

May 11, 2010 Minutes of the DBC Board of Directors

7 p.m. Teleconference Call

Present: Jim Browning, Randy Hutto, Lane Laning, Vicki McLean, Will Scott, Chris Timmons, Robert Williams

Absent: Rob Beckham, Tim Condict,

Staff: Amy Clapper, Shawn Sayer

Auction Committee Chairperson: James Butler

President Robert Williams called the meeting to order.

The minutes from April 7, April 8, April 16, and May 4, 2010 were tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion began with a report by James Butler regarding the TPWD Commissioners Meeting to be held on May 27, 2010. At that meeting the Commission will be voting on proposed regulation changes. One of those changes involves violations (accused and convictions) of the Lacey Act and how it will affect the renewal or denial of breeder permits. The general consensus of the BOD was concern over denial of a breeders permit if someone is only accused of a violation. The BOD instructed Amy to notify the membership via an E-Bullet about the proposed changes. The E-Bullet should contain contact information for TPWD Commissioners along with a sample letter that members can send to TPWD. Amy will also draft a letter for the BOD approval to be sent to TPWD opposing the proposal. She will attend the Commissioners meeting as a representative of the DBC.

The next topic was discussion of the Trophy World Magazine and the bids that have been submitted to the DBC. Amy feels that the DBC staff is capable of handling and producing the content for the magazine and catalog in house which would be a significant cost reduction. It was decided that Will Scott, Chris Timmons, and Amy Clapper will talk with Dave Heltzel of Cross Timbers Marketing regarding publication of the next and future issues of the DBC Magazine/Catalog. Chris Timmons reported that he has received the current issue of the magazine and is currently proofing it. He also reported that the Conference Packet (with the new auction rules) went in the mail last Friday, May 7th. Amy mentioned the Auction form is available online as well.

Randy Hutto provided an update on the audit of the DBC books. The audit will go back to around February 2009 and should cost from \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

Amy Clapper informed the BOD that the office space the organization wanted to lease in Georgetown has been rented by someone else. There is a larger office available on Williams Dr.

The location is close to Amy's home and is in the vicinity of the airport. The office is has plenty of office space and a conference area.

Motion: Will Scott moved to lease the office space located on Williams Dr. in Georgetown for a period of 6 months (for \$950 to \$1000 per month) with an option for another 6 months. The current DBC office in Ingram is to be closed when the office space in Georgetown is leased. Carrie Palmer will begin working part time for the DBC through the end of July. Vicki McLean seconded. Motion carried.

Shawn Sayer notified the BOD that he is currently in Oklahoma visiting ranches and assured the DBC he will be in Texas next week. He reported some progress on feed discounts for the membership. Randy Hutto will re-send the contact information for Matt Hanson with Cargill.

Vicki McLean provided an update regarding the receipt of nomination forms. Amy Clapper was asked to email the list of nominees with a series of questions to be answered. This information will be included when the ballots are mailed out late June. There was discussion of how the voting procedure is to be handled. Amy will clarify the process by reviewing the DBC By-laws. Shawn obtained the ballot paper that cannot be copied from Cory Traub. An up to date membership list will be important for verifying members in good standing.

Robert Williams has talked with Cory Traub regarding his final payment. Randy Hutto approved Cory's check for \$15,000 leaving the DBC owing Cory for the first week of May. It was decided to send the remaining balance to Traub & Associates.

There was no further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.