

South Texas Longhorn Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting May 18, 2008

Location: Box Z Ranch, Luling, Texas

The board meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by the President, Louis Christa.

Board members in attendance were: Louis Christa, Clarence Harabis, Patsy Davidson, Bill Plaisance, Steven Zunker, Barbara Homer, Ray Berger, Daniel Harabis, Suzanne Perry, Glen West, Darlene Aldridge.

Board members not in attendance were: Cindy Dennis, Tonya Beck, Teresa Castillo.

TLBAA Director in attendance was Steven Zunker.

The motion to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on April 26, 2008, was made by Steven Zunker, seconded by Glen West and approved by voice vote of the board.

The motion to approve the Called Board Meeting minutes, April 26, 2008, was made by Bill Plaisance, seconded by Clarence Harabis and approved by voice vote of the board.

Bill Plaisance gave the financial report. Copies of the Current Report and End of Year Report are attached to these minutes.

Daniel Harabis, membership chairperson, reported we have 113 members (17 5 year members, 84 1 year members and 10 life members). Daniel Harabis made a motion that the Membership Committee update and print a current directory of our membership and distribute copies to all members. Glen West seconded the motion and the motion passed by a voice vote of the board.

Daniel Harabis made a motion to add youth membership (17 years and under) for \$5.00 on the Application for Membership and seconded by Darlene Aldridge. An amendment to the motion was made by Suzanne Perry to add 'that changes be made on the scholarship requirements'. After discussion, the amendment was dropped and the original motion was unanimously passed by hand vote.

Daniel Harabis stated that an information letter and Application for Membership to prospective members will be sent out with the renewal letters.

A discussion proposing giving a free year's membership to longhorn cattle purchasers did not come to any conclusions.

A motion by Daniel Harabis to accept the following people for membership was seconded by Steven Zunker and unanimously approved by the board: Judy Coats of Hutto, Texas; Kenn Harding & Tammy Tiner of College Station, Texas; John Wayne & DeLane Mayfield of Cibolo, Texas; Doug & Darnell Muenchow of Floresville, Texas; John & Brenda Oliver of Waxahachie, Texas; and Dr. Terri Quebedeaux of Seguin, Texas.

A motion was made to change Ft. Griffin State Park from a life membership to an honorary membership by Daniel Harabis and seconded by Barbara Homer. The board unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Steven Zunker that STLA extend all benefits to a member in good standing until the member has gone 60 days delinquent on their dues. The motion was seconded by Ray Berger and unanimously approved by the board.

Louis Christa reported the Wharton Show is set for December 12-14, 2008. Cindy Dennis has volunteered to chair the show and is currently planning it. The board previously approved the date. Louis announced on Friday night a fish fry will be given by Melissa Rod. Saturday night a barbeque is planned.

Darlene Aldridge suggested that anyone wanting to 'trailer pool' to put a message on the STLA website message board.

Show entry fees were discussed. This discussion was tabled until show budgets are presented at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Steven Zunker that all entry fees within a show be the same. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Perry and approved by the board with a voice vote.

Darlene Aldridge made the motion to have the San Antonio show on Feb 6-7, 2009, with Chairperson, Steven Zunker. Bill Plaisance seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved by hand vote.

Patsy Davidson made the motion to have the Austin Star of Texas Show with Daniel Harabis as chairperson on some date in March, 2009. Seconded by Darlene Aldridge and unanimously approved by the board with hand vote.

Patsy Davidson made the motion to have the Rockdale Show with affiliate Heart of Texas on some weekend in April with chairperson, Glen West. Motion seconded by Barbara Homer and unanimously approved by a hand vote of the board.

Board approval on budgets for the year's shows will be made at the next board meeting.

Steven Zunker, Scholarship chairperson, made a motion to make changes in the Rules for Application for Scholarship. A copy is attached to these minutes. Glen West seconded the motion and the board approved by voice vote all but one change and the wording will remain the same on the first change requested.

Louis Christa appointed Steven Zunker to be Scholarship Chairperson for the ensuing year.

Old Business

Louis Christa suggested that we send 'thank you' letters to the Dear Run Ranch and TLBAA for purchasing and auctioning respectively the donated Chapman Semen. The board approved the request.

Louis Christa reported that we had three full pages sold according to Teresa Castillo, Co-op Ad chairperson. That is 18 ads at \$160 per ad. TLBAA gives us a 25% discount. Our profit will be \$405.00. Suzanne Perry reminded the board that the July issue deadline is Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

Suzanne Perry, Website chairperson, reported that the website will be updated and expanded with pictures, sale and show information, news stories, and encouraged the membership to use the message board. Suzanne requested the board review the home page and offer any suggestions for changes to her.

Suzanne Perry will stay involved to keep the newsletter going until a new chairperson can take on the duties. Darlene Aldridge has volunteered to assess the work involved and software needed with the possibility of becoming editor of the newsletter. A decision was tabled until the next meeting.

Daniel Harabis, Bylaws Committee chairperson, submitted changes to the bylaws. A copy of those changes is attached to these minutes and was given to each board member. Discussion followed and changes are referred to the membership for a vote at the next general meeting.

Louis Christa led the discussion in the need for liability insurance for the officers and board members. After much discussion, Louis volunteered to explore the cost of one day liability insurance for one day events.

New Business

Suzanne Perry made a motion that we give Rick Adams a \$200.00 gift certificate. Glen West seconded the motion. The board unanimously passed the motion with a voice vote.

Ray Berger made a motion to honor presidents back ten years with a plaque. Glen West seconded the motion. The vote was 2 for and 8 against. Suzanne Perry made the motion to honor outgoing presidents starting with 2009 with a commemorative award not to exceed \$200. Seconded by Darlene Aldridge and approved by a voice vote of the board.

Louis Christa checked to make sure every board member has a copy of the Affiliate Handbook. Everyone present concurred.

Steven Zunker led a discussion about possibly making a TLBAA World Show contribution. Steven made a motion that STLA sponsor the prizes up to a \$1000.00 for the national youth showmanship awards covering the first, second and third places. Bill Plaisance seconded the motion and the board approved with a voice vote.

Past President Tom Peoples has requested that the STLA history be updated. The current history was written in 2001 by Debbie Davis. Suzanne Perry volunteered to update the history on the website.

George and Eileen Gillespie have volunteered to have the Fall Field Day at their ranch in Kerrville. Suzanne Perry, Field Day chairperson, and Bill Plaisance, co-chairperson, will coordinate the planning with the Gillespies. Suzanne requested any ideas for the field day be emailed to her or Bill.

Louis Christa led a discussion on the question of STLA having a sale. Louis appointed Darlene Aldridge and Steven Zunker to the Sale Study Committee. This study would include the Futurity.

New Ideas and Goals

In a round-table discussion, boards members suggested ideas as follows:

Steven Zunker - Have events that include all members of STLA

Bill Plaisance -

1. Make a donation to the TLBT based on a request from them for funds for a specific project
2. Purchase and sponsor a calf for a deserving youngster who could not otherwise afford to participate in shows, in the four STLA shows for a year
3. Award a TLBT scholarship to a member of the TLBT chosen by the TLBT membership and/or to the TLBT president if they are a senior.
4. Award a scholarship at the TLBAA World Show;
5. Make a donation(s) to FFA organizations that participates in the STLA shows, (ie., The NASA team, the FFa teams)

Suzanne Perry - Create and plan an STLA Judging Clinic for TLBAA Show judges..

Barbara Homer - Have a one day youth show

Ray Berger - Sponsor a young person to go to “cow camp.”

Louis Christa - develop an STLA fun event, such as a trip to a casino.

Louis Christa announced our next meeting will be set when the Field Day event day is set.
Clarence Harabis made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Glen West.

The board adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Davidson,
Secretary