

GPTLA Board Meeting via Phone Conference 5-18-25

The GPTLA Board of Directors gathered via phone conference, at 5:47pm MDT on 5/18/25, in an impromptu meeting to discuss urgent matters that have come up. All board members, being president Gordon Howie, secretary Shawn Tobin, treasurer Lisa Sanders, and board member Lorin Lippert, were present during the phone conference.

Gordon called the meeting to order. Shawn gave a show committee report. The report is as follows:

“I, Shawn Tobin; show chair, spoke with Jodie O’Bryan, representing Top Hand Longhorn Sale, on the phone on Friday, May 16th, 2025, to negotiate a deal for the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows at the Central States Fair. Being Top Hand Longhorn Sale is the entity that signed the contract with Central States Fair, Top Hand Longhorn Sale would be the entity the GPTLA would deal with for the World Qualifying Shows. Jodie, representing Top Hand Longhorn Sale, gave Shawn/GPTLA two options:

(Option 1) Shawn/GPTLA to collect a stall fee of \$30.00 per stall per day or \$50.00 per stall for the full weekend from the exhibitors in the World Qualifying Shows, on top of the show entry fees, and have Shawn/GPTLA pay Top Hand Longhorn Sale those funds at the time of the World Qualifying Shows.

(Option 2) To have exhibitors pay Top Hand Longhorn Sale \$30.00 per stall per day or \$50.00 per stall for the full weekend directly to Top Hand Longhorn Sale once they arrive at the show, on top of show entry fees.

I, in my capacity as show chairman, offered a counter proposal of adding the Central States Fairgrounds costs, veterinarian costs, brand inspector costs, and insurance costs together and dividing the total cost per number of stalls and pens that are being utilized for the sale and show. Not knowing the exact number of stalls and pens, I estimated 80 pens for the show cattle, 10 pens for the bull showcase, 10 pens for the display pens, and 60 pens for the sale cattle totaling 160 pens or stalls. Historically, Top Hand Longhorn Sale controls the display pens, I was told. Shawn’s/GPTLA responsibility would be 90 stalls/pens (80 show cattle and 10 bull showcase), 56.25% of the total cost.

Top Hand Longhorn Sale said there was no cost value associated with the sale cattle pens, and they would not put a cost value on the sale cattle pens.

Shawn and Jodie ended the phone call with no compromise being reached.

In my capacity as show chairman, I, along with GPTLA Board president Gordon Howie, made a trip to view Fall River Fairgrounds in Edgemont, SD, as a possible site for the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows. While there, terms were discussed with the on-site manager.” End of show committee report.

Recommendations from members of the GPTLA about different locations were received and read aloud.

Shawn then made a recommendation, as show chairman, to the GPTLA Board to hold the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows at the Fall River Fairgrounds in Edgemont, SD on August 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2025.

Shawn made a motion, “To decide on a location to hold the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows, even though Gordon asked for recommendations by June 1st, 2025, at the last board meeting.” Lorin seconded the motion. After discussion, Gordon amended the motion to add, “with time being of the essence.” Lisa seconded the amended motion. All Approved.

Shawn made a motion, “to relocate to and host the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows at the Fall River Fairgrounds in Edgemont, SD, on August 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2025.” Lisa seconded the motion and all approved.

Shawn made a motion, and Lisa seconded the motion, “to rescind the decision from the December 17th, 2024, to place a half page advertisement, for the GPTLA, in the Top Hand Longhorn Sale catalog, due to price increase of the advertisement from \$200.00 to \$300.00. All approved.

Shawn made a motion, “to allocate \$5,000.00 to Shawn, show chairman, payable to Shawn, show chairman, for operational costs of the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows.” Lorin seconded the motion. Gordon amended motion by adding, “with Shawn, show chairman, keeping records of accounts payable and accounts receivable, and report to the GPTLA Board up until and after the GPTLA World Qualifying Shows.” Shawn seconded the amendment, and all approved the motion and amendment.

With no other new business or unfinished business, Shawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lorin, and all approved.

Shawn Tobin, secretary

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