

LTAHA Board of Directors meeting

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January 21, 2023

On January 21, 2023 a quorum of the Board of Directors met at 661 Robinson Bridge Rd, Woodworth, LA 71485 at 3 PM. The meeting was called to order by Tony Howard with an opening prayer followed by roll call. Members present were April Lemoine, Clint Johnson, Randal Williamson, Charles Sturgis and Tony Howard. Members absent were Justin Ebarb, Chad Mire, Ryan Schaeffer and Steve Hughes.

The first item of business was to accept the minutes from the February 20, 2022 meeting. All members had time to review so, a motion was made by Clint Johnson and seconded by Charles Sturgis, the motion carried.

Tony Howard presented the current bank statement and transaction for the past six months as the financial report. A motion was made by Clint Johnson and seconded by Charles Sturgis to accept the financial statement.

Tony Howard gave member update as we have not met our goal for the year. Tony discussed some options on retaining membership.

The floor was opening for discussion of the LTAHA Convention for April 21, 2023. Considering and requesting the use of Dewey Wills WMA for instructor workshop and for the convention. A motion was made by April Lemoine regarding the location and seconded by Clint Johnson, the motion carried.

The floor was opened for discussion on increasing the membership dues to keep up with inflation. It was determined that further discussion will take place in April with more BOD members present. Randall Williamson made a motion to further discuss price increase in April and Clint Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussions began on purchasing four weapons for the three-day workshops. Money for three guns will be donated by the following (each donating the funds for one weapon): Randall Williamson, Leon Petty, Charles Sturgis. Charles Sturgis will donate his personal weapon to the LTAHA. Motion to purchase these weapons was submitted by Randall Williamson and seconded by Charles Sturgis. The Motion carried.

The board discussed submitting to LDWF the addition of Gun Safety to the LTAHA education presentations. Motion to request LDWF to add gun safety was submitted by April Lemoine, seconded by Clint Johnson. Motion Carried.

The NTA no longer insures our events. Discussion was made on insurance. Tony Howard advised that further research needs to be done to see the options.

A need for uniform instructor requirements was presented and discussed by the members present. The following are the minimum (basic) requirements for beginning instructors:

1. Be an Association Member
2. Attend at least 1 instructor workshop
3. Have a current trapping license

The floor was opened for discussion regarding funding of research after being presented with a request from a college student. This will need further discussion. Ideas presented by the board for regarding research:

- Research on LA furbearer; fund equipment and not just give money
- What would association like to see researched
- How much money would be granted
- Association to require a report within a certain timeframe (i.e. quarterly)
- Association to require return of research equipment

Tony Howard read the letter he pinned to the LEAF Center with a small donation made by the LTAHA.

With no new or further business to be discussed Clint Johnson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Charles Sturgis seconded. Motion carried