

Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday, March 26, 2018
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 Keith Hernandez Any Leggio, Jr. Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Christine D. Early (<i>on phone, left 11:13 a.m. and returned later</i>) Bret Calhoun Ron Faucheux Don Stemmans Edward Johnston Kenneth L. Roberts (<i>on phone</i>)
Board Members Not Present	
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: 10:36 a.m.</i>
Motion	Motion made to adopt the previous minutes from February 16, 2018. Motion by: Christine D. Early Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Motion Unanimously Passed
Legal Update Discussion	John D. indicated the Legislative update will be passed on. The Appellate Court has set oral argument in May, and we will be heard in the Soileau, et al matter that date. The Court will issue a ruling. He submitted a settlement proposal to plaintiff counsel for 14% of the video poker and a 70/30 split of gaming but has not received a response. Mr. Broussett, a plaintiff, indicated he would not accept the offer. John is prepared to go forward with the oral argument. If they don't accept it, we proceed accordingly. The WC policy (<i>Application</i>) will be changed this year. We will have separate applications this year for farms and racing.
Discussion re Employment Contract	Ed Fenasci requested the Board extend his contract for two years. John indicated with the same terms and conditions that existed the last time it was approved.

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<p>Motion re Ed Fenasci's contract</p>	<p>Motion made to approve extension of Ed Fenasci's contract.</p> <p>Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Discussion re Race Dates</p>	<p>John D. requested to go into Executive Session regarding this.</p>
<p>Motion into Executive Session</p>	<p>Motion made to go into Executive Session.</p> <p>Motion by: Any Leggio, Jr. Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Motion out of Executive Session</p>	<p>Motion made to come out of Executive Session.</p> <p>Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Christine Early Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Discussion Lab Results</p>	<p>Benard indicated they received a number of mediation positives at the LAD OH meet. Ed indicated clearance notices came in over the weekend from LSRC. At Delta all of the race days have generally cleared except for some tests that they may be looking at further, so Delta is finished through the meet. The FG is clear through the 14th. The Lab is trying to deal with a large number of positives, and they have gotten behind. They received 25 positives for clenbuterol and one for naproxen; many are still on hold. Clenbuterol is a problem with the Commission with the number of positives. The 1st penalty is \$1000 fine. Per John, if you have more than 1, you get suspended; if you have more than two, it can get "real ugly." We have several members with multiples. It's a Commission issue.</p>
<p>Track Report – DED</p>	<p>Benard indicated the meet ended and the purses were high. It was successful. Slot revenue was up 7% for the meet. There is a lot of construction in Lake Charles. DED is doing well. HBPA is working with Boyd Legislatively to convert slot floors from square foot limit to number of machines limit. Per Ed, if the casino gets an expansion, they are in line to get the same proportional expansion. We assisted them with a bill that whatever they do for the casino boats, the race tracks will get the same. The tracks will stay proportional with the casino boats.</p>

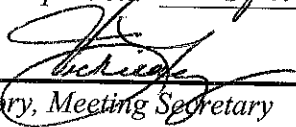
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Track Report – EVD	Benard indicated the turf course was aerated on Friday and looks good. Anticipate running on it by April 15 th . The track looks good too. The new barns look great. They will be ready. The courses look good. The facility looks good. They need more purse money. We had complaints about the bar. MoJo's Bar should be opening. The Club House will have a-la-cart. They are having a press release on Good Friday. *
<i>*Christie Early @ 11:13am</i>	<i>Left the meeting (via phone).</i>
Discussion re Claiming Rule Change	Ed Johnston asked Ed Fenasci if he spoke with Charlie Gardner about the Claiming Rule. Ed indicated he was unable to reach him but would double his efforts. Ed indicated they want to make sure it's on the agenda for the meeting. John D. indicated you must have 6 months once it's considered. Per Ed Fenasci, it has to go through final adoption, but can't do until after the waiting period, and we will inquire about it being on the agenda. Per John D., we don't have an agenda yet.
Track Report – FG	A discussion was held regarding the Backside Committee (BSC), Condition Books, Use of Extras, and Entries. It was noted that Louisiana Bred Races seem to have more difficulty in being chosen after the first few weeks of the meet. This leaves the owners of LA bred horses with limited opportunity to run. It was suggested that the FG Racing staff could make a stronger effort to accommodate the LA Bred horses. Benard suggested that the BSC should meet with the FG racing staff more regularly, such as how the BSCs do at the other tracks. In addition, he felt the BSC should get the draft of the Condition Book with sufficient enough time to review and provide feedback to the Racing Office. John D said he has heard complaints regarding the races in the Condition Books at FG. Discussion continued regarding the members of the FG BSC and whether they should get an advanced copy of the Condition Book. It was decided that we would express to the FG Racing Office that we would like them to make an effort to accommodate the LA Bred Horses.
Further Track Discussions	Another discussion occurred regarding switching race dates between EVD and DED. Benard felt policy should be made on what the majority wants. The majority participate at DED and EVD. Brett indicated there is too much gap and overlap. The State would be more excited about more revenue. Discussed moving the meet back to October 1 st . You can run more LA Bred horses at DED, but it's difficult to fit your LA Bred horses into the 3 daily races at the FG, which is why moving the date to October 1 st would help. Benard felt we needed to do our best to represent everyone.

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	<p>We don't get to tell them what to do. Keith asked Benard why the trainers in that area don't want it. Bret asked how it would be punishing the horsemen there. EJ wanted to know what we need to do to move the date to October 1st. We can make a motion.</p>
<p>Motion re move the DED meet to October 1st</p>	<p>Motion made to try to get DED to move their meet back to October 1st.</p> <p>Motion by: Edward Johnston Second by: Bret Calhoun and Christine Early Motion Passed Unanimously (roll call vote)</p>
<p><i>Roll Call Vote on Motion (above)</i></p>	<p><i>Bret Calhoun - yes</i> <i>Charlotte Stemmans Clavier - yes</i> <i>Bobby Dupre - yes</i> <i>Christine D. Early - yes</i> <i>Ron Faucheux - yes</i> <i>Keith Hernandez - yes</i> <i>Edward Johnston - yes</i> <i>Andy Leggio, Jr. - yes</i> <i>Kenneth L. Roberts - yes</i> <i>Don Stemmans - yes</i></p>
<p>Further Track Discussion</p>	<p>It will be put on the agenda at the Racing Commission meeting. The QH meet at LAD ends March 21. We need to be sure DED does not kick anyone out on March 1, and DED stays open for 2 weeks, and they leave and go to LAD. The QH people run until March 21. We need to make sure that DED does not close the BS at the 2-week point; DED will need to allow the horses moving to LAD to stay for 3 weeks (<i>an additional week or so</i>) after the meet ends on March 1. Kenny suggested allowing them to move in the day after the LAD meet ends, on March 22nd. The QH trainers want out of LAD and move to DED as quick as they can. The BS are open because it is a transition period. Kenny stated DED starts construction after the meet; a lot of people are moving out today (March 26th). Further discussion was had regarding closing the gaps between the meets at EVD and DED. Ed stated if you move EVD back to start April 11 (<i>instead of April 4</i>), we only have a GAP for just under 6 weeks. John stated if Delta ends on March 1 or 5, and you have 15 days to move out, then they come out of Delta March 20 or so, and the move in date at EVD has to be 30 days... QH go to LAD. Decided to table discussion and chat with them about putting this on the agenda.</p>
<p>Motion re Condition Book to BSC</p>	<p>Motion made to no longer give the Condition Book to Backside Committees.</p>

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	<p>Motion by: Edward Johnston Second by: Andy Leggio, Jr. Motion Passed (Ron Faucheux opposed)</p>
Further re Condition Books	<p>Benard indicated he was strongly opposed to stop distributing Condition Books to BSCs at DED and EVD, because it has worked well at those locations. There is no reason a member of this Board has to be on the BSC. The Condition Books come to the HBPA. It is a fallacy that there is abuse of the Condition Books. Benard will represent the Board and talk with them, if a letter is written.</p>
Track Report - LAD	<p>Benard received a call from a fellow hired by Indiana Downs. He called to see how LAD does with managing the property. They are no better or worse than anyone else. Kenny Roberts met him at LAD. He looked at the surface and watched the races.</p>
Pension Report - Charlotte	<p>Pension is meeting after the Board Meeting.</p>
Medical Report – Christine/Larry	<p>All fine.</p>
HWCIT Report - Mike	<p>We recently settled some old claims. We will have our Annual Renewal Meeting on April 17. We had a good year last year. This year is not quite as good, but we have a surplus.</p>
New Business	<p>None.</p>
<p><i>Motion</i> <i>Adjourned 12:32 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Edward Johnston Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Ratification	<p>Minutes adopted on: <u>June 26</u>, 2018  _____ Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary</p>