

**Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 1, 2008**  
**Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant**  
**Bossier City, La.**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Directors Present:**

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

**Directors Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Theresa Arroyo  
Tom Blanchard  
Paul Bonin  
Brett Brinkman  
Julie Calzone  
Billie Courville  
Chase Courville  
Tom Early  
Becky Harang  
Roger Heitzmann  
Dawn Picard  
Loretta Romero

Warren Harang 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 Chip Merrigan, a member of the Association who was killed in a plane crash in Minnesota.

Christine made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2008 meeting. This motion was seconded by Jeffery Picard and approved by all.

Warren and the board welcomed our new director William Meaux to the board.

Election of Officers:

Charlotte Clavier nominated Warren Harang III for president, this motion was seconded by Christine Early. There being no other nominations Warren Harang was elected by acclamation.

Christine Early nominated Jeffery Picard for First Vice-President, this motion was seconded by Val Murrell. There being no other nominations Jeffery Picard was elected by acclamation.

Patrick Richmond nominated Allen Peltier for Second Vice-President, this motion was seconded by Christine Early, all in favor. There being no other nominations Allen Peltier was elected by acclamation.

Patrick Richmond made a motion for the retreat in Lake Charles to be a workshop and not an extended board meeting, this motion was seconded by Corky Pleasant. Warren Harang asked for a roll call vote. The vote was unanimous.

Dexter Gary presented the financial report and after discussion Michele Rodriguez made the motion to approve the financials, this motion was seconded by Jeffery Picard voted on and passed unanimously.

Patrick Richmond made a motion that the Executive Committee consisting of Warren Harang, Jeffery Picard and Allen Peltier be approved. This motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez voted and passed unanimously.

#### Committee Reports:

##### **Breeders Sales Company:** Val Murrell – Chairman.

Val reported we had over 300 horses consigned for our sale. Following a lengthy discussion on improving our sale, Allen Peltier made a motion to expand the Stallion Stakes to include a 3 year old race to be run at the Fair Grounds providing the money is available. This motion was seconded by Jeffery Picard, voted on and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Val Murrell that we pay a commission to agents signing purchase tickets on horses selling for ten thousand dollars or more. This commission would not increase for horses sold for much more. The purpose of this commission would be to show our appreciation and support for the people who spend their time and effort coming to the sale to look at our horses and leaving their own daily businesses to do so. This would be in place of suggestions that we pay potential buyers hotel and travel expenses with no assurance that they actually buy a horse. This motion failed to receive a second.

Tom Blanchard reported he mailed brochures and letters to buyers and visited with potential buyers in Florida and Texas.

##### **Salary & Benefits:**

The committee met in the Skyroom at Louisiana Downs during our annual awards and decided to increase the pay of all employees. A new chairman will be appointed to this committee by the president to fill the seat vacated by Firal Ryder.

##### **Nominating committee:** Allen Peltier – Chairman.

Allen congratulated all the members who were re-elected and our newly elected member.

##### **Events Committee:** Charlotte Clavier – Chairperson.

The workshop was presented earlier in the meeting. Charlotte announced the events committee would meet at the retreat to discuss the pre sale party and Louisiana Champions Day.

**Louisiana Horse:** Christine Early – Chairperson.

Christine reported the next magazine would be out in September prior to the sale.

**Membership:** Allen Peltier – Chairman.

Nothing to report at this time.

**Marketing and Development:** Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

Nothing to report at this time.

**Inspection Committee:** Lora Pitre – Chairperson.

Charlotte reported the committee would meet during the workshop at Lake Charles.

**LTBA/HBPA:** Dexter Gary – Chairman.

Dexter resigned from the committee because of lack of participation from the HBPA. A new chairman will be appointed by the president.

**By-Law:** Jeffery Picard – Chairman.

Jeffery wanted to thank the board for electing him as 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president. Jeffery will work on a policy manual and guidelines for employees.

**Louisiana Stallions:** Val Murrell – Chairman.

Nothing to report at this time.

**Grievance:** Patrick Richmond – Chairman.

Nothing to report at this time.

**Advertising Oversight:** Tom Early – Chairman.

Julie Calzone presented the report and spoke on the meetings with Dr. Strain and Mr. Don Pearce on a study being done on the horse industry.

**Legislative:** Jeffery Picard – Chairman.

Jeffery reported on the meeting with Commissioner of Agriculture Strain on the racing industry. Patrick Richmond made a motion to send a letter thanking Congressman Boustany for his efforts on behalf of the horse industry in Washington. Jeffery Picard seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Tom Early reported Bryan Krantz was being appointed to the racing commission and would like to sell his horses at our upcoming sale. After discussion the board decided the sale should stay restricted to yearlings only.

Paul Bonin addressed the board and announced he was recently elected to the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit of Appeal and would no longer be permitted to serve as the attorney for the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association since court of appeals judges cannot have a private practice. Patrick Richmond made a motion for the executive committee to search for a new attorney, the motion was seconded by Michele Rodriguez voted on and passed unanimously.

**Date, Place & Time of next meeting Directors Meeting:**

The next Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for October 14, 2008, at 1:00 in Opelousas, Louisiana in the Blackberry Room at Evangeline Downs Race Track.

Following this the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas B Early  
Secretary-Treasurer