

Minutes
STLA Board of Directors' Meeting
January 11, 2009

Texas Grill Restaurant, Bastrop, Texas

STLA President, Louis Christa, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm at the Texas Grill, Bastrop, Texas.

Board Members in attendance: Louis Christa, Clarence Harabis, Teresa Castillo, Patsy Davidson, Bill Plaisance, Steven Zunker, Ray Berger, Cindy Dennis, Daniel Harabis, Suzanne Perry, Glen West, Tonya Beck and Darlene Aldridge.

Not in attendance: Barbara Homer.

The motion to accept the following ratification of board actions approved by e-mail was made by Bill Plaisance.

- a. May 18, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- b. Donation of \$50 to TLBT
- c. 2008 Fall Field Day Date
- d. 2009 Star of Texas Premium Commitment
- e. 2008 Fall Field Day Expenses
- f. Purchase of Field Day Directional Signs
- g. 2008 Wharton Show Budget
- h. 2009 San Antonio Show Budget

Seconded by Steven Zunker. Vote: Yes by all present

Bill Plaisance, Treasurer, gave the financial report. (as of meeting date)

\$13,839.16 Checking
\$33,385.70 Savings
\$47,234.86

Bill reported no outstanding expenses at this time.

Clarence Harabis made the motion to accept the report, seconded by Darlene Aldridge. Vote passed by all present.

Daniel Harabis, membership chair, reported 68 renewals, 9 life members, 25 adults – new, 12 youth - new, 1 business, 1 honorary membership. Total membership – 120. Ray Berger made a motion to accept the new members, seconded by Patsy Davidson and the vote passed by all present. New membership list attached to the minutes.

Louis Christa reported that the Rockdale Show changes involved a change in show times, a facility fee increase, and the number of estimated entries. Steven Zunker

made the motion to accept the changes, Glen West seconded, and the motion passed by all present.

Daniel Harabis, chair of the Star of Texas Show, reported that there is an ongoing discussion on the parking pass for the show. Postcards had been mailed to all TLBT members and a flyer will go out next week to all TLBT members advertising the show. Daniel reported that STLA will be responsible for showmanship awards and the programs. A motion was made by Clarence Harabis to budget \$1,500.00 for the showmanship awards and programs, seconded by Glen West and passed by all present. The previous estimate of \$1000.00 is no longer relevant. Glen West volunteered to be a judge if needed. Daniel reminded us the entry deadline is February 1, 2009.

Steven Zunker, chair of the San Antonio Show, reported the goal had been met for the Belt Buckle Fund and a sign with the sponsors names will be displayed at the show. Glen West volunteered to be the arena steward for the Youth Show and Rod Castillo will be the back pen steward with helpers Daniel Harabis and Steven Zunker.

Cindy Dennis and Bill Plaisance reported the Winter Festival show was a success making \$1,247.00. Cindy will clarify the costs and use of panels and secure a show date for 2010.

Louis Christa appointed Tonya Beck and Clarence Harabis to the Scholarship Committee. Teresa Castillo made the motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Bill Plaisance and the vote passed by all present.

Steven Zunker reported Ian and Brenda Pettit had obtained two \$ 750.00 scholarships (total of \$1,500) from ERA Mineral and Central Life Sciences. This is a one time only scholarship for 2009. Discussion of requirements followed. The Scholarship Committee will determine the final requirements for applying for these scholarships and notify the board by e-mail.

Suzanne Perry reported work had not begun in updating the STLA History on the website.

Darlene Aldridge led a discussion on the possibility of having a STLA Sale/Futurity Event in 2010. The board agreed for her to explore further and report back.

Teresa Castillo and Suzanne Perry reported that 12 ads had been sold for the February 2009 Co-op Ad to go in the *Trails* magazine. Total revenue was \$1,920.00. Actual cost was \$1,650.00. STLA netted \$ 270.00 on the project. Teresa reported sending out letters to all members who had previously placed an ad.

Louis Christa gave the following announcements:

- A roper sale on March 21, 2009 and if any additional information was needed, contact him.
- TLBAA Meetings

January 16, 2009 – 8am – Affiliate President’s Meeting
9am – Board of Director’s Meeting
10am – General Membership Meeting

Louis Christa appointed Teresa Castillo as chair and Patsy Davidson and Suzanne Perry as committee members to explore ways the board members can be identified at events.

Spring Field Day Planning: Suzanne Perry reported she is looking for a location for the Annual General Meeting/Field Day. Cindy Dennis was asked to contact John T. Baker about a possibility of a one-day Cow Camp type event.

Nominating Committee: Louis Christa appointed Barbara Homer to chair the nominating committee; with Daniel Harabis and Gayle Kocian to serve as committee members to prepare for upcoming Board elections.

Newsletter: Darlene Aldridge questioned our newsletter purpose and frequency. The board agreed that it was a necessary tool needed to keep in touch with the membership. Suzanne Perry requested more members carry their cameras and send pictures and articles to Darlene.

By-Law Changes: The By-Law changes will be published before the AGM.

Board Meetings: The board agreed that we will meet as the need arises.

Steven Zunker made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Suzanne Perry and the vote passed by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Davidson
Secretary