

Texas Longhorn Cooperative  
Meeting Minutes  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Citizens National Bank Meeting Room  
Midlothian, Texas

Board Members in attendance:

John Donaho, Sandy Martin (via telephone) Arlys Murphy, George Slayton, Tristine Slayton, Jean Smith, TM Smith

Non-board members in attendance:

Dick Currey, John Davenport, Jill Havens, Phil Ramsey, Robert Richey, Larry Smith, Roberta Slayton

Meeting Called to order at 7:40pm.

Minutes read by Tristine Slayton. Motion to approve by TM Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Slayton, approved unanimously.

#### FINANCIALS and GRANT FUNDS

Tristine Slayton went over grant funds received and how money was allotted and spent. Bank Statements were passed out for board members to review.

#### BOARD

Vicki McCarthy, Josh Kirkpatrick, Cindy Kirkpatrick and Greg Kirpatrick turned in their letters of resignation. John Donaho motioned to accept their letters of resignation, Tristine Slayton 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.

George and Cindy Rotolo, and Ralph and Mary Martinez have fallen behind on membership dues. Tristine Slayton motioned for George Slayton to salvage their positions on the board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Smith, approved unanimously.

Discussed Paul Braswell and was decided to expel him from the board for using the board for his own self interests and withholding customer credit card information from TLC.

#### CENTRAL MARKET

George Slayton presented current progress with the Central Market program. Discussed that the meat manager has resigned and the store chain is looking for a new manager. All products are on hold until a new person is in the position. George has also discussed looking into getting a new meat broker, asked the board and visitors if they have any information on meat brokers to please speak with George Slayton.

George Slayton also discussed that a chub packaging machine may be needed in the future. A lot of store chains require that packaging to get on their store shelves.

Dan Capoletta is a member and is in the packaging business. He is interested in helping the co-op get a chub packaging machine.

Phil Ramsey is also interested in working with George to develop a game plan to look into purchasing the new chub machine. The motion to purchase a new machine is tabled until George and Phil get a chance to look at the chub machine that George found for sale (used).

#### EQUIPMENT STATUS

George Slayton gave an update on the truck repairs. Waco mechanics have been very helpful in fixing what their mechanic has failed to fix.

George Slayton discussed Huse using the Smith's machine for processing Halal meat. George Slayton will talk with Huse about the situation and try to find a common ground solution.

#### LONGHORN ORGANIZATION COOPERATION

The Board discussed how cooperation with the Longhorn Breeding Association and TLC are imperative for the growth and profitability of the longhorn breed.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Board meetings will be quarterly starting:

April 6

July 6

October 5

The meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the quarterly month.

Membership meeting schedule is tabled until the next meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Donaho reiterated that he is only a temporary chairman until a permanent person can be found.

TLBAA and ITLA said they need a business plan from us.

UPDATE – APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.