

## CTLR Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2017 Brownwood Country Club, Brownwood, Texas

The meeting was called to order by President, BJ Rankin. The February 20, 2016 minutes were emailed to members, so we were asked 'were there questions or changes?' None were brought forward, minutes were approved. Attendees at the meeting then introduced themselves, adding home location.

Giles Madray, Treasurer, reported that he sent out 99 membership notification and to date he had received 41 members for 2017, totaling \$3400.; this included three new lifetime members. (Carter, Woster and Williams) Giles continued with the Burl J. Myers, CPA, report and a complete financial for 2016. As of 12/31/2016 CTLR had a total of \$39,144.00. Treasurers report approved.

Registrar, Debbie Davis's report informed us that for 2017 we have had 40 head registered, which includes 13 bulls. In 2016 we had a total of 132 head w/14 bulls. Since our last annual meeting, we've had 12 new members. (Janet Fowler, IL; Jeff Nanos, TX; Dr. Robert & Melissa Johnson, Mayer, AZ; Mathew Bisson, Bellaire, TX; Joseph Albert, Centerville, GA; Larry & Jane Handlin, Crane, TX; David & Deborah Cohen, San Antonio, TX; Thomas & Jennifer Teel, Sperry, OK; Debbie Adams, Houston, TX; Alex & Sharon Rodriguez, Zephyr, TX and Darcy & Shawna Dennis from Thorsby, Alberta, Canada. New members approved.

Debbie continues to develop our Breed Standards, consulting with Dr. Phil Spondenberg for traits and correct drawing for this important project. The goal is to have lab results from the 24 chosen longhorns, including results from Uruguay and Portugal. Results of Breed Standards are targeted for completion by fall; with report being sent to members. Debbie reported that the Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford, NE; holds a Longhorn sale each fall on the third Sunday in November. They continue to work with CTLR and have excellent WR breeding in their program.

Bubba Sullivan reported there will be a fly-over of the Big Bend Ranch State Park to determine numbers of Longhorns still in this historic park. After a reduction in 2012 it was estimated that approximately 75 animals were missed; it is projected that there may be about 100 Longhorns at this time. Mark Lockwood will work with Bubba as he is familiar with ranch terrain. Texas House Bill 957 (concerning NO herd reductions) was withdrawn. Bubba also mentioned that he will be attending, with a trailer, the fall sale at Fort Robinson State Park. (Interested members may want to contact Bubba.)

Will Craddock, Manager of official Texas State Longhorn herds reported that they have approximately 200 Longhorns, including about 100 mother cows. They are using CTRL inspected bulls; one at San Angelo and one at Ft. Griffin. He was asked if they would be selling some of their Longhorns; at this time they are culling only older cows and intend to keep them as pets or for viewing by visitors.

Scott Horsak discussed with us the need for finding, buying and storing semen straws from the older deceased Longhorn Bulls. Scott, Tom Carter and Tim Aycock attended the WR Sale last fall. Cattle looked good, however, Tom had a conversation with management. They don't seem too interested in keeping records on the Longhorns and have had problems with good fences, hence cattle coming in or leaving for a time. A few older Longhorns were sold with papers but the number is smaller and they tend to wean off the calves before the sale. Purity is becoming a question. Scott & Tom agreed that at this time Ft. Robinson is probably a better venue for purchase of authentic Longhorns. Tom's suggestion was that members' DNA each of their Longhorns, visually judge each animal and consider the herd basis when buying a new Longhorn for your herd. Discussion continued with Will about the Texas State Herd and their willingness to work with CTRL to up-grade all their Longhorns to CTRL registry; we appreciate being associated with their historic herd. BJ inserted that we need to register all our eligible cattle in the CTRL registry. Graves Wallace reminded us of the intent of the CTRL founders; at their initial meeting in 1991.

Scott & Tim discussed the possibility of a CTRL semen depository, cataloged on a spreadsheet with pictures when available. Perhaps older bulls could be added to CTRL through DNA of semen. Many of these straws are being destroyed; cost of storage depends on amount being stored; but can be as cheap as 1 cent per straw per month. Scott will work on this spreadsheet project and will also add CTRL member's collections of semen to his list. Perhaps a promising young bull should be collected as he may be a great bull in the future. It was noted that storing in several different facilities is smart as they could lose tanks due to power outages. CTRL may be the best place to store information on this project; donations to this project would be deductible.

We moved on to election of directors, Lonnie Rodriguez, Bill Lotz, & BJ Rankin's terms being up this year. There were no new nominations from the floor; an acclamation from the floor was unanimous in retaining all three as directors. Approved. Officers were next on the agenda. As Giles has served as both V-P and Treas.; Will agreed to fill the position of V-P, after a motion by Bill L and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred B. Approved. All other officers will retain their position.

Markham Dossett after discussion about the Big Bend Ranch State Park with State Rep Charles “Doc” Anderson suggested we have a committee to formulate a plan to best utilize Rep Anderson’s direction in helping BBRSP with a permanent/forever home for these Longhorns. Above mentioned HB 957 was introduced by Rep Anderson and withdrawn. Rep Anderson is willing to work with CTRLR on legislation concerning this herd but does need our help with a long-term plan to best meet the needs of the Park and the Longhorns.

Members discussed that our cattle should have more value...other registries list sales in the thousands. Should we advertise, have cattle sales? Don Davis remembered when this was tried very early on and after a few sales, these sales seemed to be a place to send culls instead of better cattle. Fred mentioned that we were still capable of certifying our Longhorn beef. Bill L has used craigslist to sell his Longhorns and seems to have more interest when listing differences in Longhorns and linking to CTRLR Web Site. Bill will chair a Marketing Committee, with one other director’s help. Should we approach other registries to advertise in their publications? Do we come up towards the top when using internet search engines? Scott lists articles and pictures on blogs; he will try to maintain a mobile layout on his blog.

A motion was made to investigate what it would cost to optimize our Web Site. Debbie will work on this project and inform the board of the estimated cost. We were reminded that today will be training #2 for some of our members. It takes 3 training inspections to become a certified inspector.

Steve Baker joined us in prayer; after which we had a lovely lunch served by the Brownwood Country Club.

Respectfully submitted by Marijo Balmer, Secretary

#### Members Present

Ted Aycock, Tim Aycock, Fred Balmer, Marijo Balmer, Michael Bunker, Tom Carter, Deb Carter, Robert Cole, Will Cradduck, Debbie Davis, Don Davis, Betty Detmer, Sonny Detmer, Markham Dossett, Susan Dossett, James Farr, Debbie Farr, Janet Fowler, Larry Handlin, Jane Handlin, J. Scott Horsak, Kimble Horsak, Mike Kuecker, Bonnie Kuecker, Ian Kuecher,, Bill Lotz, Toy Lotz, Fred Mantooth, Eleanor Mantooth, J.O. McBride, McBride, Greg Mulligan, Billy Jack Rankin, Alex Rodriguez, Sharon Rodriguez, Tracy Salmon, Frank Sharp, Louise Sharp, David Sifford, Bubba Sullivan, Debbie Sullivan, Graves Wallace, Sue Watson, L.A. Williams, Kay Wilson, Van Wilson, Weldon Wilson, Eric Woster, Giles Madray, Clay & Raina Bailey, R & Helen Quintano, Dawn Lotz, Ryan Rodriguez, Logan Sharp, Steven Baker

