


Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	September 8, 2020
Meeting called to Order by	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors <i>(Emergency Meeting)</i>
Place	LAHBPA Main Office <i>(Conference Call)</i>
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters <i>(phone)</i> Bobby Dupre <i>(phone)</i> Keith Hernandez Any Leggio, Jr. <i>(phone)</i> Charlotte Stemmans Clavier <i>(phone)</i> Christine D. Early Bret Calhoun <i>(phone)</i> Ron Faucheux <i>(phone)</i> Don Stemmans <i>(phone)</i> Edward Johnston <i>(phone)</i> Kenneth L. Roberts <i>(phone)</i>
Board Members Not Present	
Others in Attendance	Sturgis Ducoing, Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, Kristie Piglia, Vickie Lory
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:43 am</i>
Prayer Lead by	Christine Early
Discussion <i>Re relief funds</i>	Ed reported on updates due to Hurricane Laura. We were given authority by the Medical Trust <i>(per Legislative authority)</i> to issue weekly relief funds to members due to Hurricane Laura. Some relief funds were given to QH and TB members for stall rent and shavings. They also authorized the Trust to pay for the first seven days of rent up to \$6/day, and 4 bags of shavings for each displaced horse. A second week was also authorized. EVD has asked for the Board's endorsement to delay the QH meet to October 1 <i>(two weeks later)</i> , stating that QH members and Breeders association have agreed. They would still end the meet on December 19.
Motion	Motion made to waive the 10-day notice for the meeting. Motion by: Don Stemmans Second by: Bobby Dupre Motion Unanimously Passed

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<p>Motion</p>	<p>Motion was made to support EVD's proposal to delay the start of the QH meet to October 1 and end the meet on December 19 with the number of race dates intact.</p> <p>Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Don Stemmans Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Discussion <i>Re Jazz Fest</i></p>	<p>Ed reported that Benard was approached by Quint Davis of Jazz Fest. Benard reported he was asked to support a contingency plan to move Jazz Fest from April/May 2021 to early October 2021, if deemed necessary due to the Pandemic. He added that JF was canceled in 2020 due to Covid. If JF is moved to October, it will detrimentally affect the turf course. However, FG's personnel (Pedro) believe they can have the turf course operational by January, depending on weather. However, it will reduce turf racing. Benard added that Jazz Fest is a major contributor to the Louisiana tax base. Ed added that JF holds a unique and important status in New Orleans and urged members to support the contingency plan even though it would disrupt stabling and remove turf racing until January. Members voiced their financial concerns to support the plan, stating that the removal of turf racing during November and December would severely and negatively affect purse accounts. It was suggested we develop a plan for financial considerations for the financial impact to the handle and to the industry. Members also felt that if allowed to move JF this year, they might try to do it again in following years. Benard reported they would have everything removed from the turf course in 4 days. Ed stated he liked the idea of requesting compensation for the economic impact to horsemen, however, to prevent it would be viewed poorly. Benard indicated JF understood it would impact our industry. They will be gone prior to the October 26th move in date. Ed suggested they assign a Committee at the next Board Meeting.</p>
<p>Discussion <i>Re Brief Submissions for an Emergency Order to Stable at the FG</i></p>	<p>Ed reported there is a Court Hearing on Friday regarding the restraining order filed by the Fairgrounds concerning the emergency stabling issue. The FG presented testimony and the discussion showed they are capable of accepting 400-500 horses immediately if they chose to do so. The RC asked for briefs regarding their positions. The LTBA voted to issue such a brief, and Mr. Duvieilh is working on the LHBPA's brief to support the emergency order. Ed was told the QH Breeders were not a part of the lawsuit and would not submit a brief. Ed suggested he check with their attorney, as earlier this year they submitted a brief when they were not a party, and it is allowed by the Court.</p>

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Discussion Re Medical Trust Relief Assistance	Ed asked for suggestions and comments on what they have been doing and what they should be doing. The Medical Trust will meet later this week regarding additional relief authorizations. Ed suggested the Trust allow additional authorization to avoid having to re-authorize additional relief. The Medical Trust is well-positioned to help members in the aftermath of the hurricane.
Motion Re Medical Trust Assistance	A motion was made to recommend to the Medical Trust that they also consider paying \$2.50/day to members to train on the track, at Copper Crowne, and assistance to clean the stalls upon departure, if necessary. Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Kenneth Roberts Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion Re affidavits	Benard requested that if anyone was in the Opelousas area to go to Copper Crown for noon to sign the affidavits for the lawsuit. <i>(re hurricane aftermath)</i>
New Business	Ed asked if anyone had any new business. <i>(None)</i>
Old Business	<i>(None)</i>
Motion to Adjourn	Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed
Ratification	Minutes adopted on: <u>12-29</u> , 2020  Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary