**Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association**

**Minutes of 3rd Quarter Meeting – September 18, 2021**

**Location: Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan OK**

The Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association met on September 18, 2021, at a conference room of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in Duncan Oklahoma.

Attendees present included: Josh Dinwiddie, Kit Dinwiddie, Sawyer Dinwiddie, Rob Van Liew, Vickie Boyd, Jim Freeman, JoEda Freeman, David Nikodym, Kim Nikodym, Arlynda Sexton, Roger Sexton, Robert Webb, Maranda Webb, Buster Butler (New member), and guests Robert G Smith, Sandra Rojo, and Stetson Jackson (grandson of the Sexton’s).

The meeting was called to order by President Josh Dinwiddie at 11:29 AM with prayer offered and BBQ meal shared. ***The minutes of our last meeting were read by Secretary Vickie Boyd and were approved as read in a motion made by Rob Van Liew and seconded by Jim Freeman. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

Rob Van Liew, Treasurer’s spouse, read the Treasurer’s Report. Transactions were reported in detail and the current status of the association bank account is attached to the minutes. ***A motion to approve the Treasurer report as read was made by Jim Freeman and seconded by Kit Dinwiddie. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

The meeting then addressed old business.

1. Bob & Rita Weaver Service Award Update was given by JoEda Freeman. Award details are close to being finalized and this award will be given at the December meeting in Oklahoma City.
2. Scholarship Report and Discussion was given/led by Arlynda Sexton:
	1. Savings Bond discussed.
	2. Recommendations to work with an Ag Department from a local university was made.
	3. ***Development of an ITTLA Scholarship Committee was proposed and motioned by Josh Dinwiddie and seconded by Buster Butler. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***
		1. Volunteers were solicited with Arlynda Sexton as leader, JoEda Freeman, and Kit Dinwiddie accepting ITTLA Scholarship Committee duties. The committee’s first update will be presented for the general membership at December meeting.
		2. Goal is to initiate a scholarship for the year 2023 if funding is available at that time.

***A motion was made by Josh Dinwiddie and seconded by Vickie Boyd to accept the old business. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

New business included:

1. ITTLA Business Meetings proper protocol was discussed. It was determined that “Robert’s Rule” will be used for all meetings going forward. Josh Dinwiddie reported he will study proper business meeting etiquette.
2. Paid yearly memberships for 2021 were $0 due to the pandemic, yearly dues were not collected. This is normally collected in December at our General Membership Meeting. Since that meeting was cancelled last year due to the pandemic and several members having Covid-19. This led to non-current members voting in our last business meeting. This identified issue has led to more concentrated effort to follow our official bylaws. Bylaws were distributed in May 2021 to officers and board members. Bylaws have been added to the ITTLA website under Board of Directors on September 18, 2021.
3. Buckle Awards for the next Heifer Futurity update was given by David Nikodym.
4. Montana Silversmith did not return calls from David.
5. Corriente Buckle Company quoted a price of $90 dollars for 12 classes.
6. Recommended that we offered to youth participants of the “Sawyer Spotlight” a youth buckle at our next futurity. Corriente Buckle Company also quoted a price of $75 for youth buckles.
7. Recommended no date be placed on the youth buckles so that buckles could carry over to the next year’s futurity with these buckles.

***A motion was made by Rob Van Liew to accept the Corriente Buckle Company quote with 12 adult buckles and 7 youth buckles be ordered and seconded by Kim Nikodym. The Motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

1. Josh Dinwiddie reported that attorney for the ITLA was contacted regarding legality of adding a Calcutta to our futurity. Attorney reported as long as ITTLA is a Federal Non-Profit Corporation there is no issue. ITTLA does have a federal tax-id number for Non-Profit Corporations, files a yearly tax return for Non-Profit Corporations and has By-laws for a Non-Profit Corporation. It is ascertained that our organization is a Non-Profit Organization.
2. Corporate Sponsorship materials update by Vickie Boyd was given. Vickie had been assigned this duty by Josh Dinwiddie, President at our last meeting. The mock hand-out document was discussed at length (See attached document). ***A motion was made to accept the document using corporate donation levels at $1000, $2500, $5000, and $10,000 with additional corrections discussed adding the Federal Tax ID number by Josh Dinwiddie and seconded by JoEda Freeman. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***
3. New membership continued outreach was discussed.
4. Dual affiliate with TLBAA and ITLA was discussed. Larry Smith with ITLA is “okay” with the ITTLA being a dual affiliate. TLBAA, Pam Robinson, will check with the TLBAA attorney after the HSC is over. This item will be continued at the next meeting when information from TLBAA is known.
5. Josh reported that the Drover will provide free advertising for the 2022 ITTLA Heifer Futurity with the *ad due by February 2, 2022.*
6. The next ITTLA meeting is scheduled on December 4th at Cattlemen’s Steak House Annex building to be held in conjunction with the Cowtown Christmas Parade and Longhorn Cattle Drive.
7. Open Discussion:
	1. *SAWYER SPOTLIGHT discussion. A motion was made by Vickie Boyd and seconded by Kim Nikodym to name the kid participation portion of the futurity be called “Sawyer Spotlight”.* ***The motion carried after a lively discussion by the vote of the membership present.***
	2. Future meetings to be held in conjunction with other Longhorn sales. It was agreed that the fall 3rd quarter meeting of ITTLA was a good fit with Legend Longhorn Sale & Futurity.
	3. It was recommended to research voting rights of non-participatory Charter and Life members of ITTLA. This is needed to establish an official quorum at future meetings when voting on agenda items. ***Conclusion was to add this as an agenda item for the December meeting in case by-law change is needed.***

**Josh Dinwiddie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jim Freeman. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.**

Adjourned at 1:30 pm with those in attendance invited to tour the museum, continued fellowship, and a group picture was taken by Vickie Boyd.

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