

The Llama Futurities Association Board of Directors Meeting November 17th, 2014

Barb Parsons called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm (CST)

Tor Sorensen, Ray Kratville, Venesa Carter, Barb Parsons and Nick Hauptly were all present for the call.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. Ray Kratville made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Venesa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Kratville discussed the current LFA financial status. As of our last meeting our account totaled \$45,929.55 and currently sits at \$45,590.55. As of our meeting, we have not heard back from the ILR regarding the flowers purchased for the Gathering/LFA. Ray will send an invoice, contact the ILR office and report back to the board.

Tor Sorensen agreed to contact our list of potential judges for the 2015 LFA World Futurity and Claims Male Futurity and send contracts upon their acceptance.

The LFA received a sponsorship application for Merlene and Darrell Anderson's 2015 March Madness Llama Show. Venesa Carter made a motion to support their futurity at \$1,000, the maximum level of sponsorship. Nick Hauptly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Between meetings Nick Hauptly had sent out a sample design of a new website for the LFA using Weebly.com. The board agreed the new website layout looked promising. The board discussed our payment schedule for the current website is due quarterly and it would be ideal to have the new site up and running before the next payment is due. Nick will get back to the board about the cost the new website will require to run with the same capabilities our current site offers. Ray Kratville suggested that links to an official LFA email address be offered for each board member. Website discussion to be tabled until additional costs and suitability has been determined.

Nick Hauptly will continue to create and send an e-blast regarding the Early Bird Special.

Venesa Carter and Jenni Olson will continue to do Facebook promotion on the LFA page.

The board discussed possible changes to the LFA Male Claims Futurity including a two tiered claims futurity with three classes: \$500 all age, all fiber types - \$1000 young males - \$1000 older males, both all fiber types. The claims would offer a \$50 entry fee for the \$500 class and

\$100 entry fee for the \$1000 class. Payouts and ribbons will remain the same as years previous. Nick informed the board that we have only enough ribbons to run 2 classes and more ribbons will need to be ordered.

Tor Sorensen made a motion to accept the Claims Male regulations as discussed. Barb Parsons seconded. Venesa Carter and Ray Kratville are in favor. Nick Hauptly opposes. Motion passed.

Barb Parsons inquired about having an official contract with Darrell Anderson's auctioneering services for the 2014. Jenni Olson worked with Darrell Anderson in 2014 and wasn't available to answer. Venesa Carter will contact Darrel about a contract. Barb suggested we get a bullet point contract with Darrell for 2015 showing what DDA Sale Management and the LFA were each responsible for. Venesa Carter and Barb Parsons will team up and handle this.

The Early Bird Special will need a placeholder entry form created. Nick Hauptly agreed to work on a prototype. Early bird deadline to be December 15, 2014 to April 4th, 2015. Member will reserve a spot for \$75/entry and Non-Members can reserve a spot for \$125/entry.

Nick suggested, based off of 2014 success and enthusiasm, that we raise the open bar sponsorship to \$800 in order to cover more expenses. All agreed.

Nick Hauptly asked the board about holding an annual election as we have passed critical time points. Ray Kratville will look into the requirements of the LFA By Laws and report back the LFA board about holding an election for 2015, even though there is no seat vacancies.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 15th, 2014 at 7pm (CST).

Ray Kratville made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tor Sorensen Seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm (CST).

Respectfully submitted,

Venesa Carter

Nick Hauptly
LFA Secretary