

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 27, 2018**  
**Woodman of the World Hall**  
**Carencro, Louisiana**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**Directors Present:**

Carrol Castille  
Charlotte Clavier  
Jake Delhomme  
Tom Early  
Danny Guidry  
Warren Harang III  
Michelle LaVoice  
Val Murrell

**Directors Absent:**

Jay Adcock  
Brett Brinkman  
Neal McFadden  
Jim Montgomery  
Michele Rodriguez

**Others Present:**

Alex Bonin  
Roger Heitzmann

Warren Harang III requested that Roger Heitzmann call the roll. Roger informed Warren that with the number of absent officials, he had a quorum but not two thirds of the board. With that number we could not change any by-law at this meeting.

Warren asked Jake Delhomme to lead us in prayer.

Warren addressed those that were present that he was under the impression that we would have the numbers needed to proceed with the planned changes that we presented at the December 7, 2018 meeting. He found out as he traveled to the meeting that we would not have the numbers needed for a change, but thought we should still have the meeting.

Charlotte Clavier stated her opinion on the change discussed, which is that we are open enough to meet criteria for an accredited Louisiana bred. Her opinion is that the rules should be stricter than what they currently are.

Discussion between members of the board about the pluses and minuses of our current breed back rule continued. The financial situations the people of Louisiana have been in recently, as well as our standing in Baton Rouge were also discussed.

Michelle LaVoice voiced her concerns with the recent lack of participation from breeders in other states due to the rules of our association being so strict. She feels that the loosening of the rules just a bit will bring more commerce to the state than we currently have. She points out that other states have done this and it's taken our business.

Gaming and the lack of OTB's by tracks other than the Fairgrounds was another topic of discussion.

Discussion returned to how other states are moving their rules back to a less restrictive nature in order to attract more mares to foal in their state. New York was used as the most effective example.

Michelle LaVoice pointed out to the board that the key to selling a Louisiana bred, Louisiana sired horse is to improve your mares. They will pay more for the Louisiana sired horse if it's out of a better mare. Jake pointed out another problem that we have is that we don't have the sires that haven't failed yet. Most of the sires that we bring to the state have already shown what they can't produce. A first time sire like Iron Fist hasn't failed. His foals will sell well until he shows otherwise.

Warren Harang pointed out that our program is not broken, but we need to tweak something to straighten it out. He asked how we do that. We can't keep talking about it and not do anything, and continue to believe it's going to change.

Without the number of board members being present to be able to act on the by-laws Charlotte asks to move on to another subject. She suggested that we speak on the upcoming legislative meetings. Charlotte suggested some luncheons or an outing to show them what we do. Jake Delhomme countered that what we need is facts in their hands. They have told us that this is what we have to do. Charlotte said that we should do both. Val Murrell agreed. Discussion also took place on the upcoming Governors Race.

Warren asked is there something we want to do today. With nothing on the table at this time Warren asked to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Tom Early and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

Roger Heitzmann III  
Secretary/Treasurer