

# Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

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| Date of Meeting   | <b>August 14, 2018 – Emergency Meeting</b>   |
| Meeting called to Order by  | Benard Chatters  |
| Type of Meeting   | Board of Directors   |
| Place   | LAHBPA Main Office   |
| Meeting Secretary   | Vickie Lory  |
| <i>The President called the meeting to order</i>                                      | <i>Time: 10:34 a.m.</i>  |
| Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared  | Benard Chatters<br>Bobby Dupre ( <i>arrived late</i> )<br>Keith Hernandez<br>Any Leggio, Jr.<br>Charlotte Stemmans Clavier<br>Christine D. Early<br>Bret Calhoun<br>Ron Faucheux<br>Don Stemmans<br>Edward Johnston<br>Kenneth L. Roberts  |
| Others in Attendance  | Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci; John Duvieilh and Vickie Lory   |
| Prayer Lead by  | Christine Early  |
| Benard welcomed our Guests from the LQHBA, the LTBA and the FG                        | Ryan Robicheaux, Tony Patterson, Jimmy Hatchett and Gerald Thomas with the LQHBA; Roger Heitzmann from the LTBA; Jason Boulet and David Waguespack with the FG;  |
| Guest, David F. Waguespack, Counsel for the FG  | David presented his key concerns for moving the QH meet from August/September to March/April. The most important concern is that the QH meet occurs during peak hurricane season. He discussed the safety issues and difficulties associated with mandatory evacuations. Secondly, he explained the FG's barn structure was built as a winter track and not designed for the heat of the summer. Thirdly, he discussed the logistics associated with hiring 100 employees for those 3 weeks for the QH meet. Finally, despite the FG's best promotional efforts, the QH meet has not attracted attention. Therefore, moving the QH meet to a better time of year in March/April, would put it in what he considered the heart of horseracing when people are focused on horseracing. |
| Further Discussion with Members and David Waguespack<br>Re: Movement of QH race dates | Benard asked how he proposed to house the horses during that time of year. David responded that it would be logistically difficult, but if coupled with moving the TB meet up a few weeks, barn space would become available. Jason expected the new TB schedule to be approved at the next Commission meeting finishing the TB meet on the 24 <sup>th</sup> rather than the 31 <sup>st</sup> . The last day of entries would be done by March 15 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> , and 500 to 600 horses will be leaving the FG that last week, and they'll head to Kentucky.   |
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Further Discussion re QH  
race dates

Kenny Roberts indicated that moving the meet to March/April would be hard for them. Brett Calhoun indicated when they ended the meet on March 31<sup>st</sup>, there was a big rush for them to get out for the Jazz Fest move-in. He asked how the FG would run a QH meet during that time. David stated that they think it can work. There are lots of pluses to moving it to March/April. He did not feel there were any pluses to keeping it to August/September. One of the challenges they'll have is Jazz Fest, but they'll have to navigate that as best we can. The pluses outweigh having to coordinate things with Jazz Fest. Chrisie Early stated she agreed with Brett, and added that Jazz Fest was a nightmare, but if you feel you can do it... Kenny stated he did not believe the QH people agreed and added that they would take their chances with August/September. He stated it was all about the horses and that they have to make it right for the horses. It would give them no time to get their horses ready for another meet. He understands what they are saying, and it sounds good for them, but it's not feasible for the QH. He stated it was not right to jam all of this at once and did not feel it would work because there was not enough time in between to make it work. Ryan Robicheaux indicated the selling point of their industry is that all 4 tracks support their industry. If they move from August to March, they have to find someplace to stay in August. They promote year-round racing, and it would mean the next 4-5 months, the horses would not run. It fits perfect in their system and would hate to see it moved. They are willing to take their chances with the weather in August. There is a system in place, and if need be, they get out. The gap now is about 11 weeks; Delta closes July 7<sup>th</sup> and EVD opens October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The current scenario is ideal for Quarter horses. They go from one track to another. Benard indicated he had a lot of support for the proposal to move the meet from the FG to DED. They discussed moving the purse and expenses from the FG to DED and trying to get 16 instead of 10 days. He stopped pursuing it when the horsemen said they wanted to stay at FG. There is a large group of people who would love to extend the meet and stay at DED. Ryan indicated they wanted to stay at the FG. They want to keep it the way it is and move from track to track. The LQHBA decided to discontinue paying the \$10K promotional funds to the FG because they were not paying any other track. They felt it was not a good deal. David added that QH are passionate and many QH do not like coming to NOLA. It's a bad time of year to be in NOLA. If you are stuck in traffic with horses, it's a catastrophe. Since 2005, we've had 3 mandatory evacuations. Kenny added, we have no control over mother-nature and we had enough heads-up from the FG, and it went smooth. We moved out at night and could do it again. Why suddenly, is there an urgency to move the meet?

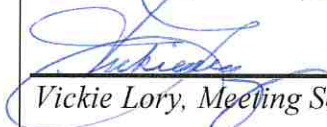
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They have a promotion budget, and the QH Board chose to spend it other places. No other track asked us to give money. David explained he was asked to look at the stall agreements 6 months ago, and John will know this, that's where the "emergency paragraph" came in. They needed to ensure owners understood the importance of the emergency communications. Focus should have come earlier. They had a near miss. It's getting worse. Appreciate your comments. We have put our best foot forward. Less and less public interest in QH. Very difficult to hold the meet at that time of year. Benard indicated it's not up to he HPBA to state whether they run the meet or not. David responded to Ed's question, that they were here today to talk it through, and he was not sure they would present the date change to the commission on August 27th. They are interested in the HBPA's position and hoped as an industry to get on the same page. Jason asked if the HBPA would have an opinion if they presented it to the Commission. Benard stated The Board would discuss it. John indicated the Commission would ask for the HBPA's position on amending these dates, and it's either going to be "yes", "no" or we have no opinion. Benard indicated they would talk as a Board on the issue. It's a tough spot for the Board because we represent QH and TB members, and we have to decide what's in the best interest of LA horseracing. Kenny stated it was about the horses, and Benard said it was about the horses and doing business and keeping horseracing viable all year long. Jason stated they need to know where the HBPA stands on the issue. Benard suggested he has his position and stands behind it and the HBPA would stand with their position, and that he would not allow the FG/Churchill to put him in between the members that he has been elected to serve. If you believe the position is right for your company, stand on it. Benard stated he would not be put in an unfair position that would be detrimental to racing and the members he serves. David said he understood and represented FG since 2004, and he appreciated being allowed to present their position. Eddie indicated they had never been involved with dates and don't tell other tracks when to run their races. Jason stated the Board had a position on asking the Commission to adjust DED's dates, and Ed questioned the Commission's position when they asked three times in a row. Jason understood it was rejected but stated the Board did ask. Eddie stated the Commission tells them to get together. Benard asked the Members to state their positions. John asked if it was fair to say, assuming they can provide the same services they have been providing, the only issue is the dates. Yes, we want to stay where we are. Other than that, you have no complaints about what they have been providing? Yes. John added that the decision is just the dates of the meet. David asked if the Board has to vote

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|  | <p>in a public forum? John replied, yes. Ed added this was not a duly-noted meeting, and therefore, there could be no official Board action unless all board members waived the right to the 10-day notice. John stated there will be a straw vote in Executive Session. If there is a vote, it has to be done out of E.S. Ryan indicated Hurricanes may or may not happen, but Jazz Fest will certainly happen every year. John wanted to make sure that was the only issue since “you have this opportunity to speak in front of this Board.”</p> |
| <p>Motion<br/>Into Executive Session</p>   | <p>Motion made to go into Executive Session.</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux<br/>Second by: Eddie Johnston<br/>Motion Unanimously Passed</p>   |
| <p>Motion<br/>Out of Executive Session</p> | <p>Motion made to come out of Executive Session</p> <p>Motion by: Eddie Johnston<br/>Second by: Keith Hernandez<br/>Motion Unanimously Passed</p>   |
| <p>Discussion</p>                          | <p>We need a motion to waive the 10-day notice.</p>   |
| <p>Motion</p>                              | <p>Motion made to waive the 10-day meeting notice.</p> <p>Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier<br/>Second by: Keith Hernandez<br/>Motion Unanimously Passed</p>  |
| <p>Discussion</p>                          | <p>Ed stated we needed a motion to respond to the Fairground’s request on the HBPA’s position to amend dates for the quarter horse races. Ed said the motion is if asked by the Commission, we will respond that the Board supports the Fairground to amend their thoroughbred dates for the 2018-2019 meet and will support the Fairground’s request for quarter horse dates beginning in March and ending in April 2019.</p>  |
| <p>Motion</p>                              | <p>Motion made that if asked by the Commission, HBPA will respond that the Board supports the Fairgrounds to amend their thoroughbred dates for the 2018-2019 meet and will support the Fairground’s application request for quarter horse dates beginning in March and ending in April 2019.</p>   |

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|   | <p>Motion by: Keith Hernandez<br/>                 Seconded by: Ron Faucheux<br/>                 Motion Passed</p>   |
| Roll call vote regarding whether the HBPA will support the Fairgrounds request to move race dates | <p>Bret Calhoun – yes<br/>                 Charlotte Stemmans Clavier – no<br/>                 Bobby Dupre – yes (<i>he confirmed for the record he votes yes</i>)<br/>                 Christine Early – yes<br/>                 Ron Faucheux – yes<br/>                 Keith Hernandez – yes<br/>                 Eddie Johnston - yes<br/>                 Andy Leggio - yes<br/>                 Kenny Roberts - no<br/>                 Don Stemmans - no</p> |
| Discussion  | <p>Benard confirmed that if not pushed, they will not volunteer this position to the Commission. On the Velocity issue, John Duvieilh and Eddie Johnston told Ed to do what you think is correct.</p>   |
| Motion to Adjourn at 1:30 p.m.  | <p>Motion made to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion by: Eddie Johnston<br/>                 Second by: Don Stemmans<br/>                 Motion Unanimously Passed</p>   |
| Ratification  | <p>Minutes adopted on: <u>NOVEMBER 13</u>, 2018</p> <p><br/>                 Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary</p>  |