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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

EMERGENCY MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING AT 10:00AM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 IN MOJO'S SPORTS BAR OF THE EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO, 2235 CRESWELL LANE EXTENSION, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA. INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING IN PERSON IF ROOM CAPACITY ALLOWS PER SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND MUST WEAR A FACE MASK THAT FULLY COVERS THEIR NOSE AND MOUTH. ALTERNATELY, INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM BY ENTERING MEETING ID 898 5029 6450 AND ENTERING PASSCODE 627047. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY PHONE USING THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THEIR PROXIMITY: (346) 248-7799 FOR HOUSTON, TX; (669) 900-6833 FOR SAN JOSE, CA; (929) 205-6099 FOR NEW YORK, NY; (253) 215-8782 FOR TACOMA, WA; (301) 715-8592 FOR GERMANTOWN, MD; (312) 626-6799 FOR CHICAGO, IL. ALL PHONE PARTICIPANTS MUST ENTER MEETING ID 898 5029 6450 AND ENTER PASSCODE 627047. ZOOM AND PHONE GUESTS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE MAKING COMMENTS.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 & SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2020-2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Ratification of officials for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:

Chris Warren – Director of Racing
John Simon – Racing Secretary
Jordan Jerman – Asst. Racing Secretary
Galen Boutte and Bobby Granger – Association Stewards
Duane Domingue – Paddock Judge
Jeff Jerman, Jonathan Boxie, and Holly Boudreaux – Outriders
Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent
Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent
Jeremy Courville – Starter
Joe Lopez – Clerk of Scales
Oscar Lopez – Head Clocker

Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier
 Anthony Gray – Jocks Room Custodian
 Beverly McNeely – Program Coordinator
 Beverly McNeely, Mohamed Alikhan, *Sara Lopez, and
 *Danielle Williamson – Placing Judges/Racing Office Staff
 *new officials

2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET

3. REQUEST BY BOYD RACING, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (R.S. 4:158A) (changes highlighted and in bold):

a. Approval for Amended 2021 quarter horse meet:

1. 46 quarter horse race dates (5/10/21 through 7/31/21):

May 10,11,17,18,21,22,24,25,26,27,31
 June 1,2,3,7,8,9,12,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30
 July 1,5,6,9,10,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,31

~~46 quarter horse race dates (4/16/21 through 7/3/21):~~

~~April 16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30
 May 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
 June 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
 July 1,2,3~~

2. Hold minimum of 9 live quarter horse races daily ~~Wednesday through Saturday~~ Monday through Thursday with the following exceptions:

Live Racing on May 21 & 22, June 12, and July 9, 10 & 31
No Racing on May 19 & 20, June 10, and July 7, 8 & 29

3. Daily post time 3:00 PM

~~Wednesdays & Thursdays 5:15 PM in April and May~~
~~Wednesdays & Thursdays 6:15 PM in June and July~~
Fridays & Saturdays 6:15 PM through whole meet

4. STEWARD

a. Approval of Tom Davis to serve as state steward for 2021 quarter horse meet.

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. REQUEST BY THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (R.S. 4:158A) (changes highlighted and in bold):

a. Approval for Amended 2021 thoroughbred meet:

1. 84 thoroughbred race dates (~~4/7/21 through 8/28/21~~ **4/28/21 through 9/18/21):**

April ~~7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30~~
 May 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
 June 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
 July 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
 August 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
September 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18

3. RACES

a. Approval of first condition book for 2021 thoroughbred meet.

4. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2021 thoroughbred meet.

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5. REQUEST BY LAHBPA

- a. **Discussion** of 2021 quarter horse racing dates proposed by industry participants.

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS**

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. **Discussion** of Barn Area Altercations and Anti-Violence Policies.

2020-2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACING DATE ADDITION

- a. **Ratification** of Amendment to 2020-21 thoroughbred meet to add race date on March 24, 2021 to make up for the races cancelled due to weather on February 11, 2021 race date.

3. RACES

- a. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:

11/26/20	Thanksgiving Classic
12/05/20	Pan Zareta Stakes
12/11/20	The Magic City Classic
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day QH Juvenile
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day QH Derby
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day QH Classic
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Sprint
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Lassie
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Classic
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Turf
12/12/20	Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Turf
12/19/20	Tenacious Stakes
12/19/20	Sugar Bowl Stakes
12/19/20	Letellier Memorial Stakes
12/19/20	Richard R. Scherer Memorial Stakes
12/19/20	Buddy Diliberto Memorial Stakes
12/19/20	Blushing KD Stakes
12/26/20	Joseph E. "Spanky" Broussard Memorial Stakes
12/26/20	Woodchopper Stakes
12/26/20	Pago Hop Stakes
12/31/20	Louisiana Futurity – Colt and Gelding
12/31/20	Louisiana Futurity – Filly
01/09/21	Nelson J. Menard Memorial Stakes
01/16/21	Silverbulletday Stakes
01/16/21	Lecomte Stakes
01/16/21	Louisiana Stakes
01/16/21	Colonel E. R. Bradley Stakes
01/16/21	Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes
01/16/21	Duncan F. Kenner Stakes
02/13/21	Mineshaft Stakes
02/13/21	Rachel Alexandra Stakes Presented by Fasig-Tipton
02/13/21	Risen Star Stakes Presented by Lamarque Ford
02/13/21	Colonel Power Stakes

02/13/21	Albert M. Stall Memorial Stakes
02/13/21	Fair Grounds Stakes
02/16/21	Mardi Gras Stakes
02/27/21	Black Gold Stakes
02/27/21	Dixie Poker Ace Stakes
03/06/21	Allen "Black Cat" Lacombe Memorial Stakes
03/06/21	Red Camelia Stakes
03/20/21	Twinspires.com Fair Grounds Oaks
03/20/21	New Orleans Classic
03/20/21	Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby
03/20/21	Crescent City Oaks
03/20/21	Crescent City Derby
03/20/21	Tom Benson Memorial Stakes
03/20/21	Muniz Memorial Classic
03/20/21	Costa Rising Stakes
03/27/21	Shantel Lanerie Memorial Stakes
03/27/21	Star Guitar Stakes

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Ratification of officials for 2020-2021 thoroughbred race meet.

- Jason M. Boulet – Sr. Director of Racing
 - Scott L. Jones – Racing Secretary
 - Jeffrey W. Johnston – Assistant Racing Secretary
 - Mario Torres – Maintenance/Stall Superintendent
 - Lafitt Salazar – Stakes Coordinator
 - Angie Hebert – Program Coordinator
 - Jorie Gorski – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
 - Grant LaGrange – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
 - *Bennett Greely – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
 - Joe Ray Peluso – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
 - Raymond R. Rettig, Jr. – Claims Clerk/Entry Clerk
 - Mandy Green – Identifier
 - Gary Palmisano, Sr. – Paddock Judge
 - David Wedlake - Association Steward
 - Heriberto Arroyo - Association Steward
 - Allen Love - Outrider
 - Willie Lavergne – Outrider
 - Robert Mayer – Outrider
 - *Roberto Ramirez – Starter (Resigned mid-meet)
 - *Jeremy Bourgeois – Starter
 - Craig Daligian – Clerk of Scales
 - Laura Aime – Clocker
 - William Pettingail – Clocker
 - Mike Diliberto – Clocker/Track Handicapper
 - Pedro Zavala – Track Superintendent
 - Garrett Broussard – Custodian
 - Donovan Ferguson – Mutual Manager
- *new officials*

5. REQUEST BY LAHBPA

- a. Discussion of Fair Grounds' Emergency Stabling Expenses prior to its 2020-2021 Thoroughbred Race Meet and the \$90,000 flat fee charged to LaHBPA.**

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6. TRANSFER QH RACE MEET REQUEST

- a. Approval of Fair Grounds’ Plan to Transfer 2021 Quarter Horse Race Dates and Purses to Evangeline Downs.
- b. Request by HBPA to Utilize Fair Grounds Purse Monies to Equalize Purses across the Entire Meet.

D. HARRAH’S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
 d/b/a HARRAH’S LOUISIANA DOWNS

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. REQUEST BY HARRAH’S LOUISIANA DOWNS TO AMEND RACING DATES APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 (R.S. 4:158A) (changes highlighted and in bold):

- a. Ratification for Amended 2021 quarter horse meet racing dates:
 - 1. 46 quarter horse race dates (~~1/9/21 through 3/24/21~~ **1/23/21 through 4/7/21**):

January	9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19 ,23,24,25,26,30,31
February	1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16, 20,21,22,23 ,27,28*
March	1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16, 17 ,20,21,22,23, 24,27,28,29,30,31
April	3,4,5,6,7

*February 13-23 Cancelled due to winter storm

3. RACES

- a. Ratification of first condition book for 2021 quarter horse meet.
- b. Ratification of designated races for 2021 quarter horse meet.

- 03/27/21 Mardi Gras Futurity
- 03/27/21 Mardi Gras Derby
- 04/03/21 Harrah’s Futurity

TRIAL DATES

- 03/06/21 Mardi Gras Futurity Trials
- 03/07/21 Mardi Gras Derby Trials
- 03/13/21 Harrah’s Futurity Trials

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Ratification of officials for 2021 quarter horse meet:
 - David Heitzmann – Director of Racing/Racing Secretary
 - Russell Ramstad – Assistant Racing Secretary/Placing Judge
 - Tammy Peck – Assistant Racing Secretary/Paddock Judge
 - Charles Magee – Association Steward
 - Melvin Holland – Association Steward
 - Jimmy Cordell – Starter
 - Raleigh Cox – Clerk of Scales
 - Arnold Mueller – Custodian
 - Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge
 - *Falyn Holmes – Placing Judge
 - Julie Gipson – Horse Identifier
 - Lisa Lombardino – Program Coordinator/Claims
 - Betty Fetters – Clocker
 - Kenneth Loggins – Clocker
 - Juan Roman – Outrider
 - Laura Hollowoa – Outrider

*new official

- b. Ratification of Roy Wood, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2021 quarter horse meet.

2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

5. STEWARD

- a. Approval of Roy Wood, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2021 thoroughbred meet.

II. BREEDER UPDATES

A. LOUISIANA THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)

1. PROGRESS REPORT

B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)

1. PROGRESS REPORT

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chair Patrick Bernard*

B. RULES COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chair Lane T. Cortez*

C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chair Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.*

D. SECURITY COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chair Louis Reine*

E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chair Donald "Don" Cravins*

F. FINANCE COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chair Louis Reine*

IV. OTHER

A. APPRENTICE JOCKEY EXTENSION

1. **Ratification** of 64-day Extension of Apprentice Allowance for Jockey Kody Kellenberger. (Injured 3/12/20 at Fair Grounds; physically disabled and unable to ride through 5/16/20) Amend expiration of apprenticeship from 1/3/21 to 3/8/21.

V. RULES

A. NOTICE OF INTENT:

1. LAC 35: XIII Chapter 116 – Pick N
§11609. Procedure [amend]

B. REQUESTS BY LAHBPA

1. **Discussion** of Rule that will require racing facilities to be open for stabling and training 30 days prior to the first race of a scheduled meet and 15 days after the last race of a meet.
2. **Discussion** of Rule to require race tracks that are not open at the time to accept horses for stabling and training in the time of a force majeure event.
3. **Discussion** of Waiving the Claiming Rule.
4. **Discussion** of Rule regarding Owner ability to place a claim on their own horse.
5. **Discussion** of Rule regarding LSRC employing a full time Track Superintendent to monitor the racing surfaces at every track in Louisiana.

VI. LICENSE APPROVALS

A. REQUESTS FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B))

1. James E. Bynum, Owner. Convicted felon.
2. Hope M. Matte, Groom. Convicted felon.

VII. ADJUDICATIONS

A. CARELESS RIDING APPEALS (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)

1. David A. Alvarez, Jockey.
Ruling#ED24059 of 10/28/20 - Careless Riding.
2. Mitchell L. Murrill, Jockey.
Ruling#FG24171 of 01/23/21 - Careless Riding.

B. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. Wendy A. Garcia., Trainer. (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling#LD23850 of 02/01/20 - Pheylbutazone & Flunixin (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)
2. Eric J. Long, Trainer. (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling#DD23996 of 07/30/20 - Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)
3. Cortland J. Harrison, Trainer. (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling#DD24175 of 01/27/21 - Methocarbamol (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)
4. Lamont Keith Charles, Trainer. (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling#DD24198 of 02/02/21 - Methocarbamol (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)
5. Lamont Keith Charles, Trainer. (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling#DD24199 of 02/02/21 - Methocarbamol (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)
(2nd offense of ARCI Cat. IV/V within a 12-month period)
6. Robi A. Meche, Trainer. (Adjudication Appealed)
Ruling#LD23785 of 12/31/19 - Stanozolol (ARCI Category III)

C. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1791 (Testing for Dangerous Substance Abuse)

1. Stephanie A. Judkins, Exercise Rider. (Adjudication Appealed)
Ruling#LD23853 of 02/04/20 - Human Drug Testing (2nd offense)
2. Coby J. Bourque, Jockey. (Adjudication Referred)
Ruling#FG24218 of 02/04/21 - Human Drug Testing (4th offense)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 4:00PM.

**RULE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT
MARCH 30, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING**

**Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Racing Commission**

Procedure (LAC 35:XIII.11609)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission proposes to amend LAC 35:XIII.11609. The proposed rule better clarifies for the public what happens to the portion of a Pick N wager in the instance that there is a change of racing surface due to conditions of the course.

**Title 35
HORSE RACING
Part XIII. Wagering**

**Chapter 116. Pick N
§11609. Procedure**

A. – F. ...

G. If the condition of the course warrants a change of racing surface in any of the legs of the Pick N races, and such change was not known to the public prior to the closing of wagering for the Pick N pool, the stewards shall declare the changed leg(s) ~~a no-contest~~ an all win for Pick N wagering purposes only.

H. - L.2.b. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1014 (May 2002), amended LR 34:870 (May 2008), LR 45:1594 (November 2019), LR 46: