

Board of Directors Meeting December 6, 2022 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:

Brooke McCauley Felecia Jones
Jennifer Francis Kathy Lewis
Kim Head LaVon Merritt
Leigh Salsbury Remy Broussard
Samuel Faske Stephen Head

Steven McCauley

### **Review of Minutes:**

We reviewed the minutes from the November board of directors meeting. LaVon Merritt made a motion to approve those minutes and Brooke McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

# **Financial Report:**

Kim Head reviewed our finances for October and November. Our previous bank balance on 9/30/2022 was \$62,559.15. For October, we had combined total deposits/credits of \$24,740.42 and checks/debits of \$25,911.26. Our ending bank balance on 10/31/2022 was \$61,388.31. For November, we had total deposits/credits of \$590.48, checks/debits of \$422.52, and one outstanding check in the amount of \$150.00. Our ending bank balance on 11/30/2022 was \$61,556.27. Future scholarship obligations of \$6,134.00 brings our unrestricted cash down to \$55,422.27. The Capital One bank account was officially closed in November.

# **Matagorda Show:**

Electronic online forms are on our website for people to enter. The Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association (MCFLA) staff will collect payment and signed waiver forms at check-in. We already have entries from three girls at Oakridge. Johnna

Williams-DuBose will be our showmanship judge. Stephen spoke with Pam Evans recently and discovered she pays for the buckles for this show. She receives thank you cards from the exhibitors that win them, but has never received a thank you from MCFLA so Stephen plans to send something to her this year from TLBGCA. This show is on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Even though it's around the same time as the San Antonio Livestock Show, it is still possible for some to participate in both.

### **Cattle Baron Sale & Futurity:**

The committee reviewed all of the futurity judge nominations received from board members. Some of the people Stephen Head contacted said yes and some said no. The three judges we have so far are Ross Ohlendorf, Josie Struthoff, and Ryan Culpepper. Stephen will continue making calls to other people on our nomination list and hopefully be able to share the names of all five judges at our next meeting.

Follow-up calls were made by Jennifer Francis and Stephen Head to consignors from previous years. We currently have 23 prospective consignors and 3 actual consignors with 10 consignments. The deadline to consign is 9 days away. We have received five sponsorships so far and sold one, potentially two ads. Leigh Salsbury and Samuel Faske committed to purchasing an ad as well.

After reviewing the sale catalog bids received from Myra Basham with M Stockner Design and Molly Clubb with Hired Hand, the committee chose Hired Hand to design the 2023 catalog. Now we just need to sell some catalog ads for Hired Hand to design to help cover the costs of the catalog design. We will be using Modern Litho to print and mail the sale catalogs (the same company used by Lori McCarty the previous two years).

Sarah Buentello called local Bryan/College Station businesses to see if they would be interested in supporting our event through sponsoring, purchasing a catalog ad, or making a silent auction donation. We received one silent auction donation from one of Brooke McCauley's contacts, but nothing else so far. The Stockton Award has been ordered, and Leigh Salsbury should be able to finalize and place the buckle order this week.

# **Spring Show:**

Nothing new to report at this time.

# **Scholarship Program:**

Kim Head had voiced some concerns with the proposed tier and scoring system at last month's meeting. She said she would be okay using it if a note is added at the bottom stating that the scholarship committee has the authority to override as they deem fit. Leigh will update the proposal and resend this week.

### **Topics from the Floor:**

Leigh Salsbury gave an update regarding the steer she and Jeff donated at the 2022 Spring Show. Originally Jorge and his brother were living with April Morales. At some point the boys' mother returned from Mexico so now they are living with her. Between some turmoil amongst the families and the rental and food costs at the Stafford barn, Jorge and his brother can no longer afford to keep their steers (one donated by the Leigh and Jeff to Jorge and one purchased by his brother from Kathy Lewis). Since they were no longer capable of taking care of the animals and found themselves without a way to transport them to shows, the steers were reclaimed. Because the donation steer is registered to TLBGCA, a decision had to be made regarding what to do with him. Stephen Head made a motion and Jennifer Francis seconded the motion to allow Ryan Cartwright to become the new exhibitor. He will take over the remaining contractual responsibilities of the steer that was donated by Flying S Ranch.

Remy Broussard mentioned Kalyn Ferrell has ran into some difficulties with Jacob being able to show due to losing their pasture. Leigh and Felecia have been working with them and think they have found a solution.

Stephen Head reminded us this is the year for selecting Division B directors. However, you will not be receiving a ballot because there was only one person in each region who received the five nominations required to be on the ballot. With only one nomination for each region, there is no need to vote; the nominated person will be the director for each region. Everyone should receive a ballot for the two at-large positions. These are universal positions, not specific to Division B. There are several people who received the required five nominations.

Jennifer Francis shared backdrop pricing information. A quote from Backdrop Source a few months ago was \$429. According to Myra Basham, pricing from the vendor used by TLBAA would be around \$700. Jennifer will contact Backdrop Source for an updated quote with image and forward the information to the board. If there are no objections to the quote, she will place the order as soon as possible.

# **Meeting Adjourned:**

Stephen Head made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Remy Broussard seconded the motion. Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm. We will reconvene on January 10, 2023.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis