

CTLR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 16, 2019
LAND HERITAGE INSTITUTE, SAN ANTONIO

Attending: Debbie Adams, Fred & Marijo Balmer, Will Cradduck, Debbie & Don Davis, Betty & Sonny Detmer, Steve Dorman & Karaline, Markham Dossett, James & Debby Farr, Ragan Gennusa, Frank Hester, Bonnie Kuecker, Bill & Toy Lotz, Giles Madray, Greg & Geri Mulligan, Billy Jack Rankin, Lonnie Rodrigues & Paula Wilson, Frank & Louise Sharp, Bubba & Debbie Sullivan, Mitch Turner, Robert & Courtney Williams, Eric & Jennifer Woster,

B.J. Rankin, CTLR President, called the meeting to order at 10:13; with Markham Oppelt, President of LHI, welcoming our organization. Markham invited us to a Texas style BBQ, (CTLR covered the cost for members attending). Markham noted that LHI has a few longhorns for sale, the heifers are eligible for CTLR registry, he also has a few bulls. They have had 4 sets of twins born here; & will be replacing their bull next year. LHI has had over 9,000 visitors last year with the longhorns being the main attraction.

Debbie Davis, Treasurer, stated the CTLR bank balance was \$43,540.74 one year ago; as of today, we have \$41,119.93. Income during the 2018 year included membership dues, transfers, registration, and breeders page; for a total of \$6407. Our expenses were DNA tests, hair cards, office supplies, printing, software, converting old CTLR database to Breeders Assistant, web fee, president's gift; for a total of \$8,419.24; (\$408.57 uncleared deposits) thus the balance of \$41,119.93. To date Debbie has 42 completed or pending registrations for 2019.

New Life member, David Holmgren, from Nevada, has 500 +/- of his old-style cattle. He plans to DNA test some through UC Davis. Phil Sponenberg recommended David contact the CTLR. Other new members are: Steven Dorman, Life Membership (grandson of Detmer's); Cheryl & Mike Burns, sponsored by Lacy Roop, Texas; Ian McAllister, sponsored by Lacy Roop, Texas; Robert & Courtney Williams, sponsored by the Detmer's, Texas; and Frank Hesler, Mitch Turner's father-in-law, Texas. We welcomed guest Ragan Gennusa, [wildlife/western artist](#), also attending our meeting.

Our DNA report by Debbie indicated that sixty males & thirty-three females have been tested with the UC Davis analysis. Y-haplotypes identified in CTLR bulls include Y1, which indicates historical introgression with English breeds, Y2 which is characteristic of Iberian & Southern European cattle, & Y3 which indicates historical introgression with zebu cattle (Bos Indicus cattle possessing a hump). The CTLR accepts cattle possessing less than 5% of any other breed. Cattle are ranked by percentage shared with two reference groups; conservation cattle and longhorn cattle of other associations not eligible for CTLR registration. Animals ranking 80% conservation or greater are acceptable for registration. Females are also ranked by percentages. For an additional fee, an MtDNA analysis can be

performed to determine their T-group, which is similar to the Y-haplotype but uses a different method of gene sequencing.

At this time Fred Balmer made the motion; which was approved, to accept our treasury report. He continued to report on a buying trip to Ft. Robinson, Nebraska; which he made for their annual sale of longhorns & buffalo. Weather can be challenging, sale was interesting, prices low. See their Web Site for rooms at the Fort and for warm weather activities. Their buffalo/longhorn sale is held in November.

Will Craddock reported that the Texas State herd has about 100 mother cows and will be moving more of them from San Angelo to Fort Griffin. Will is exhibiting some of the older steers owned by the State to events to educate the public about CTRL longhorns. They attend about 10 events per year.

James Farr reported that he did not attend the WR sale the past September as the sale was moved to a local sale barn location. With transporting these cattle to a public sale barn, it enhanced the chances for disease. Betty Detmer suggested that we try to reestablish contact with the administration of WR & bring the WR herd back into the CTRL fold.

Bubba Sullivan reported that at this time we are waiting to see what the Big Bend Ranch State Park will do with their cattle. Are they really serious in containing, controlling & working with us? Texas Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson is working with CTRL to keep this herd pure, cull to a controlled workable number and insure they keep "original Texas Longhorns" on this property. They need to take responsibility for castrating, ear tagging, fencing, gathering, etc. They need to cross fence, build gathering pens, haul culled animals to auction and take liability for these cattle. There must be people that know how to do this work; perhaps local day labor with knowledge of working cattle. Animals would be much easier to handle if they saw a food wagon and people frequently. There must be a clear long-term agreement between Big Bend Ranch State Park & CTRL as to their responsibilities and our partnership with them.

James Farr noted that TLBAA is trying to make some changes in their Board of Directors & stated that they had almost 300 new members this past year. James wondered why we shouldn't be experiencing a host of new members also. How can CTRL become more in front of the public, thus adding to our membership? It's all about exposure of our organization to the public. If our membership would go out to our Website daily, it could move our ranking closer to the top when the general public Google's longhorns. Perhaps our members could invite a school class out to look at their longhorns giving them a history lesson. With this discussion we ultimately decided we need a Social Media Contact. Don Davis made a motion to establish this appointed position, 2nd by Markham Dossett, and approved. Courtney Williams agreed to head up this position; her email: oldrocklonghorns@yahoo.com; with members help, we will try to get more publicity for CTRL. Please send her any articles/pictures of interest about CTRL. Gil Dean reminded us that if we have pop-up ads this may affect our non-profit tax status.

Election of Board members: out-going members Fred Balmer & Tracy Salmon declined to run again; Gil Dean agreed to continue, and we had a vacancy of a 2-year remaining position. New board members are: James Farr, Markham Dossett, and returning member Gil Dean, all three years; Eric Woster will fill the two-year position. Will Craddock, President; Gil Dean, Vice President; Debbie Davis (Emeritus Director) Treasurer; and Debbie Adams appointed as Secretary. Acceptance of this board, by a motion from Fred Balmer, 2nd Paula Wilson, was unanimous.

Discussion continued about how to get more interest in CTRL cattle. Can we hand out a new member packet? Debbie Davis and Debbie Adams will update the brochure and print a new batch for public distribution at events. This will be available as a PDF so members can also print & hand out this information. CTRL is providing our lunch today; however, a donation can be made to CTRL to offset this cost. Will made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Don Davis, approved at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted by Marijo Balmer

After lunch, President Will Craddock conducted an inspector training using for examples the original Texas Longhorn herd at Land Heritage Institute.