

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

Call to Order:

Julio Romero called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ben Herman Jennifer Francis
Julio Romero Karen Allen
Kristi Washburn Nel Scott
Remy Broussard Stephen Head

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the October board of directors meeting. Stephen Head made a motion to approve those minutes and Karen Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Stephen Head reviewed our finances for October. Our previous bank balance on 9/30/2023 was \$89,791.24. Total deposits/credits were \$648.75. Total checks/debits were \$720.52. Our ending bank balance on 10/31/2023 was \$89,719.47 (\$66,066.81 in the checking account and \$23,652.66 in the savings account). There were outstanding checks in the amount of \$158.00.

The \$23,652.66 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 \$18.66.

The outstanding \$158 check is a futurity payout to Ben Stone. Kim has tried calling repeatedly and left messages, but gets no response. Karen Allen knows Ben so she will give him a call. Karen Allen made a motion to approve the financial report and Ben Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Matagorda Show:

There was nothing much for Stephen Head to share at this time. MCFLA is having a meeting this evening, and they are now considering allowing us to have an open show on Sunday. They will let Stephen know their decision tomorrow. Stephen asked for people's thoughts. Nel Scott thinks people will stick around for an open show, and it will draw in more people. Remy Broussard agreed with Nel. Then there was discussion about the clean-up crew. Since the crew won't be coming in to clean up until Sunday afternoon, does it really matter whether the open show is on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning? Stephen will discuss this with them further if we get the approval for an open show.

Winchester Futurity:

The 2024 judges are John T. Baker, Gwen Damato, Rick Friedrich, Connie Ollive, and Tammy Tiner. Jennifer Francis asked that the names not be shared with anyone outside of the board until after she makes an official announcement on Facebook.

One Auctioneer Services bid was received from Joshua Rush for \$2,500 and one Back Crew Services bid was received from Donnie Taylor for \$5,150. Jennifer felt these bids were within reason. Since there were no objections, she will notify them that their bids were accepted.

The Stockton Award has been ordered and we need to choose the 2024 recipient. Stephen Head shared some about the award and said he would email us more information once he found it on his computer. Jennifer asked that nominations be emailed to her.

The buckle prizes are being designed by Leigh and Julia Salsbury. The futurity graphic was designed by Hired Hand. The first e-blast (Save the Date) will be sent out soon with the invitation letter. Other e-blasts will include: Get Ready for the Winchester Futurity (Dec. 30), Book Your Hotel Now (Jan. 13), Futurity Deadline is Coming Soon (Jan. 27).

There was more discussion about the futurity app that Dean Whitlock and Justin Rombeck are designing. Jennifer and Karen agreed to talk more about it afterwards to determine a time to meet with Dean and Justin to learn more and decide whether we will use it for our event.

Spring Show:

Stephen Head nothing new to share at this time. He sent the prize pyramid/spreadsheet to Brooke McCauley who volunteered to plan and purchase the prizes this year.

Raffle Item:

Bobby Dube agreed to sale us an economy size Dube Chute for \$2,500. It takes approximately 30 days to assemble. We will give him a free TLBGCA lifetime membership and a half page ad in the futurity and spring show programs. We will start selling tickets at the futurity and end whenever we reach our goal. Ben Herman made a motion to approve and Julio Romero seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Topics from the Floor:

The deadline to file the tax return is November 15th. Stephen Head said Kim Head has been working on it and will be emailing it to the board of directors within the next few days to review before she files it.

There was more discussion about futurity sponsorships. The Grand Champion sponsors have been filled by Circle A Longhorns and 3P Longhorns. Stephen will give the Randolphs a call to see if they will sponsor. Once we know what type of sponsorship they will do, Karen will work on helping us secure sponsors for the banquet.

Meeting Adjourned:

Karen Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stephen Head seconded the motion. Julio Romero adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis