom Early – Chairman

Tom requested that it be moved to the end of the meeting

Government Affairs – Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake reported that the luncheon with the Acadia Caucus is scheduled for April 24, 2018 in the Capital Building. He also noted that other topics were covered earlier in the meeting.

Grievance – Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

The first grievance addressed was the inspection disqualification of the foals bred out of the mares Dyna Likes Bingo, Expect Misty, Missy's Deelite, Sheza Fast Momma, Into Running, Madame Maggie, and Spicy Abby. After hearing all the evidence presented by Mike Whitler and Michele Rodriguez, Charlotte Clavier made a motion that the owner/breeder of the foals out of Madame Maggie, and Spicy Abby be fined an amount of \$500 for each violation. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The second grievance is in regards to the 2016 foal out of the mare Tessitura. After receiving an invitation to attend the owner/breeder of the said foal, unable to attend notified by phone that they would accept any punishment he received from the Board. After finding that the owner/breeder provided false information to the office of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association to assist in the sale of the foal as an accredited Louisiana Bred, and such information found to be fraudulent after investigation, causing the accreditation to be removed by the Board, which resulted in the Board making said buyer whole with a cash payment, the board ruled the following. Nathan Granger made the motion that the owner/breeder be suspended for a period of no less than five years and fined the amount of \$25,000 to be taken from any breeders awards he may receive. If at the end of the five year period that the fine amount still has a

balance, they will remain suspended until said balance is paid in full. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The third grievance filed by the owner/breeder of the 2016 foal out of the mare Aljariah was dropped and the foal will remain ineligible for accreditation.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee – Val Murrell – Chairman

Val reported that we are working closely with the HBPA on upcoming legislature.

LTBA/LSRC Liaison Committee – Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Jake thanked Commissioner Mike McHalfey for coming and conveying information on upcoming events.

Inspection Committee – Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Brett was not present and had no report. However, there was discussion on the number of mares in the state and how we may improve that.

Membership & Nominating Committee – Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson

Charlotte yielded the floor to Tom Early who spoke on the declining number of members of the association. Discussion took place on ways to turn around the declining numbers. Val suggested changing the breed back rules to entice people from out of state to re-enter the program. Several ideas were discussed but ended with no motion at this time. Warren instructed the members of the board to put their ideas on paper and submit them to the By-Law Committee.

PAC Committee – Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele had no report for this meeting.

Salary and Benefits – Tom Early – Chairman

Tom requested Executive Session. Michele Rodriguez seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously. Nathan Granger made a motion to end Executive Session. Jake Delhomme seconded the motion which was voted on and passed unanimously. Michele Rodriguez informed Roger that while in Executive Session the Board passed unanimously that the full time employees of the association receive a Christmas bonus. The total of the Christmas bonus to be given was \$2300.

Moving back to the Finance and Audit Committee all Board members acknowledged that they received the Financial Statement ending September 30, of 2017 as well as the budget to actual. They also agreed that all received the Budget for 2018.

Michele Rodriguez made a motion to adjust the 2017 budget by \$25,000 to cover the payment made on the unaccredited 2016 foal out of the mare Tessituta, to the buyer of said foal protecting the Association from possible lawsuit. This motion was seconded by Jake Delhomme which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Charlotte then made a motion to accept the 2017 Finance Report ending September 30, 2017 and to also accept the Budget for 2018. This motion was seconded by Michele LaVoice, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

There is no old business that was not already covered.

New Business:

There is no new business not already covered in this meeting.

Date, Time, Place, of the next Board of Directors Meeting:
Saturday February 10, 2018 in Vinton, LA.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III