

TEXAS LONGHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Board of Directors meeting
June 29, 2023, 7:05 p.m. CDT
via teleconference

Roll Call

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Division B</u>	<u>Division C</u>
x Deb Lesyk	✓ David Wars	x Justin Georges
✓ Johnny Hicks (open)	✓ Kevin Rooker	✓ David Edwards
	✓ Amanda Danley	✓ Kris Johnson
	x Keith Hagler	✓ Mike Lucas
<u>At-Large</u>	✓ Stephen Head	
✓ Keith DuBose	✓ Mike McLeod	11 present
✓ Elizabeth Fritz		3 absent

Minutes of 4/27/23 Meeting for Review and Approval

Minutes of the TLBAA board of directors meeting held on 4/27/2023 were presented for review and approval. A couple of names were misspelled; those were corrected immediately.

- David Wars made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Fritz, that the minutes be accepted. The motion passed without opposition.

The minutes of the 4/27/23 meeting recorded two actions (votes) without any motions or seconds. These votes pertained to the proposals addressing the TLBT Advisors Committee.

- David Wars made a motion, seconded by Amanda Danley, to accept the results of the votes as recorded in the minutes of the 4/27/23 meeting. The motion passed without opposition.

Financial Report

Kevin Rooker presented a Balance sheet and a Profit & Loss report for May, 2023. He reported that the overhaul of the financial software has been completed; it is a simpler system now, utilizing Quick Books.

Kevin asked the BOD members what they would like to see in the reports. Elizabeth suggested condensing the report to fewer line items. She also suggested publishing the condensed report in the *Trails* quarterly.

- Elizabeth Fritz made a motion, seconded by Mike Lucas, to accept the treasury reports as presented. The motion passed without opposition.

Committee Updates

Horn Showcase – Elizabeth reported that \$100k in sponsorships has been pledged. There are currently 57 consignments for the sale.



Update on Annual Meeting and Longhorn Weekend

At the annual meeting in January, 2023, Elizabeth volunteered to look for an improved site for the annual meeting and Longhorn Weekend. Elizabeth reported that the meetings could be held in the Stage Coach room in the Amon Carter building in the Will Rogers Memorial complex. This would make it possible for people checking in show cattle or sale cattle to still attend the various meetings. Will Rogers personnel could obtain a block of tickets to the ranch rodeo for TLBAA members attending the weekend.

No action was taken on this issue.

Filling of Region 5 & 6 Director Position

The Region 5 & 6 Director position was vacated by the resignation of Dora Thompson. Two members, Tom Ryder and Remy Broussard, expressed interest in serving on the Board of Directors as the Region 5 & 6 Director. Letters from both individuals were provided to the BOD for review.

- Keith DuBose made a motion, seconded by Stephen Head, to have a roll-call vote to select between Tom Ryder and Remy Broussard for the Region 5 & 6 Director. The motion passed without opposition.
- Tom Ryder was selected as the new director by a vote of 6 to 4. The following six individuals voted for Tom: David W., Kevin, David E., Mike L., Elizabeth and Keith. These four individuals voted for Remy: Amanda, Stephen, Mike M. and Kris.

Proposal for Exhibition Bulls

Julie Pack submitted a proposal that would require fertility testing for bulls that are entered into TLBAA events (shows, futurities, horn measuring). There are rules regarding fertility of females entering in competitions, but there are not any similar rules for bulls.

Kevin wondered if there is a problem with fertility in Texas Longhorn bulls. Johnny believes fertility is a real issue and we should address it. Mike L. liked that idea of testing bulls because it creates a higher standard than what exists today. He added that it should only have to be a one-time test that would not need to be repeated for each competition. David W. suggested that the age requirement in the proposal be changed to 18 months old and that it be a one-time test.

Amanda preferred to send this proposal to the World Show Committee for their feedback before taking any action. Stephen suggested that it should probably be sent to the Horn Showcase Committee as well since this would affect both types of competitions.

- David Wars made a motion, seconded by Mike Lucas, to modify the proposal so that bulls 18 months and older must have an acceptable (viable, satisfactory, or similar wording) fertility test to be eligible for participation in TLBAA events (shows, futurities, horn measurements). The test would be a one-time requirement that could be used for all subsequent events. The fertility test results would need to be presented at check-in for each event. The modified proposal would be sent to the World Show Committee and

the Horn Showcase committee for input/feedback, with response by 7/20/23. The motion passed without opposition.

Modification of Rules for Exhibition Females

Rules currently exist regarding fertility of females entered into TLBAA competitions. However, the rules for qualifying shows and the Horn Showcase are not consistent. Show rules require that females over 30 months old must have a nursing calf at side or a positive pregnancy test in order to compete. The Horn Showcase rules require females over 36 months old to have a nursing calf at side, or a positive pregnancy test, or a registered calf in the TLBAA records. A desire was expressed to have the rules consistent between the various events.

- Stephen Head made a motion, seconded by Keith DuBose, to present to the World Show Committee and the Horn Showcase Committee a proposal to consolidate the rules so that females 30 months or older must have a nursing calf at side, or a positive pregnancy test or a registered, natural birth calf in the TLBAA records in order to be eligible for TLBAA events (shows, futurities, horn measurements). The motion passed without opposition.

Proposal for Measurement of Miniature Cattle

Amanda presented a proposal from the Miniature Committee to modify the way miniature cattle are measured. The proposal recommended removing the photograph showing a carpenter square over the spine of a cow. The proposal is for the measurement to be taken at the top of the hook bone instead of the spine. It states that a flat object should be placed on the hook bone and the distance should be measured from the ground to the flat object.

There was some objection to the fact that it was not stated that the flat object must be placed on the hook bone “level to the ground”. A flat object placed on the hook bone, but not level, would result in a false measurement.

- Amanda Danley made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rooker, to send the proposal back to the committee with the addition of the word “level”. An object with a flat edge should be set “level” on the animal’s hook bone. (There is a cell phone app that includes a level. When this app is used, a cell phone would be ideal for the flat object.) The motion passed without opposition.

Proposal for AI Certification

Julie Pack submitted a proposal regarding AI Certification for bulls. The proposal would create different tiers of certification based on whether the bull met all published requirements or if the bull was accepted under a hardship (typically when one parent can’t be verified).

- David Wars made a motion, seconded by Keith DuBose, to table the proposal regarding AI Certification. The motion passed without opposition.

ITLA Registrations

ITLA has been experiencing issues with new registrations. ITLA has also experienced significant turnover in personnel in recent months, including their registrar. Due to the registration issues, a question was raised about TLBAA accepting registrations from ITLA.

- Mike Lucas made a motion, seconded by Keith DuBose, that TLBAA should put a hold on accepting new registrations and transfers from ITLA until the TLBAA board of directors reviews the potential issues with ITLA registrations, effective 7/1/2023. The motion passed without opposition.

Johnny will communicate this decision to the ITLA leadership.

Hardship Requests for AI Certification

Hardship requests for AI Certification were submitted for two bulls, POR Lucky Joe Exotic and 5T's Cadillac Cowboy 220.

- David Wars made a motion, seconded by Keith DuBose, to table both AI Certification hardship requests until a future meeting. The motion passed without opposition.

Term Limit Proposal

Justin Rombeck submitted a proposal to limit length of terms that a person could serve on the TLBAA Board of Directors. Per David Wars, Parliamentarian for the BOD, this change would affect the TLBAA by-laws. By-laws changes must be implemented by the TLBAA members, not by the board of directors. There was no discussion on this topic.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, July 27, 2023.

- Mike M. made a motion, seconded by Kevin, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. CDT.