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Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	April 14, 2022 (via Zoom) – Final
Location of Meeting	LHBPA Main Office
Meeting called to Order by	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Kristie and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters Ronnie Ward Ron Fauchoux Bret Calhoun Kenneth L. Roberts Don Stemmans Michele Rodriguez Keith Hernandez Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Carol Castille Kevin Delahoussaye
<i>Board Members Not Present</i>	
Others in Attendance	Ed Fenasci, Kristie Piglia, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh, Vickie Lory
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:34 A.M.</i>
Prayer Led by	Benard Chatters
Motion Re Waive Notice	Motion made to waive the 10-day notice. Motion by: Don Stemmans Second by: Michele Rodriguez Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion Re Adoption of Minutes	Motion made to adopt the Minutes from the December 9, 2021, meeting. Motion by: Carol Castille Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion Re Racing Dates	Benard requested the Board's opinion, to be presented at the April 26 th RC meeting, regarding the fall race dates FG/QH, FG/TB, and DED/TB meets. Board members discussed their opinions on the effects of starting the DED meet on the 12 th instead of the 5 th . The Board received a letter from Steve Kuypers to the RC saying they would amend their request for the TB meet to begin on October 5.

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	<p>Previously, as the RC requested, the HBPA sent a letter to the RC requesting the meet start on October 5. Some members felt the Board should be aligned with the RC on this. A roll call vote was requested.</p>
<p>Motion Re DED Race Dates <i>[ROLL CALL VOTE]</i></p>	<p>Motion was made to ask the Board's to recommend to the RC that the DED meet start on October 12 instead of October 5.</p> <p>Motion by: Ronnie Ward Second by: Don Stemmans Motion Failed (6 to 4)</p>
<p>Discussion Re Moving QH meet to DED <i>(from FG)</i></p>	<p>A discussion was held regarding the proposal from the FG to move the Quarterhorse meet from the FG to DED. HBPA told the FG that they would have to convince DED to agree to these three conditions: 1) The <i>[August 18 to Sept 10]</i> QH meet would run the same schedule <i>(as it was scheduled to run at the FG)</i>, 2) the horsemen will be allowed to stable at DED from the end of their DED meet to when they would have moved from the FG <i>(as they stable at the FG)</i>, and 3) the purse money would remain the same <i>(as the purse was at the FG)</i>. If these three conditions could not be fulfilled, the Board would support keeping the QH meet at the FG. Kenny spoke with the horsemen, who indicated moving the meet to DED would be preferred. Only the physical location of the meet would change. Kenny added that DED had not yet agreed to these conditions and suggested the two QH meets run back-to-back. However, due to their futurity race, they could not do that, but if the above conditions are met, that would not be a problem. Kenny added that staying at DED was more cost-effective for the horsemen. However, he felt like there were other issues to consider before they move the meet, as the move may disadvantage stabling for the October TB meet. John responded to a question that if a meet it transferred <i>(to another track)</i>, the purse funds are also transferred, and considering the lawsuit, the law now provides that they can do this. Kenny added that because of the lawsuit, the QH meet may last longer than September 10th, and John reported as follows...</p>
<p>Legal Update Re QH lawsuit (JD)</p>	<p>John said that the Louisiana Supreme Court denied the writ for the QH objectors appeal, and we were informed they will not appeal beyond this level. The 90-day legal delay to appeal concludes on July 12, 2022. The following day, the law passed in this suit will become effective. This means that 5 additional race days will be added to the FG QH meet, bringing the QH meet to 15 race days, including an additional 10 calendar days over which these 5 race dates can be run. The FG will submit proposed dates to the RC in</p>

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	<p>line with what Kenny said earlier, having the same 10 dates as the FG meet, and would speak with Bruce Sallard to include the additional 5 race days (2 days on the front end and 3 additional days on the back end for strictly overnight races without upsetting the previous FG outline). The RC is aware of the lawsuit and is aware of the dates associated with moving QH from FG to DED, and starting the TB meet dates on October 5. He believed DED would accept the QH meet. It is not set in stone until the RC approves it, but it is what the RC wants to do. We have been told that the QH breeders do not want to do this and want the meet to be held in New Orleans. It will be up to the RC. Any information you hear that the purse money will not go with the meet is untrue. When the lawsuit goes into effect (<i>on July 13, 2022</i>), it will provide specifically that the meet and the purses can be moved from the FG. That was part of the settlement reached with the QH owners, trainers and jockeys associated with the lawsuit. Ron said moving the QH meet would affect the TB meet and wondered if there was any insight on the FG allowing TBs to move in, when historically, the FG has only been accepting of allowing the TB horses is when they have a QH meet. John said if the QH meet is moved, they “may” be willing to allow TB in 30 or more days prior to the meet. However, that condition could not be added to the list of conditions presented by the Board. Members said whether they were in favor of continuing the QH meet at the FG or recommending what Kenny feels should be done. Kenny said many QH members don’t want to go to the FG.</p>
<p>Motion Re Moving QH meet from FG to DED</p>	<p>Motion was made for the Board to support the move of the QH meet from the FG to DED only if all the Board’s conditions are met by the FG and DED.</p> <p>Motion by: Kenneth Roberts Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Passed 9 to 1</p>
<p>Discussion Re FG TB Meet</p>	<p>Ed said the FG TB meet will start the week prior to Thanksgiving. Members discussed the need for a long-term solution and to request the help of the RC to allow the TB horses in if the QH meet is moved to DED permanently. EVD does not want the horses to remain there after the meet. Benard will propose and ask the RC to require the FG to let TB horses in earlier to train. Ed said the FG did not put it in the written proposal that they would allow the TB in early to train. Benard requested a letter be sent to the FG requesting that the TB need to be allowed in earlier to train, and we will bring the letter to the RC. Also, The Board discussed the idea of training on the backside at EVD. Ideally, to be able to</p>

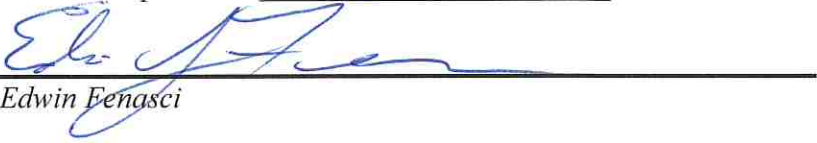
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	<p>ship from one track to the next. Benard also requested direction from the Board on leaving the 84-46-15 race dates as they are. Members felt we should wait to offer an official position until we know what they intend to change.</p>
<p>Discussion Re HHR Update</p>	<p>Ed said that the FG CFO indicated that the HHR machines at the Westwego facility generated \$17K in purse money in a half-month. They are likely looking at about \$12M at FG alone, once the 600 machines are operating. Kevin Preston [LAD] informed us he is moving forward with putting in HHR machines at the Mounds OTB and onsite at LAD and will order new slot machines for LAD. Boyd is not sharing any official information about their HHR projects. Although, unofficially, they may be engaging in these projects. They are building a new site in Breaux Bridge. FG is moving forward with deploying HHR terminals. Benard added that they would know more in a few months, and that the future of horse racing in Louisiana looks bright.</p>
<p>Discussion Re Claiming Rule (Re whip rule)</p>	<p>Michele requested a status on the Claiming Rule. Ed responded that at the meeting of the Rules Committee they agreed to present the rule at this RC meeting at 3% and 4% and voted to send it to the Main Commission. They have also patterned their proposed whip rule after the Florida whip rule. The rule committee kept the six-month threshold for trainer suspensions that will trigger steward approval before transferring horses of the trainer to be allowed to operate under someone else's name. Michele also requested a status from John regarding HISA. John responded that the HISA case in Texas was dismissed. (It is being appealed in the 5th circuit).. There is another case in Kentucky. They sent a letter to the Attorney General to delay the rule for about 3 years before the medications go into effect (re Lasix). The RC is the first entity HISA bills for the programs. If they decline to pay, HISA seeks funds from the Race Tracks. The Racetracks can seek recovery from horsemen to help cover the HISA costs, which includes owners, trainers, vets, and jockeys, including the cost of track surface safety. HISA only applies to thoroughbreds. Benard stated the Texas RC voted to opt-out of collecting fees on behalf of HISA. John agreed that the RC can pass on collecting fees. It is then up to each track to collect the money associated with HISA requirements. Ed reminded the Board that in most situations, the racetrack is the horsemen's bookkeeper. We and a few other jurisdictions (FL and TX...) are unique in that the HBPA is the bookkeeper.</p>
<p>Discussion Re Race Dates</p>	<p>Benard requested a motion regarding the Board's position on Louisiana race dates staying the same (84-46-15). John suggested</p>

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	<p>the Board say that the Board has discussed this and is aware of some proposals that could potentially change dates and that we will have an opinion or recommendation on behalf of the horsemen, if it actually occurs. Benard, as the spokesperson for the Board, would like the Board's position, but members said they could not state their position without more information and felt we need to keep an open mind.</p>
<p>Motion Re Current Race Dates of 84-46-15 <i>[ROLL CALL VOTE]</i></p>	<p>Motion made to table the discussion for now regarding the current system of race dates staying the same.</p> <p>Motion by: Keith Hernandez Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Passed 7 to 3</p>
<p>Discussion Re 2023 Claiming Crown</p>	<p>A motion was requested to get a proposal to bring to the Board for the permission of the Board to pursue bringing the 2023 Claiming Crown to the FG. A Committee will be formed for the event. Dedicated Louisiana funds may be available for this event. They intend to include LA-Bred and Quarterhorse races.</p>
<p>Motion Re 2023 Claiming Crown</p>	<p>Motion was made to get the Board's permission to bring the 2023 Claiming Crown to the Fair Grounds.</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Passed Unanimously</p>
<p>Track Report EVD</p>	<p>Benard stated he was happy with everything, except for two lights that were out. Among other things, he was pleased with the backside and the track is being watered.</p>
<p>Track Report DED</p>	<p>Benard reported and Kenny confirmed they ran under the lights at Delta, and it went well.</p>
<p>Track Report LAD</p>	<p>Benard reported that he and Ed went to LAD a few weeks ago, and the new owner Kevin Preston is working on things. Ronnie confirmed the work was progressing well. They are also adding restaurants to the building. Benard and Ed will soon meet with Mitch Dennison, the new Director of Racing. They have not yet announced who the new Racing Secretary will be.</p>
<p>Pension Report Medical Report</p>	<p>Ed reported that Pension, Medical and HWCIT are beginning the 2021 audit process. Mike reported that WC is obtaining bids the</p>

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HWCIT Report	Excess insurance. The WC Board will meet soon to consider the renewal proposals from Gallagher.
New Business	None
Old Business	none
Motion to Adjourn	Motion made to adjourn the meeting at noon. Motion by: Ron Fauchaux Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Unanimously Passed
Ratification	Minutes adopted on: <u>6-14</u> , 2022.  _____ Edwin Fenasci