



# Livestock Marketing Association of Texas

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## LMAT 2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Sunday, February 14, 2010 Austin, Texas

### DRAFT - MINUTES - DRAFT

Please note: These minutes have been reviewed by the LMAT Executive Committee for accuracy but are not official until accepted at the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting. Note: 1 correction, Attachment A-Ken Jordan was present.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #1. Call To Order And Welcome.**

LMAT President Don McCandless called the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting to order at 9:15am.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2. Pledge Of Allegiance & Invocation.**

Mr. McCandless led the group in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #3. Call Roll Of Officers And Directors.**

Mr. McCandless asked LMAT Executive Director Don Ward to call the roll of officers and directors. Mr. Ward announced that a quorum of the Board was present with 17 present and 7 absent (Attachment A).

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4. Self Introductions Of Members And Guests Present.**

Mr. McCandless then asked everyone present to introduce themselves. Following introductions, Mr. Ward announced that per LMAT Bylaws a quorum of the membership was present with 21 member companies represented by 51 individual members and guests.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5. Welcome From LMA.**

Mark Mackey, LMA CEO gave a brief welcome from the national association.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6. Association Update.**

Mr. Ward reviewed the attached report (Attachment B). No action was taken.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7. Receive And Approve Minutes Of Previous Membership Meeting.**

LMAT Secretary Buddy Blackwell presented the minutes of the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #8. Receive/Act As Needed On Treasurer's Report.**

LMAT Treasurer Matt Anderson presented the financial report (Attachment C). He noted that in addition to the Year End report comparing 2009 to previous years, he had included a report

from Keith Chapman covering the period January 1 - June 30. He also noted that he had reviewed all financial documents and that everything was in order. Finally he noted that LMAT had been running a slight deficit for the last several years and that the situation needed to be reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #9. Discuss/Establish LMAT Position On Brucellosis Free Transition Re: First Point Testing.**

Mr. Ward moderated the session and began with a review of the material in the meeting packet. He then called on Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director and Texas State Veterinarian for additional background information. Mr. Ward then called on the two LMAT representatives on the TAHC Brucellosis Working Group for comments. Charlie Christensen and Frank Helvey. Following their comments, he opened the floor for discussion. After a lengthy and thorough discussion involving all LMAT members present as well as representatives of TSCRA and ICA, it appeared that most present preferred not to continue first point testing of all cattle but were concerned about completely stopping testing at the market. At that time a **motion was made and seconded to adopt the following as preferred option for market operators from a 12/30/09 email in meeting packet. The motion passed on a voice vote.**

*OPTION 2. Allow the seller of cattle of cattle to declare which cattle in a consignment should be bled and which should not - i.e. Which are slaughter cattle and which are potential breeding cattle.*

A formal resolution is attached (Attachment D)

**AGENDA ITEM #10. Discuss/Establish LMAT Position On NAIS Re: Market Operation Limitations.**

Nancy Robinson, VP, Governmental & Industry Affairs for LMA gave an update on the federal NAIS proposal. She indicated that no action was needed at this time.

11:45am. Following Ms Robinson's remarks, Mr. McCandless recessed the meeting for lunch.

**LMAT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**

Following lunch, former LMAT Executive Director Keith Chapman was honored for his many years of service to the livestock marketing industry in Texas. Surrounded by many of the LMAT past presidents, he was presented a plaque by LMAT President Don McCandless. Don Ward read a personal letter of congratulations from Governor Rick Perry and presented Keith with a framed copy.

1:40pm. Mr. McCandless reconvened the meeting. Ms Robinson continued her report on national issues with information on bankruptcy and horse slaughter issues. No action was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM # 11. Receive/Act As Needed On Report Of Task Force To Review The Organization And Administration Of LMAT.**

Mr. McCandless briefly reviewed the purpose of the Organizational Task Force and called on Mr. Ward for an announcement. Mr. Ward stated that his goal had always been to serve the members of LMAT to the best of his ability and he felt that given the resources of LMA, he

should withdraw his proposal for management of LMAT as Executive Director. He further stated that he wished to continue representing LMAT in Austin as Governmental Affairs Director/lobbyist. Mr. Sartwelle asked to be recognized to acknowledge that Mr. Ward had put the best interest of LMAT ahead of his own interests and thanked him for that. No formal action was taken but all agreed that the Organizational Task Force should work with Mr. Ward to define his duties and develop a proposed contract for his services. It was also agreed that the Organizational Task Force would review the Bylaws and propose at a later date changes needed to update the document.

Mr. Mackey was recognized along with Jesse Carver, LMA Region Executive Officer for Texas and Louisiana. Mr. Mackey thanked Mr. Ward and introduced Mr. Carver as the new LMAT Executive Director. He then called on Kristen Parman, LMA VP-Membership to review the services that LMA proposed to provide to LMAT. No further action was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #12. Receive Update On Texas Beef Council And NCBA.**

Bill Hughes, LMAT representative to the Texas Beef Council called on Richard Wortham for an update. No action was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #13. Receive Update On Trichomoniasis Regulations.**

Frank Helvey, LMAT representative to the TAHC Trich Working Group updated the group on his experience with Trich and called on Dr. Ellis for information on the Trich Regs.

**AGENDA ITEM #14. Receive Update On LMA Initiatives.**

Chip Chipman, LMA Region Executive Officer was recognized for his pending retirement. Kristen Parman gave a report on LMA initiatives with emphasis on efforts to defend against "animal rights activists". She pointed out that LMA had developed protocols for proper Animal Care and Handling and that the LMA Region Executive Officers would be available to conduct audits. No action was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #15. Receive/Act As Needed On Committee Reports.**

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| a. Dairy Cattle         | David Fowler, CmtChair   |
| b. Dealer & Order Buyer | Kenneth Leiber, CmtChair |
| c. Equine               | Troy Moore, CmtChair     |

A question was asked as to how long Coggins testing would continue. Dr. Ellis responded.

No action was taken.

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| d. Exotic Wildlife | Tommy Oates, CmtChair      |
| e. Sheep & Goat    | Wayne Geistweidt, CmtChair |
| f. State Affairs   | Ken Jordan, CmtChair       |
| g. Swine           | Bob Wright, CmtChair       |

**AGENDA ITEM #16. Consider/Adopt As Needed Resolutions.**

No action was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #17. Election Of Officers And Directors.**

Mr. McCandless called on Bill Hughes, chair of the Nominations Committee to present the slate of proposed Officers and Directors. Mr. Hughes distributed the slate (Attachment E) and explained that breaking with past tradition, Matt Anderson was recommended for re-

election as Treasurer. Mr. Hughes stated that there was not a prohibition against this in the LMAT Bylaws. Kris Scitern was recommended for Secretary and Bryan Forester had agreed to fill his father's position as District Director for district 10. All other directors were recommended for re-election. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as proposed and elect all of the officers and directors by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.**

Newly elected LMAT President Frank Helvey presented a plaque to outgoing President Don McCandless and each made brief remarks.

**AGENDA ITEM #18. Consider Other Business.**

There being no other business, the 2010 LMAT Annual Membership meeting adjourned.