



Board of Directors meeting
August 7th, 2018
Saltgrass Steakhouse, Meyerland Plaza, Houston, TX

Attendance

Mindy Ybarra	Luis Medina	Felecia Jones
Lou Shields	Kathy Lewis	Steve Azinger
Stephen Head	Charlotte Hamilton	Jenifer Francis
Helen Cloakey	Ron Hamilton	Kyle Drennan

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Dr. Lou Shields.

Introductions of board members

Since there are several new members on the board of directors, each member present was given a minute to introduce themselves.

Minutes of previous meeting

Reviewed minutes of annual membership meeting held on July 14, 2018. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Felecia Jones and seconded by Lou Shields. Motion passed.

Financial report

The financial report was presented by Jennifer Francis.
The balance at the end of the fiscal year (6/30/18) was \$121,103.82.
The balance on 7/31/18 was \$108,152.08.
No approval needed.

Change in meeting venue

Stephen Head suggested that we should look for another place to conduct the board of directors meeting rather than at the Saltgrass Steakhouse. Recommendations were requested for alternate locations. It was suggested that we may move the meeting around instead of always being in the same location. Charlotte Hamilton and Kathy Lewis both volunteered their homes for meetings. The September meeting will again be held at the Saltgrass Steakhouse; the October meeting will be held at Ron & Charlotte's home.

Cattle Baron Sale and Winchester Futurity

The sale and futurity will be held at the Mid-Tex Livestock Auction facility in Navasota, TX, on February 22 & 23, 2019. A deposit has already been paid to the auction barn. Need to contact the owner (John, 936-825-3970) to confirm that the facility is reserved.

Discussed leadership role for the Cattle Baron Sale and Winchester Futurity. Steve Azinger stated that he would help with the sale but that he would not be the organizer of the event in 2019. Steve thought that Rick Friedrich was planning on being the event organizer. Stephen Head will check with Rick to verify that he is planning on being the organizer of the sale and futurity.

Helen Cloakey volunteered to help in any capacity needed. Stephen volunteered to help with the futurity, particularly the creation of the program. Jennifer volunteered to help with data entry during the futurity. Helen expressed a concern about penning animals from different owners together. We discussed the difficulty with penning all of the sale animals and all of the futurity animals in a limited space and that no good solution has ever been found for the problem.

Spring Show

The show will be held at Miracle Farm on May 3-5, 2019. Stephen is willing to be the show organizer, but he would like a volunteer to be responsible for selecting and purchasing the awards. He would also like it if someone was interested in managing the calf donation program. Kathy Lewis volunteered to lead this program. Luis suggested creating an electronic site where the calf recipients would upload their bi-monthly letters, photos and reports rather than having to send them to the program organizer.

Means to keep members engaged

Discussed ways to keep TLBGCA members aware of events, activities and accomplishments. Talked about using social media (Facebook Instagram), updating the website, and creating a periodic (monthly? quarterly?) newsletter. Luis Medina had some ideas for member profile articles and volunteered to go to people's ranches to take photographs for the articles. We could create a member interview form (questionnaire) and send it to members.

Luis also suggested having a "fillable" on-line membership form so that members would not have to print and mail membership forms. Charlotte Hamilton volunteered to create this form.

Minutes recorded by Felecia Jones.