

Board of Directors Meeting April 9, 2024 Conference Call, 7:00 pm

Call to Order:

Kathy Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The following individuals were in attendance:

Brooke McCauley Jennifer Francis Karen Allen Kathy Palladini Kim Head Remy Broussard Stephen Head Ben Herman Julio Romero Kathy Lewis Kelli Jones Nel Scott Sarah Buentello Tonie Romero

Review of Minutes:

We reviewed the minutes from the March board of directors meeting. Stephen Head made a motion to approve those minutes, and Ben Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

A \$61.12 difference was discovered just prior to the meeting so Kim Head will need to look into this and redo the Financial Report for March. However, we can still get a general idea where we stand financially from what was on the report she emailed.

Our 3-month CD matured this past Sunday. When Kim checked with TDECU about reinvesting it into a 6-month CD, she learned they have a 12-month CD that earns 5% interest. Jennifer Francis made a motion to invest \$20K into a 12-month CD and Stephen Head seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It has been discovered that our credit card machine has been setup wrong, and Hartland was charging us a larger processing fee than they should have been. They are working on getting it corrected and reversing some of those charges; hopefully, by the next week or so.

The **\$26,662.29** balance in the savings account consists of: future scholarship obligations of **\$5,000** (2022: Trinity Summersill \$1,500; 2023: Blaine Moore \$1,500, Braxten Sterling \$1,000, Makayla Miller \$500, Jacob Ferrell \$500); TLBGCA Scholarship funds available for future awards of **\$17,134**; Russell Clements Memorial Scholarship funds available for future awards of **\$4,500**; and accumulated interest income of **\$28.29**.

Spring Show:

Stephen Head gave an update. Entries have been rolling in every day. The judges are: Connor Hardy for the Open Show, Katelynn Boysen for the Youth Show, and Reagan Cowen for the Youth Points Only Show. A Local BBQ place has been lined up for the Saturday evening dinner. Only 2 of the 5 local places Stephen contacted responded. He chose the one that offered the better value. Dinner will cost \$10/person. Stephen is still working on finding a food truck. The lady that ran the concessions for us at Miracle Farm inquired about selling her cheesecake in a jar dessert at the show. Stephen wants to find a food truck first to see if they have any issues with it. Stephen will reach out to his usual volunteers and then send out an email if he has any additional needs.

Dube Chute Raffle:

Julio Romero shared an update. Some tickets have been sold, but he hasn't calculated the amount. He created a Jotform to use for selling tickets and asked Stephen to review it. He plans to add the form to the website and social media to help get more tickets sold. The Spring Show should bring in some good ticket sales.

Scholarship Program:

Brook McCauley shared that she has received 9 applications for the TLBGCA Scholarships and 2 applications for the Russell Clements Memorial Scholarship. She will be forwarding these applications to the committee for them to discuss and make their selections. Kim Head made a motion to allow the scholarship committee to have up to a maximum of \$15K available to award to graduating high school seniors and Remy Broussard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Calf Donation Program

Kathy Lewis reported that she already has 8 calves committed to the 2024 Calf Donation Program so far. Three of those people are first time donors. She plans to put feelers out to see if she can't get 1 or 2 more.

Officer & Director Nominations for Upcoming Election:

Jennifer Francis is stepping down as the Secretary. Julio Romero said he would continue

to serve as Vice President. Kim Head is good with continuing to serve as Treasurer but would be happy to step aside if someone else is interested. Kathy Lewis said the same as Kim. Things seem to finally be calming down now in Kathy's life so she thinks she's in a good position to continue as President. Samuel Faske, Tonie Romero, Nel Scott, and Stephen Head are the four directors that will be rolling off this year. We will talk more at our next meeting and try to firm things up.

Topics from the Floor:

A selection has been made for the Boots on the Ground Buckle based on the recommendations received by Kathy Lewis. She will keep it a surprise until the annual meeting where the award will be presented.

Jennifer Francis mentioned that a decision needs to be made in order to secure the date and venue for 2025 Winchester Futurity. We will need one or two people to step up and serve as a new organizer, as well as people to serve on the futurity committee.

Meeting Adjourned:

Stephen Head made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Remy Broussard seconded the motion. Kathy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm. We will reconvene at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Francis