

## CATTLEMEN'S TEXAS LONGHORN REGISTRY

### Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2020

#### Attendees:

Ron & Janet Fowler	Becky & Giles Madray	Bubba & Debbie Sullivan
Graves Wallace	Mitch Turner	Alastair G. & Claudia Scott
James & Debby Farr	Markham B. Dossett	Gill Dean
Jess Poteet	Will Craddock	Sonny Detmer
Sherry Poteet	Fred Mantoath	Betty Detmer
BJ Rankin	Bill & Toy Lotz	Debbie & Don Davis
Eric & Jennifer Woster	Louise & Frank Sharp	Logan & Bao Sharp
guest Jonathan Woster	Lea Horton	Debbie Adams

**Welcome and call to order** – Will Craddock

**Approval of the previous minutes** – Bill Lotz motioned to accept. Gil Dean seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously

**Report from President** – Will Craddock reported on the many inspector trainings that have been completed and asked for assistance in updating records and scheduling final inspection for those ready to qualify as certified inspectors. Additionally, asked James Farr to report briefly on the Field Day held on his property. James Farr reported it was attended by approximately 25 members, inspection training was done, and all ate well. Debbie Adams filmed video interviews of attendees. The finished work is on YouTube <https://youtu.be/g7SDY7k2ySg>.

**Report from Treasurer** – Debbie Davis reviewed financials, noting that current balance is \$43K. Largest expenses were postage, gate signs, printing, member manuals and DNA testing. Debbie Davis reported that the cost of the D&O policy is split with the CTLC. Income is greater than outgo and is approximately the same as 2019 totals.

**Report from Registrar & New Member Approval** – Debbie Davis reported 153 registered cattle in 2019, with about 20 pending in 2020. There are 13 new members. New members were introduced. Eric Woster motioned to approve new members presented, Gill Dean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports & Old Business –

**Social Committee** – Debbie Adams reported that the committee had settled on “Original” as the proper descriptor for CTLR cattle. Presented the new, revised brochure and noted both the CTLR and CTLC websites are up next for update/revision. Also reported on several PR opportunities including that Sen. Donna Campbell agreed to support a proclamation from CTLR, celebrating the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Longhorn being named State Large Mammal.

### **Herd Reports –**

- *Big Bend Ranch Park*: Monroe “Bubba” Sullivan reported they have been trying to catch and sell some animals. They will be keeping some that are CTRL ear-tagged in order to be registered. Also noted this is a herd that CTRL has helped manage for many years.
- *Wildlife Refuge (WR)*: James Farr reported that as a result of the sale being moved to a large commercial sale barn, buyers are primarily commercial buyers, very few registered longhorn buyers. Sales are poor and that is not the right place for these animals. Conversations with Rangers and the Deputy Regional Manager in NM make it clear that the genetic and historic importance of these Texas Longhorns is not fully appreciated. Suggests campaigning WR leadership to move the sale back to the WR, which sees approximately 3M visitors annually.
- *Texas Land Heritage Institute*: Sonny Detmer reports that Romeo (bull) needs to be replaced and anyone is welcome to use Romeo for a year. Much discussion around DNA testing ensued. It was noted that CTRL has always vetted bulls for the public herds.
- *Ft. Griffin State Park* – Will Craddock reported on assorted herd demographics/dynamics and noted that all 105 mothers are branded. He has an Asst. Herd Manager now and is very pleased with the progress being made with DNA testing and all records being cleaned up. Requests help with this task from CTRL registered inspectors. Also stated would like to host a Field Day this coming Fall. Additional DNA discussion ensued.

**DNA-** Debbie Davis reported that she has spoken with researchers out of NM, that possibly have a new analysis method that would be beneficial to CTRL. Debbie Davis reviewed the pluses, minuses and costs of the two companies CTRL currently uses and compared to the more expensive new method. Explained that it is important to own our own testing and that our goal is to engage this new group of researchers. She proposed the CTRL may match any grant up to \$10K.

**Field Days** – Will Craddock again stated his interest in holding a Field Day in the Fall and asked if anyone else was interested. James Farr, Markham Dossett and Debbie Adams all expressed their interest and willingness. An email will be sent to that group.

### **New Business –**

James Farr discussed his experience with advertising with the TLBAA. TLBAA welcomes advertising from individual CTRL members. Interaction has been simple, (good-looking ads), large audience and is getting calls from people who are interested and want to be a part of what we are doing.

Debbie Davis reported that the Conservancy has semen collected from around 75 different bulls. Goal is to test all bulls in the coming months. She explained more about DNA (Y2 most desirable), what we can see and why we need better science. SNP is ideal.

Items from the floor – Will Craddock announced the Board of Directors had agreed to honor Fred Balmer by appointing him Director Emeritus. Note, it was Emeritus, John Guldemann that first made the proposal to name Fred to the Emeritus board. Will made the motion for Fred. Giles Madray motioned that Sonny Detmer also be named Director Emeritus. Giles Madray motioned to approve both

nominations, James Farr seconded. Motion carried. There was much discussion regarding voting rights for Director Emeritus. Don Davis motioned to gift all Director Emeritus a Life Membership. Eric Woster seconding, the motion carried.

**Board Election** – W. Craddock reported Bill Lotz is interested in serving another term, both Billy Jack Rankin and Lonnie Rodriguez are stepping down. Betty Detmer and Debbie Adams are nominated to fill those seats. Debbie Davis motioned to accept, Eric Woster seconded. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers** – Will Craddock will remain President, Gil Dean is VP, Debbie Adams is Secretary, and Debbie Davis will remain Treasurer.

**Meeting Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned at 1 pm by Will Craddock. Next meeting date TBA.