



# Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting  
August 8, 2023  
Conference Call, 7:00 pm

## **Call to Order:**

Kathy Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ben Herman

Julio Romero

Kathy Lewis

Kelli Jones

Kristi Washburn

Remy Broussard

Stephen Head

Jennifer Francis

Karen Allen

Kathy Palladini

Kim Head

Nel Scott

Sarah Buentello

Tonie Romero

## **Review of Minutes:**

We reviewed the minutes from the June board of directors meeting and the July annual membership meeting. Julio Romero made a motion to approve the June minutes and Remy Broussard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Julio Romero made a motion to approve the July minutes and Kim Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Financial Report:**

Kim Head reviewed our finances for July. Our previous bank balance on 6/30/2023 was \$98,446.85. Total deposits/credits were \$1,268.81. Total checks/debits were \$3,314.76. Our ending bank balance on 7/31/2023 was \$96,400.90 (\$67,754.40 in the checking account and \$28,646.50 in the savings account). There were outstanding checks in the amount of \$158.00.

The \$28,646.50 balance in the savings account consists of: future scholarship obligations of \$15,000, Erica Hinojosa's \$1,000 scholarship that needs to be transferred to the checking account to cover the payment that was issued in July, TLBGCA Scholarship funds available for future awards of \$8,134, Russell Clements Memorial Scholarship funds available for future awards of \$4,500, and accumulated interest income of \$12.50.

## **Annual Membership Meeting:**

Kathy Lewis took a moment to welcome the new directors that were elected at the annual membership meeting. Since she was unable to attend that meeting, Kathy asked those who were there to share their thoughts. She was very appreciative to Leigh Salsbury for standing in for her. There was a good turnout with 55 people in attendance. Kim Head pointed out that in addition to really liking the Monument Inn, she was impressed to learn from Felecia Jones that they only charged us for the actual number that attended not the number who rsvp'd. We gained a few new memberships at the dinner and throughout the month of July.

## **Personal Comments From Kathy Lewis:**

Kathy apologized for missing the annual membership meeting, the most important one of the year. It has been a rough year for her in so many ways. She thanked everyone for their support. She still doesn't know if she'll be able to keep her house or what the future holds, but she promised to give more this year than last year. Stephen Head assured her – and everyone agreed – there was no need to apologize. She needs to take care of what she needs to take care of, and we are here to support her.

## **Fall Show:**

Stephen Head only found 2 facilities that are available Fall 2023: Austin County Fairgrounds in Bellville the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> (he and Kim only looked briefly at this venue on their own) and the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg the weekends of December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. STLA is having a show in Llano on October 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the Heart of Texas affiliate (HOT). There are conflicts on all of these weekends with other shows that are already scheduled. Julio Romero asked about picking a date for Fall 2024 so that we could go ahead and try to secure something now. Rosenberg is the overall better facility, but a little more south than we would like. Bellville is better in terms of location. After some good back and forth discussion, it was decided to check into scheduling a fall show the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September 2024 at the Grimes County Fairgrounds in Navasota. Even though this is also the same location as the Spring Show, we will plan to have a different structure, as previously discussed, to ensure people will be interested in participating at both shows.

## **Spring Show:**

Stephen Head signed a contract for May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Grimes County Fairgrounds in Navasota. This venue is very affordable, the location is good, and the people there are very friendly. Stephen Head made a motion to approve this location for the 2024 Spring Show and Ben Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the cancellation of the Cattle Baron Sale. Stephen Head made a motion to only have the Winchester Futurity in 2024 and Jennifer Francis seconded the motion. The futurity has already been scheduled with the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission in Bryan, Texas for March 1-3, 2024 (move-in 3/1, futurity 3/2, and move-out by noon 3/3). Scott Scarmardo lowered the facility rental fee to \$2,000 since we will be using the facility one less day than in previous years. It was decided to not provide free hay this year. People can bring their own hay or purchase hay from the sale barn. Jennifer Francis will contact the Best Western Premier Bryan College Station to reserve the entire ballroom for the banquet and reserve a block of rooms.

## **Calf Donation Program:**

There are 9 animals. Kathy Lewis has 8 registrations in hand, ready to be mailed out to the youth. The donor is taking care of the registration for the 9<sup>th</sup> calf.

## **Topics from the Floor:**

Jennifer Francis mentioned the idea of having a raffle of some sort that we could sell tickets for all season long as opposed to the rifle raffle tickets that are only sold at the sale and futurity. Kathy Lewis shared one good idea at the June meeting, and Jennifer encouraged others to share any additional ideas.

## **Meeting Adjourned:**

Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.

*Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis*