

TEXAS LONGHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Board of Directors meeting

March 27, 2025 7:30 p.m. CST

Via Zoom

Roll Call

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Division B</u>	<u>Division C</u>
✓ Matt Bourbon	✓ Josh Gentry	✓ Justin Georges
✓ Mark Hubbell	✓ Kevin Rooker	✓ Walker Hance
☒ Tom Ryder	✓ Amanda Danley	✓ Kris Johnson
	✓ Keith Hagler	✓ Dave Berry
<u>At-Large</u>	☒ Stephen Head	
✓ Keith DuBose	✓ Mike McLeod	13 present
✓ Elizabeth Fritz		2 absent

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the TLBAA board of directors meeting held on February 27, 2025 were presented for review and approval.

- Elizabeth Fritz made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rooker, to accept the meeting minutes. The motion passed without opposition.

Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth Fritz submitted the financials through February. Sponsorships from the Eddie Wood Sale will continue be used for advertising. Other income will be coming in during the months of May, June and July with membership renewals. Elizabeth stated that the office has been working on putting a budget together. The CPA firm has sent a proposal for working on our financial statement and an audit. We are looking at ways to save costs and bring in more revenue.

- Keith Dubose made a motion, seconded by Keith Hagler, to accept the treasure's. The motion passed without opposition.

AI Certification Proposal

The board received a proposal from Julie Pack to offer two tiers of AI certification.

Option 1-“Premium AI Certified Sires” would have DNA markers on file as well as being parentage verified and passing a BSE. The lower tier would be “AI Sires” and have DNA on file, pass a BSE, but would allow breeders who were unable to parent verify to still certify them.

Option 2- Leave all current requirements in place, but create guidelines for accepting or rejecting a bull's application cased on requirements.

Option 3-Re-word the proposal presented at the Jan 17, 2025 meeting: There will be no DNA Certification Hardships for any bulls born through natural service or AI after January 1, 2026 or for bulls produced through embryo transfer that were frozen after January 1, 2026. Bulls born from embryos frozen before January 1, 2026 may still be considered for hardship certification at the

discretion of the BOD. All bulls born after January 1, 2026, will have to complete all requirements for DNA Parent Verification (except as noted above) and health tests submit a Society For Theriogenology or equivalent Breeding Soundness Exam with a score of “satisfactory potential breeder” before they can be issued an A.I. certification number.

Keith Hagler made a motion, seconded by Keith DuBose to send the proposal back for clarification. The motion passed without opposition.

Non-Haltered Proposal

The board received a proposal from the World Show Steering Committee to make changes to Non-Haltered shows. The change would require exhibitors to choose whether their female cattle will compete in the Haltered or Non-Haltered division. Once an animal has been shown in either division, it must remain in that category for the remainder of the show season. WSSC has come up with an action plan to increase Non-Haltered participation.

Keith DuBose made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rooker to accept the proposal. The motion passed without opposition.

Tex-Select Proposal

The board received a proposal from Julie Pack to redesignate the “F1” registry as the “Tex-Select” registry and eliminate the “crossbred” and “F1 Registration” and replace them with “Tex-Select”. This would remove all restrictions on outside breeds so that any purebred registered animal may be used to breed Tex-Select cattle. The proposal called for classes at major livestock shows to be offered for Tex-Select cattle.

Keith DuBose made a motion, seconded by Dave Berry to reject the proposal. The motion passed without opposition.

Miniature Measurement Proposal

The board received a proposal from the World Show Steering Committee to implement new miniature measuring protest rules requiring protests to be filed before the 2025 World Expo and before all shows starting July 1, 2025. The proposal also requested adding the wording “Only exhibitors participating in the show may file a protest, and they must be present at the event to do so.”

Kevin Rooker made a motion, seconded by Mark Hubbell to accept the proposal. The motion passed without opposition.

Exhibition Bull Fertility Proposal

The board received a proposal from Julie Pack to require exhibition bulls 15 months of age or older to meet minimum required standards to be classified as a “Satisfactory Potential Breeder” as defined by the Society For Theriogenology. Tests would be valid for 6 months for the purpose of exhibition in World Show Qualifying Shows or TLBAA sponsored futurities. Passing test results would be required within 60 days for exhibition at the World Show or Horn Showcase.

Amanda Danley made a motion, seconded by Kevin Rooker to reject the proposal. The motion passed without opposition.

ITLA Transfers

Josh Gentry reported that there have been multiple issues with ITLA transfers of AI sires that have not been parent verified. There was discussion amongst the board expressing concern that you can't guarantee their parentage is transferring over correctly and we must protect and preserve the breed. Several mentioned that they didn't understand why we still allow those bulls to come in without meeting our standards. Mark Hubbell mentioned contacting the ITLA to discuss the possibility of mandating DNA testing on their bulls and potential policy changes.

Keith Hagler made a motion, seconded by Dave Berry to table the discussion until more information was provided and the Executive Committee could put together a proposal for the next meeting. The motion passed without opposition.

Meeting Adjournment

- Kevin Rooker made a motion, seconded by Keith DuBose, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. without objection.