



BREEDING SHED

Keeping the Membership informed, LTBA President Warren J. Harang, III

Over 2500 years ago, the Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "Change is the only constant in life." That is just as true today as it was then, and applies to our Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. At the most recent meeting of the LTBA Board of Directors, significant changes to our By-Laws were approved. You can find and read the by-laws through a link on the LTBA Website www.louisianabred.com under the "About Us" drop down menu. Please familiarize yourself with the rules of our organization.

The board recognizes the importance of numbers when the Louisiana Legislature is making decisions that affect our industry. With that in mind, membership has been simplified in order to make joining the LTBA easier and to help grow our organization. The current membership forms were mailed recently and can also be found on the LTBA website. Please note that memberships are due by September 30th. After October 31st the price of dues increases from \$75 to \$85.

Now that the Board of Directors has ironed out the membership details, the next order of business is the 2022 Board Elections. Four members of the current board are up for re-election: Brett Brinkman,

Charlotte Clavier, Tom Early and myself, Warren Harang, III. Nominations from the membership are due by October the 10th, with ballots to go out in the mail no later than November 1st. Board members are elected to three year terms.

Following the success of the 2021 Yearling and Mixed Sale, the LTBA is hosting the 2022 Breeders Sales of Louisiana Yearling Sale Followed by Mixed Session on October 1st at the Equine Sales Facility in Opelousas. Catalogs were mailed in late August, and may be found on the LTBA website as well as through The Jockey Club Information Systems' Equine Sales Catalog app for the Ipad. While the consignment deadline has passed, supplemental entries are still being accepted, so don't hesitate to consign your yearlings, horses of racing age or breeding stock. Contact Tom Early (504) 452-8208 directly. And most importantly, come to the sale! Louisiana-breds have been in high demand, and their value is expected to go up along with purse increases anticipated since the passage of legislation last fall.

Since the previous issue of Louisiana Horse, we have had two Louisiana-bred Stakes Days. First, Louisiana Legends Night in June at Evangeline Downs, and more

recently, Louisiana Cup Day at Louisiana Downs. The competition was strong and the fans were treated with some exciting races. You can read about each in the pages of this magazine. I am always impressed with the quality of athletes representing our breeding program. Next up, the finale' of our spotlight race days for the year, Louisiana Champions Day at Fair Grounds on December 10th. We are bringing back the Gala the night before. Be looking for more information to come, and I hope to see many of you at both events.

While the 2022 breeding season is finished, it is not too early to start thinking about 2023. Stallion owners can find the Louisiana Horse Stallion Register submission form on pages 9-11 of this magazine.

I encourage everyone to be actively involved in all aspects of our industry. Come to a board meeting; be informed and involved. We at the LTBA are doing all we can to be of service to you, the breeders. If you have any questions about our program, the staff in our office at Fair Grounds is happy to help. I personally am always happy to hear from you, especially with suggestions for improving our program.