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Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

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| Date of Meeting | November 8, 2021; 6:00 PM |
| Location of Meeting | LHBPA Main Office (and teleconference) |
| Meeting called to Order by | Benard Chatters |
| Type of Meeting | Board of Directors |
| Meeting Secretary | Vickie Lory |
| Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared | Benard Chatters Ronnie Ward Ron Faucheux Bret Calhoun Kenneth L. Roberts Don Stemmans Michele Rodriguez Keith Hernandez Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Carol Castille Kevin Delahoussaye |
| Board Members Not Present | |
| Others in Attendance | Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, Kristie Piglia, John Duvieilh, Vickie Lory |
| <i>The meeting was called to order</i> | <i>Time: 6:33 P.M.</i> |
| Prayer Lead by | Ed Fenasci |
| Motion | Motion made to adopt Minutes from June 29, 2021. Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Kevin Delahoussaye Motion Unanimously Passed |
| Discussion Re OTB Updates | Ed reported that he spoke with Kevin Preston of LAD. He reported they have selected 5 OTB locations. He has met with 3 historic horse racing vendors regarding the machines. When received, Ed will provide the plans to the Board for the sections of LAD being renovated for sports gaming. Ronnie reported that LAD is planning to open three restaurants and initially and they plan to replace half of the slot machines. Background improvements are underway, and he has plans to improve the barn areas. Ed added that the new ownership has said the right things, and we hope things continue to progress. Ed reported he spoke with Steve Kuypers he had no further updated at the time. In addition to their 3 current locations, they applied for licenses in East and West Baton Rouge and Lafayette. |

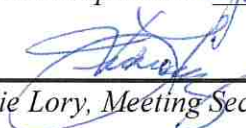
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| | <p>Steve Kuypers had no further information regarding licensing updates. He spoke with Jason and Doug of the Fair Grounds. This summer, they opened locations in LaPlace, Slidell and Covington. They have requested licensing in Jefferson, as well. In Lafayette, pari-mutuel wagering is allowed, but video poker is not.</p> |
| <p>Discussion Re Employee Updates</p> | <p>Bobbie Laviolette will be retiring towards the end of the year. She has been with us for more than 30 years. Ed recommended hiring a third bookkeeper for the live meets starting with the thoroughbred meet in April. The off season will be covered by the two existing bookkeepers, Pat Thibodeaux and Tanya Lavergne. Much of the administrative work previously done by Bobbie had been transferred to the Main Office.</p> |
| <p>Discussion Re HISA</p> | <p>Ed presented a draft from HISA [Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority]. <i>(See handout re Racetrack Safety Regulations also emailed to the BOD)</i></p> <p>Ed stated they learned from National HBPA that the FTC instructed the HISA organization to put out rules for a 90-day comment period, prior to the 60-day comment period that the FTC would then have. Adding there are a lot of significant changes to the industry. These rules are proposed but have not yet been approved. The draft contains nothing about the drug testing program or the costs for same. It does contain a rule capping the purse-to-claim ratio at 1.6:1. There are some additional good rules regarding track surface maintenance. National reported that HISA has not finalized their contract with USADA, who is supposed to take over horserace testing. They reported they will not have anything to do with Quarterhorse or Standard Bred racing. Members discussed the ramifications of some of the other proposed rules within the draft.</p> |
| <p>Legal Update QH Lawsuit</p> | <p>John reported that they argued the Quarterhorse lawsuit on October 13. He felt the Appellate Court would affirm the District's Court's ruling, which approved the Settlement. Also, the attorneys for the 10 objectors will decide if they will seek a writ. He felt by June 2022, it would be concluded. With 1 or 2 remaining.</p> |
| <p>Track Report DED</p> | <p>Ed reported they had discussed the lighting system at Delta. Ed was told the jockeys wanted the temporary lighting removed because was they were too close to the track. Delta is working on the permanent solution. Ronnie reported the new lighting would be added to the existing poles; an outside firm will determine if they are certified. Ronnie, Carol, and others discussed the causes of the ongoing dry track conditions at Delta. Stating that Delta just says they will get it straight. Ronnie is meeting with Kuypers on Friday</p> |

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| | and will let Ed know if they need to involve the RC. Kenny reported they had the same problem in the summer. They met with Kuypers and asked that the track be watered after every 2 or 3 races. |
| Track Report EVD (Kenny) | Kenny reported that the backside was cleaned and looks good. Ed asked if the 4 LA-Bred races worked out okay. Kenny stated it did. |
| Track Report FG (Ron) | Ron reported that the surface is good. Barn maintenance is decent. Ed reported that the FG went on record at the RC meeting that committing to rebuild the two barns. Ed reported that the RC deferred the discussion of cut race days until December. Bret asked about Club House (4 th floor) seating, and Ed responded he heard they are having staffing issues and are planning to use Messina's for concessions in the Grandstand area for six of the big race dates. The bars will be open. At the RC meeting, FG said they are working on it. Members felt they needed to open the restaurants. John stated we could go before the RC, but they would lean on Covid concerns. |
| Pension Report | Ed reported that Pension is up and there will be a presentation at tomorrow's meeting. Charlotte and Ed reported an increased funds from the stock market. |
| Medical Report | Ed reported that the Medical Trust is climbing back to \$2M after paying hurricane relief. |
| HWCIT Report | Mike reported there we fewer claims this year, but we will have about 600 trainers arriving at the Fair Grounds. Stating we had a slightly better than average year. Medical costs are increasing. |
| New Business Re General Liability Policies | Mike reported that we have acquired 36 General Liability policies. We need 100 policies. We discussed including owners. The cost is \$500 per year for coverage at the four Louisiana tracks. Ed directed members to forward calls to Mike or Vickie regarding questions concerning the General Liability policy. |
| New Business Re LA Bred Races | Members discussed the availability of State bred versus open races and the inability to run the better LA-bred horses. Members requested a letter be sent to the RC. |
| Motion Re Letter to RC re LA-Bred races | Motion was made to write a letter to the RC concerning the need for more races with only strictly accredited LA-Bred horses, with notice in the condition book. |

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| | <p>Motion by: Kevin Delahoussaye Second by: Ron Faucheux <i>Abstained: Michele Rodriguez</i> Motion Passed</p> |
| Continued Discussion Re LA-Bred races | <p>Michele discussed the potential inability to fill more LA-Bred races due to a smaller foal crop this year, and she stated this could go both ways and either hurt or help. She elected to <i>abstain from</i> this motion because the situation needs additional consideration. Other members voiced their concerns regarding the decreasing LA-Bred races and horses and the lack of LA-Bred horses needed to fill additional races.</p> |
| Discussion Re Stall rent | <p>Members discussed the cost for stall rent at the various Louisiana locations. Ed reported that they were reviewing the figures and obtaining additional expenses. They will finalize the numbers at the upcoming have a Medical Trust meeting. Ed reported they went slightly over the anticipated \$100K.</p> |
| Continued Discussion Re LA-Bred and Open Races | <p>Members continued to the various conditions in place at other Louisiana tracks that are hurting LA-Bred horses.</p> |
| Motion Re Open Allowance Races | <p>A motion was made to add to the letter to the RC that all first level open allowance races exclude State-Bred allowance races.</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Kevin Delahoussaye Motion Unanimously Passed</p> |
| Motion to Adjourn | <p>Motion made to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion by: Ronnie Ward Second by: Carol Castille Motion Unanimously Passed</p> |
| Ratification | <p>Minutes adopted on: <i>January 25</i>, 202<i>1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _____ Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary</p> |