

**West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
General Membership Meeting  
May 30, 2017  
Holiday Inn Express Ranson, WV  
7:00pm**

Board Members: Chip Daniel, Betty Stehr, Martin Blaylock, Robin Grams, Ronney Brown, Doug Allara, Susie Schramm, Mark Sell, Randal Conrad, John Funkhouser, Carisa Figgins, John Casey, Rene Moore, Kate Painter

Absent: Javier Contreras

Members present: Diana McClure, Michael Cooney, Jim Miller, Randy Funkhouser, Katherine Funkhouser, Joe Funkhouser, John McKee, Tony Stehr, Leslie Condon, Mary Sell, Anthony Grigsby, Janene Watson, Nancy Camp, James Casey, Jean Rofe, Patricia Harper, Williams Lewis, Naomi Long, Miscal Cecilian, Steven Reggetts, George Walters, Susan Ettlin, Drew Stolipher, Lewis Craig, Elke Matthews, Tim Groves, Jane Anderson Harper, Harry Painter, Michael Rife, J.D. Kirby, Cynthia Curtis, Vicki Stehr, GT Schramm, Tabitha Brady, Joe Stehr, Rachael Moore, Mary Moore, Nancy Staples, Elizabeth Meehan, Kevin Anderson

Non-Members present: Several – Sign in list in office.

Georgiana Pardo as council and Linda Kriss office secretary for the WVTBA present during meeting.

*Italicized print* is the language from the agenda.

Meeting called to order 7:10pm

Dr. Allara presiding after objection by Jim Miller to having a chair person to preside.

Dr. Allara went over procedures for the meeting: 3 minute or less/comment period, 15 minutes/topic due to there being 10 items on the agenda, and only WVTBA members to participate in discussion. Please state name before comment as to help identify speakers on the recording.

1. *1. Need for unity in the WV thoroughbred industry – Need for WVTBA to join WVRU annually to prioritize consensus legislation to improve the industry.*

Discussion.

Motion by Randal Conrad for the WVTBA to annually join WVRU to promote consensus and prioritize legislation that would improve the thoroughbred industry and that union continue until a meeting such as this of the members of the Breeders association vote to rescind it. Seconded by Jim Miller. Discussion. John McKee called for the question. Vote by Ballot. 34 in favor. 17 against. 1 abstained. Motion carried. (Results Attached)

2. *2. ADW Bill – Support ADW bill HB2913/SB577 or similar bills (NOT HB2955)*

Discussion.

Susie Schramm called for the question. Motion amended to Support ADW like HB2913/SB577 or similar bill as approved by the WVTBA Board. Motion seconded by Randal Conrad. Discussion. Vote by show of hands. Several in favor none opposed. Motion carried.

3. *3. Stallion Register published annually in printed form and on website.*

Discussion.

Motion by Susie Schramm to publish annually on website a list of stallions that are WV registered. Second was heard but not identified. Show of hands. No opposed. Motion carried.

4. *4. New policies to ensure informed decisions are being made. The agenda, current financial report, and current minutes shall be disseminated at least 3 days before any meeting board and/or general membership.*

Discussion. No motion made.

5. *5. Audit – An audit should be conducted going back until the last audit performed because there has been a change in treasurer and the past treasurer was absent for most board meetings because of illness.*

Discussion. No motion made.

6. *Clarification for Board eligibility – Pursuant to the WVTBA bylaws – article III: sections 3&4, members who have joined the WVTBA by July 16 (date closing of the nomination for Board members) and have maintained their membership for at least two years before July 16 of an election year, shall be eligible to be nominated to the board of directors.*

Discussion.

Clarification of By-Laws and Membership Form. Nominations for Board due by July 16. Membership is due December 31.

Will be corrected to have Membership form read exactly as Bylaws read.

7. *7. Change the Bylaws for Board eligibility to require that all board members must have either registered a West Virginia Bred horse within the previous two (2) years or have raced a West Virginia Bred raised by that member within the previous two years (2) years.*

Discussion.

Motion by Susie Schramm to leave the eligibility for Board Members as presently prescribed by the current Bylaws. Second by Joe Painter. Show of hands.

Majority of show of hands in favor. Motion carried.

8. *7. Article XI of the WVTBA bylaws should be amended to change the bylaws notice provision, in which notice shall be given to board members and all members of any proposed bylaw changes, at least ten days before any meeting that such a vote to amend the bylaws occurs.*

Discussion.

Motion by Joe Funkhouser that a proposed bylaw changes for that year that it be put on the notice for the annual membership meeting or special meeting. Withdrawn.

Motion by Joe Funkhouser the WVTBA bylaws should be amended to change the bylaws notice provision, in which notice shall be given to board members and all members of any proposed bylaw changes, at least ten days before any meeting that such a vote to amend the bylaws occurs via email or notice on the website or in the mail or however. Second by Steve Reggetts. Majority in favor. 1 Opposed. Motion carried.

- 8. *General Membership Meeting – Pursuant to the WVTBA bylaws – Article III, Section 2 an annual meeting shall be in February. Past practices did not operate as a meeting per se, but as a promotional event. The bylaws should be amended to change the annual meeting to November to allow for preparation for the next year’s legislative session.*

Discussion.

Motion by Mark Sells to have General Membership Meeting in the early part of November. John Funkhouser seconded. Discussion. Call for the question. Show of hands in favor. Motion carried.

- 10. 9. *How can we improve the West Virginia thoroughbred breeding program? Form a committee to explore all options.*

Dr. Allara nominated Randal Conrad to chair such committee. Randal Conrad accepted.

Motion to close meeting made by Mike Rife. Ronney Brown seconded. All in favor.

9:10 meeting adjourned