ITLA General Membership Minutes 11/02/2024

Roll call of the board by Secretary Lake

All present with the exception of Mike Metcalfe and Terry Brink

Mr Hammersky, Mr Henderson, Mr Kott and Mr Johnson attending by call in.

Newly elected board members present were Mr. Oliver, Mr. Casey and Mr. Kroeker

Outgoing President Russel Freeman opened in prayer

Minutes of previous meeting read.

Motion to accept by Dr Sabio 2nd by Doug Burris (Unanimous)

President Freeman related former issues with bookkeeping had been addressed by himself and Dr Sabio who presented the treasurers report to include visual graphs of finances over the past 6 months along with financial trends with the ITLA budget. YTD totals have stayed consistent although month to month shows highs and lows.

President Freeman discussed the need for releasing the 3 mo CD to fund the Championship show prior to all income from the show.

Dr Sabio told the membership that the next step was an updated budget for ITLA and that bylaws required it be presented within 30 days and board approved within 45 days.

Mike Tomey moved to accept the treasurers report, 2nd by Mr Moxley (unanimous)

President elect Brad Westmoreland discussed by law changes needed including:

Timeline to announce meetings, International directorship bylaw clean up, nominating committee rules, conflict of interest policy, board candidate screening, disciplinary action clean up and annual budget requirement.

Changes had been approved by the board but required membership approval to continue.

Joe Dickinson questioned if the rule of two past president being on the nominating committee was in the bylaws and noted the need for that to keep historical information available. The consensus was that the board had voted for that but not put in bylaws.

Gordon Musgrove moved to approve all by law changes, 2nd by Stan Searle. (Motion passed)

No Old Business

New business:

There was a question from the membership about judge bias toward certain exhibitors. President Freeman addressed the question with the ITLA requirements to be a certified judge and the boards confidence in both the system and the judges. The board promised to continue to monitor judge performance.

Motion to adjourn by Mr Henderson, 2nd by Dr Sabio.

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Roll call by Secretary Lake, (no changes)

President elect Westmoreland brought an official thank you to president Freeman for his service to the board over the last year and a half.

An amended (abbreviated) version of the board oath was explained by secretary Lake as a better option for swearing in new members. After a question from Mr Seamon, new members were added to the board including Mr Westmoreland as president, Mr Dickinson as Vice President, Mr Casey as director, Mr Oliver as Director and Mr Kroeker as director.

President Westmoreland asked the boards approval of his appointments for the executive committee:

Himself as president (per bylaw)

Mr Dickinson as V.P. (per bylaw)

Director Mike Tomey

Director Larry Smith

Director Keith Berkley

Motion by former President Freeman, 2nd by Mr Casey (unanimous)

Motion to retain Mr Lake as board secretary by Mr Freeman, 2nd by Dr Sabio. (Passed)

Motion to appoint Dr Keth Berkley as treasurer by Mr Tomey, 2nd by Mr Moxley. (Passed)

Discussion by Dr Sabio to convert ITLA form a 501 c-5 to a 501 c-3 to allow better tax advantages. Decision to appoint a committee of himself, Dr Berkely and Doug Burris to investigate the process. Motion by Mr Seamon, 2nd by Mr Dickinson. (Passed)

Discussion about the 2025 Lone Star show to include allowing an affiliate to take over the show as soon as feasible. (No action)

Discussion surrounding the 2025 Championship show venue. No action

Mr Hammersky discussed a possible photo/video format for showing international cattle and the requirements for entries that are not ITLA registered. (No action)

Motion to approve current committee chairs by Secretary Lake, 2nd by Mr Dickinson.

Formal announcement of next board meeting to be held 12/17/2024 by zoom call.

Motion to adjourn by Mr Lake 2nd by Mr Freeman

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