

Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association
Minutes of 4th Quarter Membership Meeting – December 2, 2023*
Location: Cattlemen’s Event Center, Oklahoma City

The Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association met on December 2, 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, Rob Van Liew, Lisa Van Liew, Vickie Downing, Jim Freeman, Randy Claypool, Bruna Claypool, David Nikodym, Paul Gilbreath, Patti Gilbreath, DeeDee Strauss, Neal Strauss, Robert Webb, Maranda Webb, Kylie Johnson, Aaron Johnson, ITTLA’s newest member Rhett Johnson, and special guests of Rob and Lisa VanLiew—Rex and Carol Bennett of East Jordan MI. Rex and Carol are now members of the ITTLA.

The meeting was called to order by President Josh Dinwiddie at 11:08 AM with prayer offered and prime rib meal shared. ***The minutes of our last meeting were read by Secretary Maranda Webb and were approved as read in a motion made by Rob Van Liew 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. ***A motion to approve the Treasurer report as read was made by Rob VanLiew and seconded by Josh 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 tabled.
2. Dual Affiliate membership with TLBAA and ITLA was tabled.

A motion was made by Rob VanLiew and seconded by Kit Dinwiddie to accept the old business. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.

New business included:

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1. Bentz Chute Fundraiser details were presented to the membership present. Paul Warford organized the fundraiser, ITTLA donated \$250 along with many ranches and individuals to present Jonathan and Kristina Bentz, with a P&C Longhorn Chute system. T-Shirts commemorating the fundraiser for ***Ian the Cattle Wrangler*** & his parents were given to Rob VanLiew and Jim Freeman through the Christmas Meeting door prize drawing.
2. 2024 Bar F Feather Scholarship Award Report update and discussion was led by committee member Kit Dinwiddie:
 - a. Scholarship planning has begun with the offering of \$1000 donated by Jim Freeman in honor of JoEda Freeman.
 - b. Kim Nikodym and Kit Dinwiddie have volunteered to assist Jim Freeman with the scholarship planning this year.
 - c. It was suggested that the scholarship be awarded in October 2024 in conjunction with the ITLA Championship Show banquet in Duncan OK. The members agreed. A volunteer will need to be identified to make the presentation at the banquet in October in the event Jim is unable to attend.
3. Heifer Futurity will not occur in 2024 as determined by a vote in our previous meeting. However, a lively discussion followed with suggestions for partnering with another Longhorn Association to conduct a possible Double Down type futurity in the future. No decisions were made at this time.
4. **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 2024.**
5. Election 2024:
 - a. 1-Year Board Members needing to be replaced. ***Motion was made by Josh Dinwiddie to nominate Patti Gilbreath and Trevor Maxwell. The nomination was seconded by Jim Freeman. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***

- b. Moving into the 2-Year Board Members position were Kit Dinwiddie and DeeDee Strauss. ***The vote was unanimously carried by the membership present.***
 - c. 3-Year Board Members needing to be replaced. ***The motion was made by Vickie Downing-Boyd to nominate Kim Nikodym and Maranda Webb and 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— Lisa Van Liew made a motion to reappoint David Nikodym. The nomination was seconded by Jim Freeman. ***The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.***
 - f. Treasurer— Josh Dinwiddie made a motion to reappoint Vickie Downing-Boyd and was seconded by Lisa Van Liew. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.
 - g. Secretary—Josh Dinwiddie made motion to leave the secretary position open due to no volunteers and Jim Freeman seconded. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.
6. A motion was made by Vickie Downing-Boyd to move a significant portion of the Association money into an interest-bearing account. Only leaving enough money in the checking account to pay bills. Josh Dinwiddie and Lisa VanLiew seconded for getting options then moving the funds. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.
7. A motion was also made by Vickie Downing-Boyd to have a fundraiser for 2024 in lieu of not having a heifer futurity. The ITTLA would purchase a “Golden Boy” commemorative Collector’s Edition Longhorn 22 long rifle to be raffled off to 100 participants. Tickets would cost \$50 each. Josh Dinwiddie seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.
8. Next meeting plans were discussed with Dinwiddie’s offering to provide a Ranch tour of Plain Dirt Farms. Membership agreed on March 9th for our next meeting at Plain Dirt Farms.
9. 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 Rob VanLiew. This motion was carried by a vote of the membership present.

Adjourned at 12:28 pm with those in attendance invited to continue fellowship, and a group picture was taken by Vickie Downing-Boyd for social media.