

Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association
Minutes of 4th Quarter Membership Meeting – December 7, 2024*
Location: Cattlemen’s Event Center, Oklahoma City

The Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association met on December 7, 2024, at the Cattlemen’s Steak House Event Center, Oklahoma City Oklahoma. This meeting was scheduled to follow the Historic Stockyards City Christmas Parade and Longhorn Drive.

Attendees present included: Josh Dinwiddie, Kit Dinwiddie, Sawyer Dinwiddie, Vickie Downing, Randy Claypool, Bruna Claypool, David Nikodym, Kim Nikodym, DeeDee Strauss, Neal Strauss, Robert Webb, Maranda Webb, Kylie Johnson, Aaron Johnson, Tina Vialard, Jeff Vialard, and guests Sandra Rojo, Kevin Bryant, Jodi Bryant, and Joy Runyan (Vickie’s Mom). Our newest life-time members are Kevin & Jodi Bryant.

Following the parade and prior to the start of the meeting, hors d’oeuvres were served. The meeting was called to order by President Josh Dinwiddie at 11:12 AM with prime rib meal shared. ***The minutes of our last meeting were read by Interim Secretary Vickie Downing-Boyd and were approved as read in a motion made by Kim Nikodym and seconded by Kit Dinwiddie. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

Vicke Downing-Boyd, read the Treasurer’s Report. Transactions were reported in detail and the status of the association’s bank account is attached to the minutes. November’s total ending balance of \$24,632.31 was noted. ***A motion to approve the Treasurer report as read was made by Kim Nikodym and seconded by Jeff Vialard. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

The meeting then addressed old business.

- a. Bar F Feather Scholarship 2025—Kit Dinwiddie gave an update on the Cash Award Scholarship. Kit will update the form by the first part of January, posted to social media and Scholarship forms from students will be due by March 1st. The award will be released in April 2025. Kim Nikodym and Kit Dinwiddie will assist Jim Freeman in awarding the scholarship if needed.
- b. Bob & Rita Weaver Award—Randy Claypool to follow-up with Jim Freeman. If a new stone mason is needed, one will be found so this award can be presented in 2025.

- c. Dual Affiliate was removed from the old business agenda and will not be pursued.
- d. 2024 Annual Fundraiser—Vickie Downing gave the group an update. Approximate 40 tickets are left to be sold. The group decided to run another text message ad with Hired Hand (Josh to talk to Jayme at Hired Hand). The group also decided for Vickie to approach Neil Glasgow with Sand Creek Auctions to see if he would assist us in auctioning the remaining tickets.
- e. Membership Directory is tabled until a secretary for the organization is found.
- f. Possible Heifer Futurity was discussed. It was noted that Walker Hance was interested in chairing a futurity. It was stated that he resigned from OTLA and stepped back from Cattlemen’s Congress. Suggestions were made if Walker Hance became an ITTLA member, he could then chair the futurity, and Huntington Sales & Futurity Service could be used to reduce the number of volunteers needed to put this event on. It was also noted that it would be the Fall of 2025 or Spring of 2026 before another futurity could be held. No decisions were made. Josh Dinwiddie indicated he would pursue Walker Hance to take the lead.

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

New business included:

1. **Procedural Note:** *(Voting Rights of Non-participatory Charter and Life members Bylaw Change occurred on December 4, 2021: In order to establish a quorum when voting, a “lifetime or charter member” who fails to make at least one membership meeting per year will have their voting rights put in abeyance until they attend a meeting”.) **A quorum of the membership has been established for conducting business decisions and voting new officers for 2025 by Vickie Downing, Treasurer.***
2. Election 2025:
 - a. Moving into the 1-Year Board Members position were Kit Dinwiddie and DeeDee Strauss.
 - b. Moving into the 2-Year Board Members position were Kim Nikodym and Maranda Webb.

- c. 3-Year Board Members two positions were vacant. Kevin Bryant made a motion to nominate Kylie and Aaron Johnson and was seconded by Josh Dinwiddie. ***The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***
 - d. President—Nomination was made by Aaron Johnson for Josh Dinwiddie to be reelected. Kit Dinwiddie seconded motion. **The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.**
 - e. Vice-President— **Bruna Claypool made a motion to reappoint David Nikodym. The nomination was seconded by Aaron Johnson. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.**
 - f. Treasurer— **Bruna Claypool made a motion to reappoint Vickie Downing and was seconded by Kim Nicodym. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.**
 - g. Secretary—**Josh Dinwiddie made a motion to nominate Tina Vialard for secretary and seconded by Vickie Downing. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.**
3. 2025 ITTLA Fundraiser—Ideas were discussed but primarily discussed a T-Shirt with Ranch Brands as our fundraiser. All agreed that volunteers were needed to sell these T-Shirts. David Nikodym made a motion for the ITTLA to sell Ranch Brands for an ITTLA T-Shirt to be sold in person at the Battle on the Prairie Heifer Futurity on April 26, 2025, held in conjunction with the Texoma Spring Classic and the Chisholm Trail Select Sale & Futurity on June 27, 2025. Ranch brands were offered first to those in attendance with 17 brands left to be sold. Vickie Downing is to contact Neil Glasgow to auction one brand to the highest bidder and the remaining 16 left to be sold for \$75 each. Whatever the cost of the T-Shirt comes in at we will mark up the price 50%. Three T-shirt prices will be obtained by Maranda Webb, Kylie Johnson and Jeff Vialard once a mock design is in place by Vickie Downing. This fundraiser will provide financial support for the 2026 cash award scholarship. The motion was seconded by Josh Dinwiddie. **The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.**
 4. Next meeting plans were discussed—David Nikodym made the motion, seconded by Josh Dinwiddie. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present for the following:
 - a. **1st Quarter 2025 Meeting will be held at Duncan OK in the Prairie Room held in conjunction with the Battle on the Prairie Heifer Futurity on April 26, 2025.**
 - b. **2nd Quarter 2025 Meeting will be held at Enid OK in conjunction with the Chisholm Trail Select Sale & Futurity on June 27, 2025.**
 5. Open Discussion: None

A big thank you for the Christmas meeting decorating committee was given. Door prizes were given away to the membership present throughout the meeting and meal.

Josh Dinwiddie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by David Nikodym. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.

Adjourned at 12:55 pm with those in attendance invited to continue fellowship, and a group picture was taken by Vickie Downing for social media.

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