

Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2008
Ralph and Kacoos
Bossier City, Louisiana
6:00 P.M.

Directors Present:

Jay Adcock
Charlotte Clavier
Christine Early
Dexter Gary
Warren Harang III
Neal Mc Fadden
Val Murrell
Allen Peltier
Jeffery Picard (by proxy)
Lora Pitre
Corky Pleasant
Patrick Richmond
Michele Rodriguez
Firal Ryder

Directors Absent:

None

Others Present:

Theresa Arroyo
Tom Blanchard
Paul Bonin
Billie Courville
Ricky Courville
Tom Early
Sandra Gary
Becky Harang
Roger Heitzmann
Jennifer Lacombe
Mary Mc Fadden
William Meaux
Jerold Murrell
James Pleasant
Bill Reed
Gerald Romero
Loretta Romero

Warren Harang III called the meeting to order and asked Loretta Romero to call the roll.

Christine Early led us in prayer, and asked for a special prayer for Mr. John Valene who was ill.

Financial Statement and Audit report was presented by Greg Romig from Laporte, Sehr, Romig & Hand. Mr. Romig recommended at our next board meeting to place some needed guidelines concerning conflict of interest policies and a salary study survey on all personnel for a not for profit organization.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the audit as reported and to move forward with the recommendations. Michele Rodriguez seconded this motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Dexter Gary made a motion to let the audit report serve as our financial report. Christine Early seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting as presented. Christine Early seconded this motion which was voted on and passed unanimously.

Allen Peltier reported that ballots for our Board of Directors election had been mailed with the deadline for voting of June 23rd. The ballots will be counted on June 27, 2008 by the accounting firm of Laporte, Sehrt, Romig & Hand.

Committee Reports:

Breeders Sales Company – Val Murrell – Chairman.

Val reported the consignor contracts were being printed and would be sent out shortly. Warren Harang III introduced Mr. Tom Blanchard who is the new sales representative for the sales company. Mr. Blanchard addressed the board with a summary of what he has done to date and schedule of things he planned to do.

Salary and Benefits – Firal Ryder – Chairman.

Firal Ryder suggested we go into executive session later this evening to discuss this issue.

Events – Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson.

Charlotte Clavier reported on the upcoming events which included our Annual Meeting, the pre-sale party, board retreat, and Louisiana Champions Day in New Orleans. Charlotte also reported the board of director's retreat would be held in August at L'auberge Casino Resort in Lake Charles. Michelle Rodriguez asks to move the date to the month of October or possibly the first week in November. After much discussion Warren Harang asked Charlotte to check on some other dates with the Casino resort and get back to the board.

Louisiana Horse – Christine Early –Chairperson

Christine reported the magazine was on schedule and the need for a policy to be placed for outstanding advertising fees. Dexter Gary made a motion to cease advertising on accounts owed over 120 days. This motion was seconded by Christine Early. Dexter Gary withdrew this motion and substituted the motion; a person should not be allowed to advertise with an outstanding balance for 2 issues or 90 days. This motion was seconded by Christine Early and passed unanimously. Charlotte made a motion to sponsor the state 4-H Club by donating four \$250.00 savings bonds to be used as scholarships. Val Murrell seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Marketing & Development – Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

Patrick discussed a few ideas he had been working on. There were no motions made concerning matters under consideration.

Inspection – Lora Pitre – Chairperson.

Lora Pitre made a motion for the association to publish in the Louisiana Horse the foals not accredited or disqualified from accreditation since 2004. Dexter Gary seconded this motion which passed unanimously. Lora suggested a way to report mares domiciled in Louisiana and the toll free complaint hotline. Charlotte Clavier made a motion to have a magnet made with our new hotline number and offices' phone numbers printed on them. And mail the magnet along with letter to the membership with important dates and our required mare domicile report information on it. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez voted on and passed unanimously.

Dexter Gary reported on the inspection process from his committee. Dexter made a motion for the inspection of mares to consist of:

1. Random selection based on a 6000 mare population to achieve a 90% confidence level and 5% plus or minus accuracy. This would include 300 mares.
2. Inspect all mares sent out of state to be bred. This is approximately 150 mares.
3. Inspect all new mares entering the state to foal from out of state stallions. Also approximately 150 mares.

Following a lengthy discussion, Charlotte Clavier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with one opposing vote by Firal Ryder. The motion passed.

Roger Heitzmann passed out a report on questionable mares with an explanation of their locations and the findings on a spreadsheet.

Warren Harang sent the outsourcing of the inspectors to the Finance Committee to determine the costs and move forward with an economical way to do inspections.

LTBA/HBPA – Dexter Gary – Chairman.

No report at this time.

Louisiana Stallions – Val Murrell – Chairman.

Val reported the Louisiana Stallions stakes would be at Louisiana Downs on October 18, 2008.

Grievance: Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

No grievances to report.

Old Business:

Tom Early presented a list of former Board Members being considered as candidates to have a Louisiana Stallion Stakes race named after them. Warren Harang called for a vote and the results were Jack Lohman and Donald Peltier for 2008. Firal Ryder abstained from the voting. Each year we will be rotating the names from our past directors.

Patrick Richmond made a motion to give two additional scholarships for \$1000 each at the annual meeting due to our failing to give them away on Louisiana Premier Night at Delta Downs. Neal McFadden seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

Charlotte Clavier called for the board to enter into Executive Session. Patrick Richmond seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

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

August 1, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. in Shreveport, Louisiana. Place of meeting pending.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas B Early
Secretary-Treasurer