**Minutes of ITTLA Meeting, June 6, 2015 at Kerry Mounts 4-Gone Ranch, Bennington, OK**

A beautiful, warm sunny day greeted us as we entered the 4-Gone Ranch, where a herd of BIG HORNED Texas Longhorn cows and steers watched us cross the cattle guard and enter the main grounds of the ranch. Kerry and Nancy Mounts greeted us and showed us the layout of the meeting area.

Following a sumptuous meal of Tex-Mex Fajitas with all the trimmings, plus several tasty deserts; President Bob Weaver called the meeting to order. Directors unable to be with us today included Paul Gilbreth, Doris Snyder, David Harcrow and Wesley Watson; all other officers and directors were present.

The minutes from our last meeting were read and approved without any changes. The Treasurers report reflected that our association event insurance had been paid and was in force and that our taxes for 2014 had been filed and paid, leaving a balance of $13,380.98. It was approved.

**Old Business:** President Bob asked for a committee report regarding the Heifer Futurity / Red River Longhorn Sale combining in 2016. Kerry Mounts gave the report, a synopsis follows:

 ITTLA representatives and Red River Longhorn Sale member Rick Friedrich met at 10:00 a. m. Friday, May 29, 2015 at Red River Livestock in Overbrook, OK to discuss the possibility of ITTLA's Heifer Futurity and the Red River Longhorn Sale conducting joint events in 2016 at the Red River Sale.

 The Red River Longhorn group was represented by Rick Friedrich (Bob Loomis arrived late as meeting was over, and Frank Hevrdejs was not present).

Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Association was represented by Event Committee, Kerry Mounce and Rob Van Lieu; ITTLA President, Bob Weaver, Vice President, Larry Johnston, Secretary, Steve Douglas, Director, Doris Snyder and Life Member, Bill Cole.

Rick Friedrich gave a brief overview of the sale operation in the past, and where they were now. Red River Longhorn Sale would offer ITTLA the use of the Sale facility Friday at no cost, as they would already have it rented and paid for. ITTLA would be responsible for contracting with sale barn for extra help they might need and hay. ITTLA would conduct their futurity Friday as is their custom and, if they wished, to have an evening function (cook-out, visiting and such as in the past) that would be fine, as RRLS would not be having an event. ITTLA would need to make arrangements with the barn for cattle arriving Thursday prior to the futurity.

The Class Winners of the Heifer Futurity (10 classes) could be included in the Saturday Sale. The consignment fee would be waived for that animal and only the percentage commission fee would be charged.

Advertising could be done jointly with the scope and costs to be determined ... Sale Consignment forms and Futurity Entry Forms would and could be on both organizations websites, in ads and then forwarded to the proper one.

The tentative date picked for 2016 events is May 19-20-21, 2016.

The meeting and information was well received by both parties and a final decision would need to be determined within 30 days.

That is the gist of what was discussed and found out from this joint meeting. What would ITTLA like to do?

Following a lengthy discussion in which no apparent negative thoughts or comments were brought out...the group as a whole thought it would be good for ITTLA to plan on holding their 2016 Heifer Futurity at Red River Livestock Market and in conjunction with the Red River Longhorn Sale, that it could be a win-win situation for both groups. President Bob asked for a motion...Rob Van Liew made the motion, seconded by Kerry Mounts and it was approved unanimously.

President Bob then named an ITTLA Futurity Committee of Kerry Mounts, Rob Van Liew, Past President Bill Cole, Past President Wesley Watson and himself, to begin work on the project and bring it to fruition.

**New Business:** Jo Eda Freeman gave a well prepared scenario of what ITTLA could provide for a 2015 Indian Territory Texas Longhorn Celebration of "Waaka Lapish Faloha". The membership was enthusiastic in their interest in the event. A tentative date of October 31st was selected, which would incorporate our annual meeting and Christmas party in it. Locations discussed were a facility in Duncan, at Medicine Park near the Longhorn Refuge, at the Chickasaw National Recreation area in Sulphur. She plans to pursue costs and options and location and will have a more definite plan at our next meeting.

The date and location of the next meeting of ITTLA will be August 15th at Bob and Reta Weavers home in Edmond, OK.

There being no further business before the group...we said Adios to 4-Gone Ranch, with thanks for the great hospitality...and made our way warily back across the Roosevelt Bride, before the tide rose.

**FYI:** Those attending included: Bill Cole, Monte Moyer, Rex Moyer, Bob & Reta Weaver, Michael Williams, Barry Judd, Jo Eda and Jim Freeman, Rob and Lisa Van Liew, Steve Douglas, Keith Childers, Larry and Paula Reck, members from Whitewright, Texas.