

Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	September 28, 2020
Meeting called to Order by	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors (<i>emergency meeting</i>)
Place	LAHBPA Main Office
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters Bobby Dupre (<i>phone</i>) Keith Hernandez Andy Leggio, Jr. Charlotte Stemmans Clavier (<i>phone</i>) Christine D. Early Bret Calhoun (<i>phone</i>) Ron Faucheux 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, Kristie Piglia, Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh and Vickie Lory (<i>phone</i>)
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: @10:32 am.</i>
Prayer Lead by	Christine Early
Motion to Adjourn	Motion made to waive the 10-day notice of the meeting. Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Christine Early Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion Location of TB Race Meet	Charlotte asked for this meeting to request that the Board send an official letter to the RC asking the RC to come up with ideas to support TB racing in October and November 2020. She believes the Board's intent at the last meeting was to push to race in October and November, and that our membership needs to know we are in favor of racing in October and November. Many members have contacted her requesting the Board push to race in October and November to recover lost revenue from the recent 2020 missed race dates. She said the idea from the meeting was to move 20 races to LAD, until DED is ready. Ed stated that a letter sent to the RC from some horsemen was to move the entire meet to LAD. Charlotte said that was not the Board's intent. She felt strongly that members need relief, as the

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	<p>industry has been at a standstill for a 1/3 of the year. The letter should state both options and allow the RC to figure it out. She felt it was important to make the request official as it would set bad precedent not to have an argument against it. Benard stated that 350 members signed a petition supporting the TB meet be conducted at DED, with horses to move in on October 27, and the meet to begin on November 24 through April 6, 2020. These dates will cut down on the downtime between the DED and EVD meet in 2021. Overall, you end up with a year of very small gaps between meets. Charlotte stated the RC prefers to have each track have a month where they run alone. Ed clarified, yes, under normal circumstances, and added that by running through March, DED recoups a month of slot money to help with the purse structure for the whole meet. John Duvieilh stated they spoke with LAD last week and they could not commit without corporate level authorization from Premiere (<i>new ownership</i>), and if Premiere says no, it's no. Kenny stated his position to stand by DED if they are able to race, adding that the town needs it. Charlotte is concerned that Boyd has not presented anything official to the RC stating their intention to race. Kenny stated we should get them to commit. Ed stated the RC instructed Boyd to give regular updates regarding their timeline, and they are supposed to give an update to the RC this week regarding their progress. They also did a press release stating they would run. Charlotte stated she saw the press release, but there was no guarantee. Benard stated there is overwhelming support for the meet to be run at DED. Bernard was at DED recently, and the work at the track was progressing well. Adding that the businesses in Vinton depend on the DED meet. Ron asked that when Boyd shut down moving the 15 race days to EVD, is there anything else we could do to run at EVD for certain dates? Benard stated that was the request they made, but QH members are there. Charlotte stated horsemen only make money when they run. Benard stated that traveling to Shreveport is costly. Benard requested a motion to allow DED to run the meet on the days they requested. <i>A motion was made and seconded, but later withdrawn.</i> Chrisie <i>withdrew her earlier motion</i>, adding we should wait to see how they come along. Ed stated the RC is currently looking at a group from Shreveport requesting to move the meet to LAD. Bret felt LAD would be unable to pull it off in a timely manner. After further discussion, the Board ultimately felt due to the existing factions among Members, it would be more appropriate to wait to see if LAD is able to pull together racing at LAD in October and November.</p>
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Motion to Adjourn	Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Motion by: Don Stemmans Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Motion Unanimously Passed
Ratification	<i>Minutes adopted on: 12-29, 2020</i> <i>Larry Hamburger</i> <hr/> <i>Larry Hamburger</i>