

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meetin
April 11, 2019
Landry's Seafood Resturant
Breaux Bridge, Louisiana
11:30 A.M.

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Brett Brinkman
Carrol Castille
Charlotte Clavier
Tom Early
Warren J Harang III
Michelle LaVoice
Neal McFadden
Val Murrell
Michele Rodriguez

Directors Absent:

Jake Delhomme
Danny Guidry
Jim Montgomery

Others Present:

Harry Benoit
Alex Bonin
Julie Calzonne
Roger Heitzmann
Linda McLellan
Mike Whitler

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

Charlotte led us in prayer.

Warren asked Roger Heitzmann to call the roll. Jake Delhomme, Danny Guidry and Jim Montgomery were absent. Michele Rodriguez has called and is in rout. 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. Hearing no changes he moved forward.

Warren asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2019 meeting. Tom Early made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Carrol Castille, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the electing of a member to represent Louisiana as the 2017 TOBA Award Winner. Roger presented the board with the list of eligible candidates. After a brief explanation of the award and how we determine the candidates and the winner, a vote of the board was taken. Roger then announced the winner of the Louisiana TOBA Award would be Bill & Al Ulwelling.

The board then addressed the payments schedule of the Louisiana Futurity. Michele LaVoice suggested that we have a onetime payment for the futurity so that with the changing of hands or failing to remember a payment may no longer affect the field size. After discussion a motion was made by Michelle LaVoice that at the time of the first payment of the Louisiana Futurity a full payment made be made to cover any future payments. However there will be no discounts and no refunds. This motion was seconded by Charlotte Clavier, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Michele Rodriguez arrived at the meeting.

Discussion took place on the receiving breeders awards and how or if it is tied to membership. Much discussion took place on whether or not you had to be a member to receive breeders awards. Discussion also took place on

Who needed to be a member in partnerships, syndicates, etc. After much discussion Michele Rodriguez made a motion that everyone who received breeders awards had to be a member of the association. This motion received no second therefore it did not move forward. We moved on to the next topic.

Committee Reports:

By-Law: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val Murrell presented rule changes that were worked on together with Jay Adcock. These were discussed at great length. Other members of the board found other adjustments as well. These changes were discussed at length. Some rules were adjusted and by order of the board a copy is to be sent to Val and Jay to make adjustments to be presented and possibly voted on at the next meeting

Finance & Audit: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting

Government Affairs: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Harry Benoit gave a report on Jake's behalf. He spoke of the bills currently filed in Baton Rouge that we need to be concerned with as well as the current disagreement we're having with the Racing Commission over the purse transfer. Roger injected his understanding of the situation and how we plan to move forward. The board informed Harry of their feelings, and gave him instructions on what he needs to do.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion that any motion made and voted on in Executive Session, must be presented after the close of Executive Session in proper order, and the results of the vote made public to all. This motion was seconded by Carroll Castille, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

We will be hosting the Acadiana Caucus for lunch on May 14, 2019. The presentation will be based on Louisiana Horse Stories

Grievance: Michelle LaVoice – Chairperson

The board listened to the grievance of three mares that bred out of state two years in a row. After hearing the evidence they disallowed accreditation of the 2019 foals.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Val Murrell – Chairman

Val informed that Roger covered it earlier in the meeting.

LTBA/HBPA Liaison Committee: Jake Delhomme – Chairman

Roger informed the Board of the previous as well as the upcoming meeting. The main topic of discussion with the board was the denial of the purse transfer from Delta to Evangeline.

Inspection Committee: Brett Brinkman – Chairman

Brett had no report for this meeting.

Membership & Nominating Committee: Roger Heitzmann – Reporting

Warren Harang, Brett Brinkman, Tom Early, and Charlotte Clavier all stated that they wished to enter the race once again to serve on the board of directors of the LTBA. The membership and nominating committee could not secure other nominees at this time. A continued effort to secure nominees will continue as well the sending of our letter to the membership requesting nominations. The by-laws state that we must have two more nominations than seats available. The schedule was handed out and explained to the board.

Roger requested that the board approval the list of voting members. An explanation of the vetting procedure for the membership list was made. Neal McFadden made a motion to approve the voting list for the LTBA Board of Directors election. Warren Harang seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Membership forms for 2019/2020 were approved with no changes.

Pac Committee: Michele Rodriguez – Chairperson

Michele had no report for this meeting.

Salary and Benefit Committee: Tom Early – Chairman

Tom had no report for this meeting.

New Business: Warren mentioned how disappointing the Annual Awards Banquet was. It was poorly attended. The presentation area was too small and the Wi-Fi was not working. He requested that the ladies of the board get with Roger and assist him with the banquet next year.

Old Business: Open discussion took place on racing, breeding, and the improvement of both in Louisiana.

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

June 12, 2019 at 3:00pm in Opelousas

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roger A. Heitzmann III