



Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting
March 12, 2024
Conference Call, 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

Julio Romero called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Brooke McCauley
Jennifer Francis
Karen Allen
Kelli Jones
Nel Scott
Stephen Head
Remy Broussard

Ben Herman
Julio Romero
Kathy Palladini
Kim Head
Sarah Buentello
Tonie Romero

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the February board of directors meeting. Karen Allen made a motion to approve those minutes, and Ben Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Kim Head reviewed our finances for January and February. Our previous bank balance on 12/31/2023 was \$85,237.48. Total deposits/credits were \$4,339.05 in January and \$26,794.05 in February. Total checks/debits were \$37,892.77 in January and \$9,628.76 in February. Our ending bank balance on 2/29/2024 was \$100,950.12 (\$44,187.53 in the checking account, \$21,660.21 in the savings account, \$15,037.83 in a 3-month CD, and \$20,064.55 in a 6-month CD). There were 3 outstanding checks in the amount of \$574.00.

The 3-month CD will expire soon. It was decided to put that money back into another CD, but for 6 months instead of 3. By staggering them this way, we will have a CD that expires every quarter.

The **\$21,660.21** balance in the savings account consists of: future scholarship obligations

of **\$6,500** (2022: Trinity Summersill \$1,500; 2023: 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 **\$26.21**.

Matagorda Show:

Stephen Head shared a recap of the show. The Youth Show was first with 77 entries and went well. This show has no financial income for us. It costs us nothing, because everything is handled by MCFLA. The All-Breeds Showmanship was next, and it was exciting to see one of our teenage Longhorn exhibitors, Abby Mason from Oakridge, win the senior division. Next was the Open Show. This was the first time having an open show at Matagorda. We were financially connected to the open show which brought in income of \$2,635. After paying all of the expenses (judge, program copies, and open show and youth showmanship premiums), we made an \$833 profit. The stalling space was crowded. Stephen talked with them, and they might be able to let us use a different barn next year. We used our new credit card machine for the first time at this show. We had some trouble at first with there being no Wi-Fi. Once the machine was connected to a hotspot, it worked much better. One benefit of this show is not having a facility rental expense.

Winchester Futurity:

Jennifer Francis shared a brief recap of the show. In addition to the nice card that John T. and Betty Baker sent to Kathy Lewis, Jennifer had also received a very complimentary email from them immediately after the futurity. In addition, Jennifer received a nice email from Andrew Wilson. Stephen Head shared he had received good compliments from Cindy Bolen and the Randolph's. Nel, shared feedback she had received. People loved how the futurity was ran on the front end (inside the arena), but several people did not like what they observed behind the scenes in the barn. Too many cattle were ran together, and for some reason they ran all of the bulls together. One person felt the facility is not intended for bigger horned cattle. Karen Allen reported noticing the cattle having issues walking across the grate at the exit. For some reason that area, and even the arena, did not have as much sand as it normally does. Not sure if this has something to do with the construction there this year or not, but this is an action item to ask about next year. Preliminary numbers indicate, after subtracting the \$6286 raised for the scholarship fund, a profit of ~ \$7K.

Spring Show:

Stephen Head shared that the entry and payment forms have been updated and added to the website, along with all of the other information. We are ready to start accepting

entries. The deadline is April 24th. We are adding a Points Only Show on Friday this year (mainly to add more income to help with the increased costs of prizes). The cost of the facility is already covered, so adding a points only show doesn't cost us anything additional. Now that the futurity is over, Stephen will focus on getting a caterer for the Saturday dinner and a food truck. People will need to book hotel rooms now. The Texas A&M graduation that is held that same weekend is spilling over into the Navasota area potentially creating a hotel room shortage. Brooke has taken care of all of the show awards, and will work on putting together the pee wee awards now. Once the food is lined up, everything else is taken care of. Leigh Salsbury and family will be designing the t-shirts again this year.

Dube Chute Raffle:

Kim Head reported \$625 in raffle ticket sales so far, and Julio Romero said he has an additional \$100. Jennifer Francis will get together with Julio to help him learn how to create a Jotform for purchasing raffle tickets.

Scholarship Program:

Brooke McCauley has been checking the scholarship email account regularly, and there have been no scholarship applications received yet. Stephen Head will send reminder emails to all of the seniors, and Jennifer Francis will make a Facebook reminder post. The Winchester Futurity raised \$6,286 for the scholarship fund. It was decided to move \$6,500 to savings which will increase the funds available for future awards from \$10,634 to \$17,134. The board will wait until the April meeting to determine the available amount the scholarship committee can have for this year's scholarship awards.

Calf donation program

Julio Romero will reach out to Kathy Lewis about posting on Facebook for donations for the 2024 Calf Donation Program.

Annual Meeting:

Kelli Jones has reserved the Monument Inn for 5:00 on July 20th and paid the deposit. Kelli will be the annual meeting organizer. She will work on creating a flyer for Jennifer Francis to post on Facebook.

Boots on the Ground Buckle:

This buckle will be awarded at the annual meeting. Stephen Head sent in his recommendation and talked with Kathy Lewis more about it at the futurity. Kathy shared with Stephen that she hasn't received many recommendations so far. Everyone needs to

send their recommendation to Kathy before the April meeting.

Topics from the Floor:

Stephen Head reported that he made a mistake at last month's meeting when he stated that TLBGCA has donated \$500 to the TLBT Bight Future Scholarship fund and \$1,000 to the World Show as a sponsorship in the past. Kim Head told him that our previous years' donations were \$1,000 to each of these. Stephen Head made a motion to donate an additional \$500 to the TLBT Bright Future Scholarship fund, for a total of \$1,000, and Jennifer Francis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Remy Broussard was able to join the meeting near the end and shared that the World Show Committee is trying to fill their volunteer spots now. If anyone can volunteer, let Remy know. He also wanted to see about getting some of our college students to volunteer. Stephen Head will reach out to them.

There is an opening on the World Show Committee. If anyone has an interest in helping with the organization and planning of the world show reach out.

Remy said someone approached him about helping with adding a qualifying show in Jackson, Mississippi. This would fall under the affiliate called the Southeast Texas Longhorn Association.

Meeting Adjourned:

Karen Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jennifer Francis seconded the motion. Julio Romero adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis