



Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2023
Conference Call, 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

Kathy Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Felecia Jones
Kathy Lewis
Kim Head
Sarah Buentello

Jennifer Francis
Kathy Palladini
Leigh Salsbury
Stephen Head

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the May board of directors meeting. A correction needs to be made to the Nominations for 2023-2024 Officers and Directors section from stating “The board decided to go ahead and fill the other open director spots now” to “The board decided to nominate these people for the other open director spots.” Kathy Palladini made a motion to approve those minutes with the correction stated above and Kim Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Kim Head reviewed our finances for April and May. Our previous bank balance on 3/31/2023 was \$96,083.54. Total deposits/credits were \$23,338.38 in April and \$16,947.10 in May. Total checks/debits were \$22,475.62 in April and \$13,115.02 in May. Our ending bank balance on 5/31/2023 was \$100,778.38 (\$72,136.66 in the checking account and \$28,641.72 in the savings account). There were outstanding checks in the amount of \$281.62.

The \$28,641.72 balance in the savings account consists of: future scholarship obligations of \$16,634, TLBGCA Scholarship funds available for future awards of \$7,500, Russell Clements Memorial Scholarship funds available for future awards of \$4,500, and interest income of \$7.72. Coleman Yarborough’s scholarship award has now expired so the remaining \$634 of his funds will be placed back into the pool of funds available for future awards. Those amounts will be adjusted accordingly on the next financial report.

Spring Show:

2023 Show: Stephen Head is still waiting on several invoices that need to be paid. He is also waiting on a \$1,000 refund from Miracle Farm that resulted from mistakenly overpaying the facility rental fee. As things currently stand, we have made an \$11K profit minus the above mentioned.

2024 Show: Stephen was hopeful we would be able to return to Miracle Farm, but they said we were not invited back next year. They believe we have outgrown their facility and stretch/stress their capabilities. It takes a lot more for their staff to setup and cleanup for our cow show than for the typical horse show events. Plus, our event doesn't really fit with their organizational goals and ministry. The small amount of money they make doesn't make it worth their time and effort since it doesn't line up with their mission.

Stephen and Kim visited the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg and believe it could handle the size of our event. The facility will work and the prices are real good. The downside is they only do cattle shows July through December. They have a couple of dates available in November. It is further south, which might cause us to lose some of the folks from further up north. Could be a good spot, but would like to find something further north. Montgomery is the furthest north we could go. They talked to Ashley Wilson to learn more about the Montgomery fairgrounds since it's close to her. Brooke McCauley has been checking other venue prices. Stephen and Kim also looked at the Austin County Fairgrounds in Bellville. It would come close to handling the show, but they do not have information on dates or pricing yet. Lastly, they drove through the Colorado County Fairgrounds in Columbus. It looks too small, and there was no one there that day to talk to.

Do we want to add a fall show? Stephen doesn't mind, but would need someone to take care of the prizes. As we continued to discuss options, Stephen threw out the idea of having a fall show in Rosenberg where the prizes would be similar to our futurity payouts. Everyone thought that idea was a good way to simplify and change up things and see what kind of interest it draws. Stephen will try to schedule one at Rosenberg and then see if we can find another place further north for the spring show. STLA is doing some restructuring of their shows, so Stephen will talk with Joey Gornick to see what weekends they have planned so that our shows don't conflict with each other.

Cattle Baron Sale & Winchester Futurity:

We discussed whether we should continue to have an annual sale given its decline over the years. Would we be doing our members a disservice to continue hosting a lower end sale given the negativity that seems to have surrounded it? If we discontinue the sale, can we afford to have just the futurity? Would we be able to hold the futurity together with a show? Would the sale barn rental fee be lower for one less day? No one expressed any

strong opposition to discontinuing the sale. Jennifer Francis will contact Scott at the sale barn to see if the facility rental fee would be any lower. She will also look into past years' finances to see if we can make just the futurity a viable event.

Nominations for 2023-2024 Officers and Directors:

Ben Herman said yes. He has become a lifetime member. Christy Chambliss said yes. She needs to become a member. Kelli Jones is a yes. We have good candidates for every position.

Felecia reported that 19 people have RSVP'd for the annual membership meeting as of right now. More RSVP's typically come in the week before. Kathy Lewis has new customers who are interested in joining and attending our meeting.

Topics from the Floor:

Jennifer Francis proposed we consider changing our rifle raffle that we have during the sale/futurity to a raffle that we sell tickets for all year long. We could hold the drawing either at our annual meeting or spring show. She asked if anyone had any good raffle prize ideas. Kathy Lewis mentioned a raffle she won recently that was for a freezer full of beef. She has a steer she is willing to donate if we choose that option.

Meeting Adjourned:

Stephen Head made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sarah Buentello seconded the motion. Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm. We will reconvene on Saturday, July 15th for our annual membership meeting and then at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 for our standard monthly teleconference meeting.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis