



Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2022
Conference Call, 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

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

Brooke McCauley
Jennifer Francis
Kathy Lewis
Leigh Salsbury
Remy Broussard
Sarah Buentello
Steven McCauley

Felecia Jones
Julio Romero
LaVon Merritt
Matt McCarroll
Samuel Faske
Stephen Head

Review of Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

The financial report for September was not available to review at this meeting. Kim Head will review it at the November meeting.

Jennifer Francis reviewed a revision made to the August Financial Report that was made due to a typo mistake. The transfer from the Capital One Spark Unlimited Checking account to the TDECU account should have been \$40,000.00 not \$40,00.00.

Cattle Baron Sale & Futurity:

Jennifer Francis formed a committee that consists of Jennifer Francis (chairman), Steven McCauley, Stephen Head, and Kathy Palladini. Dan Huntington will be

the auctioneer for the futurity in addition to the sale. He along with Bear Davidson and Chase Vasut will manage the Calcutta for us. All of the documents and mail in entry forms are now on our website and the online entry forms should be there by this time next week. Jennifer discussed all of the sponsorship levels and encouraged everyone to reach out to anyone they know who would be interested in sponsoring. Our first e-blast is scheduled for October 15th. Jennifer is assembling a list of consignors from the three previous years and will have a better idea at the next meeting how many people she needs to help make phone calls. Arrangements were made by Kathy Palladini for the host hotel (Best Western Premier in Bryan). The Friday and Saturday rate for a King or Double Queen room is \$89/night. Remy asked about plans for the buckles because he has a vendor to recommend. Leigh Salsbury will be planning and ordering the buckles. She is open to exploring any recommendations, but after her experience with the vendor she used for buckles and banners for the spring show she most likely will go back to using Superior Trophies.

Spring Show:

Stephen Head shared the history of how the stalling arrangements have changed over time at Miracle Farm. After last year's event, Miracle Farm decided it was too difficult to clean up the hay and shavings from the sand to restore it to the condition it needs to be in for their horse events so they have notified us that we will no longer be allowed to stall inside the roping arena. We can stall in the horse barn and on the outside perimeter of the roping arena, so we would need to rent a large enough tent to setup panels underneath to replace the stalling space we lost inside the roping arena. This makes it difficult for us to grow our show, preventing us from progressing. It will be difficult if not impossible to secure a different venue for the 2023 show, but we should start researching other options now for the 2024 show. Leigh checked into the Brazos County Expo Center, but it's highly unlikely a spot will open up those first two weekends in May. She is looking into various other locations. Other suggestions were shared and Stephen will look into the ones that are potential prospects. Stephen will move forward with planning the 2023 show at Miracle Farm with tent rental for outside stalling. The show is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023.

Calf Donation Program:

Kathy Lewis reported there are three donation calves that still need to be registered to TLBGCA. The two from Amy Calhoun at Blossom Ridge Ranch were picked up recently and will be registered soon. The third animal is Dr. Lou Shield's. Kathy has been trying to reach her, but hasn't been able to get a response back. She will keep trying.

Stephen Head notified us that the steer he and Kim donated passed away. Avery Roesler had taken him to the show in Abilene and the following week he died from some type of pneumonia. Based on the timing, the vet thinks he probably contracted it at the show. Stephen is donating a new, replacement calf and will deliver it to Avery at a show in October.

There has been no response back from the letter sent out in reference to Morgan Riffe's donation steer. The missing donation steer from last year was disposed of in HORNS. Kathy Lewis is now considering these two matters officially closed.

Topics from the Floor:

This year is Division B's turn to nominate and elect new regional directors. Stephen Head is the current Division B Director for Region 11 and is willing to continue serving if nominated. For anyone who is interested in this position, or is interested in nominating someone, information can be found in the September edition of the Trails magazine. An individual must receive at least 5 nominations from active or lifetime members of TLBAA in order to be placed on the ballot.

Jennifer Francis shared that Julio Romero converted the Bylaws from a pdf format to a Microsoft Word format. Updating the Bylaws will be quicker and easier for the committee now. Jennifer suggested the committee choose someone as a chairman to plan their meetings and to provide progress updates at the monthly meetings as needed. The committee will need to present their proposed updates/changes to the board of directors no later than the May meeting in order for the board to approve by the June meeting. The new Bylaws will need to be approved by the membership at our annual meeting in July.

Since Kathy Lewis did not receive any recommendations for other forms of communication to use with the group, Jennifer Francis recommended we move forward with using the GroupMe app that she had already setup. She will be sending information to help the remaining 7 members join the group.

Jennifer Francis suggested we consider purchasing a professional looking 10 ft. tall by 20 ft. wide backdrop and stand to use at our events. Stephen Head agreed it would be a good investment and supported the idea. There were no objections voiced so Jennifer will gather some quotes to present to the board for final approval.

Steven McCauley asked for prayers for safe travels for his girls who are traveling with Andrea Wilson and the Longhorn Project team to show at the Annual ITLA Convention and Championship Show in Duncan, Oklahoma this coming weekend.

Jennifer Francis reminded everyone to keep Brent Bolen's family in their prayers. Brent's memorial service will be this coming Friday. Jennifer will order flowers.

Meeting Adjourned:

LaVon Merritt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stephen Head seconded the motion. Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm. We will reconvene on November 8, 2022.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis