

# TEXAS LONGHORN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Board of Directors meeting

September 4, 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	x Walker Hance
✓ Tom Ryder	✓ Amanda Danley	x 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 July 31, 2025 were presented for review and approval.

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

## Treasurer's Report

An unofficial treasurer's report was submitted to show the balances of July and August. No vote was needed to approve.

## Mesquite Rodeo

The board discussed the success of the recent Mesquite Rodeo event, noting a strong turnout and positive engagement with the crowd. It was agreed to pursue a similar presence at the Cowtown Stockyards Rodeo during Longhorn Weekend in January. Josh Gentry will continue to explore the possibility of a Longhorn presence at the Stockyards Rodeo during Longhorn weekend in January. The event was considered successful in promoting brand recognition and audience interaction.

## Affiliate Committee

The board discussed the resignation of Deb Lesyk as chairperson of the Affiliate Relations Committee, with Kevin Rooker agreeing to contact committee members about potentially stepping into leadership roles and filling the open position.

## A.I. Certification Hardship Request

An A.I. Certification hardship request was received from Ross Ohlendorf for The Legend RO, BI107822. The dam JB Untouchabull Lollypop is deceased, thereby making it impossible to collect DNA for parent verification.

- Matt Bourbon made a motion, seconded by Keith Hagler, to accept this hardship request. The Minutes recorded by Amanda Danley

motion passed without opposition.

### **Membership Surveys**

The board reviewed surveys submitted by members and encouraged directors to follow up with respondents within their respective regions.

### **DNA Test Proposal**

The DNA Committee sent a proposal asking to change the wording for what was needed for parent verification. The board addressed concerns about using siblings for parentage verification, as Neogen would not approve such methods, and it was agreed to remove this provision from the document.

➤ Kevin Rooker made a motion, seconded by Matt Bourbon, to accept the proposed word changes to be sent to the membership for approval. The motion passed without opposition.

### **Trim Chute Proposal**

A proposal was sent in by Nick Mathey requesting that the board allow the use of trim chutes at shows. The current rule states the use of grooming chutes is prohibited. The WSSC has looked over the proposal and is recommending the following rule change: Portable grooming chutes are permitted at TLBAA-sanctioned shows provided they have been approved in advance by the show's affiliate organization and/or show chair. All portable grooming chutes must be securely attached to the exhibitor's assigned stalls and may not be free-standing in aisles or common spaces. Chutes shall not extend into or otherwise reduce the stalling space of other exhibitors. Exhibitors are advised that some major stock shows do not allow portable grooming chutes; in such cases, exhibitors must comply with the rules and regulations stated in the show's premium book.

➤ Kevin Rooker made a motion, seconded by Matt Bourbon, to accept the proposed rule change. The motion passed without opposition.

### **Member Complaint Handling Protocol**

The board discussed the handling of complaints and protests within the organization. They agreed to remind affiliates and show chairs of the proper protocol, which involves addressing issues at the local level before appealing to the board.

### **September Board Meeting**

With Horn Showcase coming up and several members helping with the event, the board discussed cancelling the September meeting.

➤ Dave Berry made a motion, seconded by Matt Bourbon, to cancel the September the meeting. The motion passed without opposition

### **Meeting Adjournment**

➤ Amanda Danley made a motion, seconded by Matt Bourbon, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. without objection.