



Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2024
Conference Call, 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

Kathy Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ben Herman

Julio Romero

Kathy Lewis

Kelli Jones

Remy Broussard

Stephen Head

Jennifer Francis

Karen Allen

Kathy Palladini

Nel Scott

Sarah Buentello

Tonie Romero

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the January board of directors meeting. Julio Romero made a motion to approve those minutes and Kathy Palladini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

The January Financial report will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Matagorda Show:

Stephen Head shared an update. There are currently 78 youth show entries and 77 open show entries. Kristen Massingill is the youth show judge, and Braden House is the open show judge. Programs were printed today. Need volunteers for check-in, ring stewards for youth and open show, make-ready area, someone to pass out awards during open show, sell raffle tickets, and announcer for open show. Stephen is planning on giving away \$1,200 in cash premiums for open show awards, which means TLBGCA will keep \$900, if there are no objections. Everyone was in agreement.

We have the new credit card machine and will give it a first-time try at the Matagorda show.

Winchester Futurity:

Jennifer Francis shared an update. The deadline to enter is this Saturday. Stellar Partners is offering additional prizes: \$1,200 credit for Grand Champion winners and \$600 credit for Reserve Champion winners to purchase semen from 3 different bulls owned by this partnership. We currently have 104 entries and 14 sponsors. Tonie Romero has been planning the banquet décor. Jennifer reached out to Joshua Rush (auctioneer), Donnie Taylor (back crew leader), Scott Scarmardo (sale barn manager), Susan Prihoda (Sale Barn Café) and the 5 judges to make sure they are all set. The Sale Barn Café will take care of picking up the breakfast tacos and donuts, as well as cooking lunch for the back crew team to be served at 11:00 am. Jennifer still needs a photographer, clerk for bidder numbers, and people to help Tonie setup the banquet. Remy Broussard volunteered to take photos.

Spring Show:

Scheduled for May 10-12 in Navasota. Connor Hardy will be the judge for the open show. The youth show judge is still TBD. Brooke McCauley has taken care of selecting and ordering all of the awards. The cost of awards have gone up, so we need to find a way to get more sponsors or raise money. Stephen Head proposed having a Friday night points-only show. There were no objections, so he will move forward with planning accordingly. Stephen still needs to find a food truck vendor and caterer. He will contact some of the names he has received after the Matagorda show.

Dube Chute Raffle:

Nel Scott designed a nice flyer that is ready to go for the most part. It will need to be posted on the website. Jennifer Francis will post on Facebook. Julio hasn't been able to make a video yet because of the weather but he still plans to do so. The flyer will be the program ad for Bobby. The raffle will kick-off this weekend at the Matagorda show.

Scholarship Program:

Stephen Head shared that there are 10 seniors that he knows of that are also TLBGCA members. He sent an email reminder them and cc'd Brooke McCauley.

Calf Donation Program:

The 2023 program is still going well. A lot of the calves are being shown, and some are placing very well. A couple people have already reached out to Kathy Lewis wanting to donate to the 2024 program. Nel Scott asked about donating mini's. Mini's can be donated; however, there will not be a separate donation class for mini's at the show. All donated calves (standard and mini, steers and heifers) will compete in one donation class.

Annual Meeting:

Saturday, July 20th seems to be the best date to have the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting. Julio Romero inquired about the location and whether we should check into pricing out other places for comparison purposes. Nel Scott asked about possibly reaching out to the Longhorn Project to have it there. That is an outdoor facility and it gets pretty hot in July. Kelli Jones is familiar with the facility from when she participated in the Longhorn Project and said it is not big enough for much more than 30 people. Kelli will check availability at the Monument Inn.

Boots on the Ground Buckle:

TLBAA gives a buckle to each of the affiliates that can be awarded to someone in the affiliate that goes above and beyond for the breed. Kathy Lewis asked what is the best way for our affiliate to award our buckle? It was decided that the board would send recommendations to Kathy, along with a brief description why they recommend that person. She'll screen the recommendations, figure out who to select, and decide what would be the best way to present it.

Topics from the Floor:

The World Show committee is soliciting donations earlier than normal this year. The past several years, TLBGCA has donated \$500 to the TLBT Bight Future Scholarship fund and \$1,000 to the World Show as a sponsorship. Stephen Head made a motion to make these same donation again this year, and Remy Broussard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The World Show committee should be posting the sponsorship page with details soon.

Meeting Adjourned:

Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis