



Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 2023
Conference Call, 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

Julio Romero called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ben Herman	Jennifer Francis
Julio Romero	Karen Allen
Kim Head	Kristi Washburn
Remy Broussard	Sarah Buentello
Stephen Head	Tonie Romero

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the September board of directors meeting. Stephen Head made a motion to approve those minutes and Remy Broussard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Kim Head reviewed our finances for September. Our previous bank balance on 8/31/2023 was \$92,314.39. Total deposits/credits were \$3,858.57. Total checks/debits were \$6,381.72. Our ending bank balance on 9/30/2023 was \$89,791.24 (\$66,140.59 in the checking account and \$23,650.65 in the savings account). There were outstanding checks in the amount of \$158.00.

The \$23,650.65 balance in the savings account consists of: future scholarship obligations of \$8,500 (2022: Trinity Summersill \$1,500; 2023: Jackson Grace \$2,000, Rylee Yarborough \$1,500, Blaine Moore \$1,500, Braxten Sterling \$1,000, Makayla Miller \$500, Jacob Ferrell \$500), TLBGCA Scholarship funds available for future awards of \$10,634, Russell Clements Memorial Scholarship funds available for future awards of \$4,500, and accumulated interest income of \$16.65.

Kim thought she had been able to setup some CD's and was told she would be receiving a receipt sometime later. She kept watching and it never showed up. She called and couldn't get a good answer, but was eventually able to learn that TDECU does not do

CD's for commercial accounts. Unless we want to open another account at a different bank, there's nothing else we can do at TDECU. Kim will check around at some other banks to see what investment options are available for our consideration.

Kim also shared about a checkbook error that was made and corrected (as noted on the September Financial Report). Stephen accidentally picked up the TLBGCA checkbook (because it looks just like their personal checkbook) and wrote a check to pay for hay. He contacted their hay guy as soon as he realized the mistake, but the check had already been deposited. Stephen write a check to TLBGCA to return the money and this is just documenting what happened for transparency.

Matagorda Show:

A flyer was made to post on Facebook. The show is listed on the Trails save the date section, on the TLBAA website calendar, and Jennifer created an event for it on our Facebook page. We just need to start promoting the show, particularly to exhibitors in the greater Houston area. MCLFA selects the judge. There is nothing else really for us to do at this time, other than update the online entry Jotform.

Winchester Futurity:

Jennifer Francis gave an update on how things are progressing. A save the date post was made on Facebook. It's also listed on the Trails magazine save the date section and on TLBAA's website calendar. Jennifer plans to contact Molly from Hired Hand to design a promotion graphic for us. We have a nice size list of suggested names for the judge selection. The futurity committee will meet soon to narrow down those names to a list of five with a few extra as alternates. Jennifer asked for a volunteer to handle the selection and purchase of rifles. Ben Herman and Remy Broussard will both work on this to see what kind of deals they can find for us. It was decided to once again give buckles for the class winner prize, so Jennifer will reach out to Leigh Salsbury to design and order those for us. Request for Proposal forms will be mailed shortly to people for Auctioneer services and the Back Crew Team. The futurity classes will remain the same as last year – 10 female classes and 7 bull classes. The board decided to begin the futurity at 12:00 noon this year (instead of 12:30) to allow a little extra time since we are managing the calcutta in house this year. Contracts have been signed with the host hotel, Best Western Premier Bryan College Station, to secure rental of the entire ballroom and a discounted rate for a block of rooms. The hotel had originally offered a rate of \$129 per night (compared to \$89 in previous years), but Jennifer was able to get them to reduce it down to \$109 per night. Sponsorship opportunities are very similar to last year, with the addition of 2 - \$1,250 sponsorships needed to help finance the award banquet (rental and food).

Spring Show:

Stephen Head didn't have anything new to report for the Spring Show this month. He does need a volunteer for selecting and purchasing awards. He has a prize pyramid that lays out everything with price points to help make the process as simple and easy as possible, and he can share what has been done in the past. Brooke McCauley volunteered.

Raffle Item:

Remy hasn't been able to get ahold of Bobby to discuss pricing for The Dube Chute. A P&C Chute is \$4,200. We don't have to have the specifics for a chute raffle figured out before the futurity. We can do a rifle raffle at the futurity like we have done in the past and continue working on plans to raffle a chute later on. Karen Allen asked about a Judge 410 shotgun because it seems to be all the rage now. Should we include ammunition with it since that type of ammo is harder to find?

Topics from the Floor:

Jennifer Francis plans to update the brochure soon.

We discussed what type of memorial gift to send for Bill Merritt (husband of former director, LaVon Merritt). His Celebration of Life is scheduled for this Saturday, October 7th in Beaumont, TX. The family is asking people to send donations to the childrens project at Bill's church that was very near and dear to him. Remy Broussard made a motion and Stephen Head seconded the motion to approve a \$100 donation. The motion passed unanimously. Kim will sent a card with the check on our behalf.

Meeting Adjourned:

Jennifer Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stephen Head seconded the motion. Julio Romero adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis