

## Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>July 18, 2017</b>
Meeting Called to Order By	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors
Place	LAHBPA Main Office
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters, Bobby Dupre ( <i>on phone</i> ), Keith Hernandez, Andy Leggio, Jr.; Charlotte Stemmans Clavier ( <i>on phone initially; arrived 12:25pm</i> ); Christine D. Early; Bret Calhoun ( <i>on phone</i> ); Ron Faucheux; Don Stemmans ( <i>on phone</i> ); Edward Johnston; Kenneth L. Roberts ( <i>on phone</i> )
Prayer Lead By	Christine Early
Others in Attendance:	Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh and Vickie Lory
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:32 a.m.</i>
Discussion re: Adopt Minutes	Discussed adopting the Minutes from May 2, 2017, June 21, 2017 and July 3, 2017 BOD meetings. May 2, 2017 Minutes will be revised on page 4 to include the excerpt provided to the Board for review and approval.
Motion <b>Adopt Minutes</b>	Motion made to adopt Minutes from May 2, 2017, June 21, 2017 and July 3, 2017 BOD meetings. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion re: Vice-President	Bernard made a recommendation to the Board to nominate/appoint Charlotte Stemmans Clavier as Vice-President.
Motion <b>Vice-President</b>	Motion to nominate and elect/appoint Charlotte Stemmans Clavier, as Vice-President; there were no other nominations. Motion by: Andy Leggio, Jr. Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion <b>into Executive Session</b>	Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. Motion by: Eddie Johnston Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion <b>out of Executive Session</b>	Motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed
Presentations and Discussions re: LHR and TAA	Introduction and Presentation given by Therese Arroyo with Louisiana Horse Rescue, who also works with the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association. LHR currently participates with HBPA in their "Opt-In Program", which involves per-start donations. Second Presentation given by Stacie Clark and Ashton Moynihan ( <i>via phone</i> ) with the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. TAA is the only accrediting body for the Thoroughbred industry, and a horse rescue operation throughout the country.

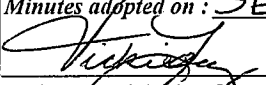
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	<i>At 11:25 a.m. Therese Arroyo left the meeting; Stacie Clark and Ashton Moynihan left the meeting (on phone); John Beech stepped out for Executive Session.</i>
<b>Motion into Executive Session</b>	Motion to go into Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.
	Motion by: Christine Early
	Second by: Ron Fauchaux
	Motion Unanimously Passed
<b>Motion out of Executive Session</b>	Motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:36 a.m.
	Motion by: Christine Early
	Second by: Eddie Johnston
	Motion Unanimously Passed
<b>Discussion re: Louisiana Horse Rescue</b>	The Board discussed a potential contribution to the Louisiana Horse Rescue and/or Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.
<b>Motion Louisiana Horse Rescue</b>	Motion made to make a \$5000 donation to the "Louisiana Horse Rescue" and to revisit it again next year.
	Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier
	Second by: Eddie Johnston
	Motion Unanimously Passed
	<i>At 11:37 a.m. Mr. John Beech with the Jockey's Guild re-enters the meeting. At 11:48 a.m. Kerwin Clark with the Jockey's Guild enters the meeting (via phone) due to accident on I-10.</i>
<b>Presentation and Discussion re: Jockey Guild</b>	Introduction and Presentation given by John Beech, Regional Manager of Jockeys Guild and Kerwin Clark (on phone) who deliver their Proposal to the Board requesting a Louisiana Jock Mount Fee increase.
	<i>At 12:03 p.m. John Beech and Kerwin Clark (via phone) leave the meeting.</i>
	<i>At 12:05 p.m. Charlotte re-enters the meeting (via phone).</i>
<b>Discussion re Jock Mount Increase</b>	Discussed what the Board would recommend to the LSRC regarding the Jockey's Guild request for a Jock Mount fee increase.
<b>Motion Mount Fee Increase</b>	Motion made to recommend to the LSRC a \$5.00 Jock Mount fee increase for the "unplaced" category on the Proposal.
	Motion by: Keith Hernandez
	Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier
	Motion Unanimously Passed
<i>Break for Lunch</i>	<i>Time: 12:11 p.m. (members on phone will call back in 15 minutes)</i>
<i>Charlotte arrives</i>	<i>Time: 12:25 p.m.</i>
<i>Return from Lunch</i>	<i>Time: 12:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Returned to meeting</i>	<i>Time: 12:42 p.m. (recorder on)</i>
<b>Presentation and Discussion Racing Promotion - Oak Street Films [Advertising]</b>	Ed Fenasci presented a short video and provided a handout to Board Members from Stu Kirshenbaum at Oak Street Films regarding advertising for LAHBPA.
<b>Discussion re: Legislative Consultants</b>	Board briefly discussed the LAHBPA's Legal Report.

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	Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier
	Second by: Christine Early
	Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion <b>out of Executive Session</b>	Motion to come out of Executive Session at 1:10 p.m.
	Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier
	Second by: Don Stemmans
	Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion <b>re: Harry Benoit</b>	Discussed termination of the contract with LAHBPA's Legislative Consultant, Harry Benoit.
Motion <b>re Harry Benoit</b>	Motion made to relieve Harry Benoit of all duties as a Legislative Consultant for the LAHBPA.
	Motion by: Bret Calhoun
	Second by: Eddie Johnston
	Motion Passed 9 to 1 ( <i>Christine Early opposed</i> )
<b>National HBPA Convention Report</b>	Charlotte reported that she will further investigate ideas for the National Convention [ <i>March 13 - March 17</i> ] and for the venue and food package considerations for the "Welcome Event" on March 13. HBPA is hoping to raise sponsorships for the "Welcome Event". Discussed Antoine's as a possibility, and reserving a hospitality suite, as well. Discussed potential itinerary items and transportation for other scheduled events at the Fair Grounds and around New Orleans.
<b>Audit/Finance Report</b>	Larry reported that all funds are now in the Whitney Bank. FNCB is closed, and the credit cards previously with FNBC are closed. Five of the six audits are done, and presented fairly; the Bookkeeper audit will be finalized in August. The audits will be shared once they are accepted as "final". Ronnie Dawson with Postlethwaite & Netterville will meet with HBPA to develop and confirm "best practices" for HBPA, and he will review internal controls/processes and expenses, and interview staff to develop, justify and share the cost percentages among the Trusts/entities for each employee.
<b>Track Report Fair Grounds</b>	Bernard discussed the HBPA's need of keeping wheels. Discussed sending a letter to the EPA to determine what we can do to keep the wheels. Bernard polled the Board regarding their desire to keep the walking wheels open. Discussed negotiations being had with the tracks to move the horses, and the need to write a letter to the FG to recommend they allocate stalls and to allow an earlier move-in for the Evangeline horses.
<b>Track Report Delta Downs</b>	Discussed the condition of the tracks at Delta, and other Louisiana race tracks. The HBPA Field Office employees will be directed to create "working lists" at each race track of the needed improvements, and the HBPA will submit the list for each race track.
<b>Track Report Evangeline Downs</b>	Discussed the condition of the turf track. The material for the main track has arrived. We will submit Dr. Peterson's bills to Evangeline, and request they pay half. LSU Department of Agriculture will know by October whether the turf course will have grass. Also discussed the need for the Contract to require that the race track hire an approved/certified Teletimer operator (clocker).
<b>Pension Report</b>	Charlotte stated the need to have a Pension meeting. Effective June 1st, the tracks are now paying 1% to back to the Pension and 1% to WC.
<b>Medical Report</b>	Christine Early reported that there are sufficient funds; dental benefits being used. Will get with Murray to schedule a meeting.
<b>HWCIT Report</b>	Mike reported that 410 trainers renewed their WC policy for the 2017-2018 policy period.
<b>New Business re: Benevolence</b>	Discussed benevolence of \$1000 each to BBF [ <i>Backside Benevolence Fund</i> ] and Reap [ <i>Racing Employees Assistance Program</i> ] for their annual event. Discussed the successful Chaplin program at Evangeline Downs and possibly getting a similar program at Delta Downs.

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Motion <b>re Benevolence</b>	Motion to repeat last year's benevolence of \$1000 each to BBF and Reap.
	Motion by: Christine Early
	Second by: Ron Fauchoux
	Motion Unanimously Passed
<b>New Business</b> <b>re: President Portraits</b>	Discussed commissioning an artist to prepare framed portraits of past Presidents, Stanley Seelig and Sean Alfortish. Currently, shopping for prices.
Motion <b>re President Portraits</b>	Motion to continue with \$700 price point for framed portraits for the past Presidents, Stanley Seelig and Sean Alfortish.
	Motion by: Don Stemmans
	Second by: Christine Early
	Motion Unanimously Passed
<b>New Business</b> <b>Mountaineer Park</b>	Mountaineer Park has requested a letter from the HBPA describing how we handle race days during a meet.
<b>New Business</b> <b>Claiming Rule</b>	HBPA will send a letter to LSRC and ask them to put the "Claiming Rule" on their August agenda .
<b>Old Business</b> <b>Sales Tax Refund</b>	John Duvieilh indicated continued work is still being done on the Sales Tax refund project.
<b>Old Business</b> <b>Misc</b>	Christine Early requested a contact list of Board Members and their spouses to be used for the upcoming National Convention.. Discussion regarding issues with collecting outstanding funds from trainers, and will be visited at the next meeting.
Motion to Adjourn	Motion made to Adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m.
	Motion by: Don Stemmans
	Second by: Christine Early
	Motion Unanimously Passed
<b>Ratification</b>	<p><i>Minutes adopted on : SEPT. 26 , 2017</i></p>  <p><i>Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary</i></p>