



Texas Longhorn Breeders Gulf Coast Association

Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 2023
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
Jennifer Francis
Kathy Lewis
Nel Scott
Sarah Buentello

Ben Herman
Karen Allen
Kim Head
Remy Broussard
Stephen Head

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the August board of directors meeting. Remy Broussard made a motion to approve those minutes and Kim Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Kim Head reviewed our finances for August. Our previous bank balance on 7/31/2023 was \$96,400.90. Total deposits/credits were \$7,199.01. Total checks/debits were \$11,285.52. Our ending bank balance on 8/31/2023 was \$92,314.39 (\$70,165.67 in the checking account and \$22,148.72 in the savings account). There were outstanding checks in the amount of \$1,709.20.

The \$22,148.72 balance in the savings account consists of: future scholarship obligations of \$9,500, 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 \$14.72.

At the 2023 Spring Show, \$2,460 was raised for the scholarship fund (silent auction - \$1,117, t-shirt sales - \$881 and 50/50 raffle - \$462). Jennifer Francis made a motion to transfer \$2,500 from the checking account to the savings account and Stephen Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Allen asked why we have such a large balance in our checking account instead of investing some amount of it in a money market fund or something that would earn better interest. After some discussion, it was decided that Kim would contact TDECU to learn more about what kind of investment options they can offer us for an amount of \$25K - \$30K.

At this time, Kathy Lewis brought up the topic of ideas for a raffle and we landed on the idea of a chute. Remy Broussard will check into the price of The Duby Chute, Kathy Lewis will check into the price of The Joe Chute, and Karen Allen for check into the price of a P&C Chute.

Matagorda Show:

Scheduled for February 10, 2024. We can go ahead and start our publicity for it now that we have the date. Stephen Head gave an overview of this show for those who are unfamiliar with it because of its differences from a typical Longhorn Show.

Spring Show:

Scheduled for the weekend of May 10-12, 2024 at the Grimes County Fairgrounds in Navasota. There are no concessions, but they provided the names of some local food trucks. A deposit has been made with them to secure this weekend.

Fall Show:

Scheduled for the weekend of September 20-22, 2024 at the Grimes County Fairgrounds also. We could consider adding a Friday points only show if interested. Julio Romero will be the chairman for this show.

A Facebook post will be made with the dates of our 2024 events now that they have been secured.

Winchester Futurity:

Remy Broussard suggested we decide on our judge selection now so that we can secure them. The ballroom rental fee is \$800 (compared to \$581 paid in 2023 for two-thirds of the ballroom). Jennifer Francis will sign the contract to secure the entire ballroom and also secure a block of rooms at Best Western Premier Bryan College Station. Jennifer has drafted Request for Proposal (RFP) forms for auctioneer services and back crew services. She will be updating all of the other documents before the next meeting and plans to send an e-blast. She questioned whether we want to keep the class structures the same as previous years or change them. She will reach out to Bear Davidson and Chase Vasut to see what she can learn about other futurity class structures. Jennifer shared that

this will be her last year serving on the board and would like to have someone shadow her this year to learn the ropes in preparation to take over for the 2025 futurity. Anyone interested can reach out to her to ask questions and learn more about what this commitment involves. Nel Scott expressed an interest.

Trails Affiliate News:

Kathy Lewis has been doing the affiliate write-up for the Trails magazine, and she asked for recommendations of information to share. Nel Scott suggested including some of the reports and photos given by recipients of donated calves. This would be an additional way of recognizing our donors.

Calf Donation Program:

Kathy Lewis shared an update. Some of the kids aren't sending any photos, but they are doing a good job overall with their reports. Everyone is up-to-date on their reports. Some of the calves have already been entered in their first show. Stephen and Kim Head shared how this project has become a family affair for Anthony Quinn's family.

Topics from the Floor:

Memberships: new lifetime member – Kathy Lewis; a couple from Missouri that sent in a membership application – Stanley and Tonya Dickson; students from the Oakridge High School program.

After the meeting had been adjourned (and many people had already left the call), Stephen Head remembered he meant to share about Bill Merritt (husband of former director, Lavon Merritt). Bill has been unresponsive in the hospital since suffering a heart attack. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

Meeting Adjourned:

Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 3rd 2023.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis