

**Llama Futurity Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2013**

The meeting was called to order via conference call at 7:33 PM CST by Ryan Laux, President.

Present for the meeting was Fran Soukup, Nick Hauptly, Sherri Tallmon, Tor Sorensen, Deb Yeagle and Ryan Laux. Paul Hastings was not present.

The Secretary Report was submitted by Sherri Tallmon which included items approved by the board previous to this meeting via email vote.

On 1/28/13, Fran Soukup made a motion to approve the January board minutes. Nick Hauptly seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote.

The Treasurer report for January was submitted by Fran Soukup. Sherri Tallmon made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, seconded by Tor Sorensen. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Old Business:

Sherri Tallmon will now act as co-Treasurer with Fran Soukup, Treasurer.

New Business:

Discussion followed regarding the LFA Futurity Show & Sale. Deb Yeagle made a motion to pay the show photographer \$200-250 for their service, in addition to what the ILR-SD is paying. Tor Sorensen seconded. Motion passed by majority vote. The photographer will supply a CD of photographs of LFA activities which will be used in future e-blasts and advertising.

Fran Soukup made a motion to approved the show schedule as presented, but with the addition of having the claims preview during the Friday evening social event. Nick Hauptly seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Tor Sorensen made a motion to accept the \$350 contract for the LFA show clerk. Fran Soukup seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Tor Sorensen made a motion to reduce the futurity class entry fee. The cost is now \$150 per class, with a \$200 late fee. Deadline to enter will be May 31st. Sherri Tallmon seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Tor Sorensen made a motion to charge a \$100 entry fee for the claims classes, with LFA retaining \$25. No commission will be charged. Fran Soukup seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Discussion then followed regarding Catering, liquor and equipment/table rentals. Tor Sorensen will explore options in regards to food that will be provided and the ILR-SD agreed to split the cost of renting the tables. Deb Yeagle offered to do the table decorations as well as reserve any rooms for the judges and other volunteers. There are two hotels with a block of rooms reserved through 5/20/13, the Holiday Inn and the Sleep Inn. One hotel allows pets the other does not.

Regarding CPA, Ken Labendeira doing the taxes for LFA, Fran Soukup made a motion to accept Sponsorship at the \$1,000 level for his services. Tor Sorensen seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote. It was also agreed that everyone on the board would pursue getting sponsorships for the LFA futurity.

Discussion then followed regarding the judges for both the futurity and claims classes. The board voted and Deb Yeagle will contact some of those judges and report back to the board, as well as issue the contracts. Tor Sorensen and Ryan Laux will be working on the Herdsire Raffle. Tickets will be sold at \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Ryan Laux will contact Justin Timm about running the Herdsire Raffle & Bean Drop at the event. Ribbons for the show have been ordered and Deb Yeagle will pursue possible trophies for the futurity class winners.

Regarding the sale, the deadline for all consignments will be April 1st. Fran Soukup will pursue getting a quote on the sale catalog and advertising will stay the same – \$250/full page, \$150/half page, \$75/quarter page and \$50/business card. Ryan Laux will pursue speaking with a couple members about being the announcer during the sale preview and color.

Discussion then followed regarding membership. Anyone that has not renewed their LFA membership by April 1st, 2013, will be removed from the membership list on the website.

Discussion followed regarding the marketing committee. Nick Hauptly is working with Becky Raber and Becky Willhite on several new ideas, from advertising through multiple local media sources; to educating the general public about Llamas and what a futurity is. This will encourage more attendance at the event. Jean DeBoom offered to have a fiber display booth and Nick Hauptly is going to check into prices for signage. There is also going to be an award given to the farm showing the Best Display at the event, with an emphasis on educating the public about Llamas.

Discussion then followed regarding DNA testing and after a vote was taken, by majority vote, DNA testing will not be mandatory for this year's sale. LFA is not responsible for the genetic parentage of the claims entries.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 12, 2013 at 7:30 PM CST.

Tor Sorensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deb Yeagle. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Tallmon
Secretary