

LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MINUTES – April 18, 2011 Meeting

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COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry F. Meaux, *Chairman*
Payton R. Covington, *First Vice Chairman*
Keith W. Babb
Kevin S. Delahoussaye
Richard M. "Dick" Hollier, Jr.
David E. Roberts
Kenneth "Kenu" Romero
Judy W. Wagner

ABSENT

Anthony Bourgeois
Neal B. Cormier
William A. Robinson
Ray A. Tromba
Bob F. Wright, *Second Vice Chairman*

APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of

8.29.11

(Date)



Executive Director
Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 9:10 AM in the Lafitte A & B Rooms of the Chateau Bourbon, 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Mr. Gardiner asks the commissioners for approval of the meeting minutes from the previous meeting; Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

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

- PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren*. Mr. Warren informs Mr. Steve Kuypers was promoted by Delta Downs to General Manager January 2011. He informs Mr. Jack Bernsmeier is still Vice-President of Regional Operations (for 4 properties) and is based out of Delta Downs. Mr. Warren informs the 88-day thoroughbred meet ended on March 26th. He informs 1 ½ days of racing were lost due to weather conditions. He informs the live handle, on average was up 8%, bet-in handle, on average was up 4.8% and simulcast handle overall was down 2%. Overall, Delta Downs was up 4.7%. Mr. Warren informs the quarter horse meet started on April 16th. He informs of a scheduling change, racing on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Warren informs all flat screen TVs have been installed in the OTB and some in the paddock area. Mr. Babb asks Mr. Warren about the number of breakdown incidents during the thoroughbred meet. Mr. Warren reports breakdown incidents are down 20% from last year. January was the only month with more breakdowns.

Mr. Steve Darbonne of Evangeline Downs asks the commission for approval to make changes in racing dates for the 2011 thoroughbred meet. His request is to run 3 days instead of 4 days for the last 2 weeks of the meet and add September 9th and 10th with the backside closing on September 19th. Delta Downs will open their backside September 19th. Mr. Darbonne informs Evangeline Downs will have the same number of days and the same purse money. Mr. Stanley Seelig, President of the HBPA agrees with the date changes. Mr. Seelig discusses some backside scheduling issues and requests Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs to adjust their opening/closing dates on the backside by one day rather than opening and closing on the same day. Mr. Warren and Mr. Darbonne both agree to adjust their schedule as needed. Mr. Meaux informs the racing dates approval will be addressed later in the meeting.

2010/2011 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

- a. **Ratification** of post time from 6:05PM to 5:50PM effective 2/16/11 through 3/26/11 on Wednesday thru Saturday. *Sunday Post Times will remain at 3:05PM.

Ms. Wagner motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

2011 QUARTER HORSE MEET

3. RACES

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2011 Quarter Horse meet.

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

- b. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

4/16/11	John Alleman Memorial RG-3
5/7/11	Louisiana Bred Graduation (Restricted)
5/7/11	Alabama Futurity RG-3
5/14/11	Lassie Futurity RG-2
5/14/11	Laddie Futurity RG-2
5/14/11	Delta 550 Championship
5/28/11	Louisiana Purchase (non-winners of a sweepstakes)
5/28/11	Delta Downs Derby RG-2
6/4/11	John Deere East Juvenile Challenge
6/4/11	Adequan East Derby Challenge
6/11/11	Vals Fortune RG-2
6/19/11	Miss Polly Classic Grade III
7/2/11	Firecracker Futurity Grade III
7/2/11	Firecracker Derby
7/2/11	Open Graduation (Restricted)
7/3/11	Live Oak
7/3/11	Flashy Hemp
7/3/11	Vinton RG-3
7/3/11	Louisiana Juvenile
7/3/11	Louisiana Classic RG-2
7/3/11	Lee Berwick Futurity RG-1

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. **Ratification** of officials for 2011 Quarter Horse meet (4/16/11 – 7/3/11):

Chris Warren – Director of Racing
John Simon – Racing Secretary
Michael Smith – Asst. Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
Joel McCullar and Steve Ruff – Association Stewards
Duane Domingue – Paddock Judge/Alternate Association Steward
Bret Thibodeaux, Janet Morton & *Hayward Stewart – Outriders
Darald Wilfer – Track Superintendent
Dennis Schmidt – Starter
Phillip Walker – Clerk of Scales/Head Clocker
Cynthia Smith – Horse Identifier
Leonard (Gene) Wasson – Stall Superintendent
Michael Bennett – Jocks Room Custodian/Assistant Clerk of Scales
Steve Nick, Mohamed Ali Khan, Charles Sonnier & Rose Caster – Placing
Judges/Racing Office Staff

*new official

Mr. Roberts motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

b. Ratification of Sam Lato to serve as state steward for 2011 Quarter Horse meet.

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

2011-2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET

5. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2011-2012 Thoroughbred race meet:

1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158
2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. To serve as concessionaire

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

6. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2011-2012 Thoroughbred meet:

- (1) Thoroughbred racing on the flat
- (2) 88 Thoroughbred race dates (10/19/11 through 3/17/12)
October 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29
November 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30
December 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31
January 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28
February 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29
March 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

- (3) Hold a minimum of 9 and up to 12 live Thoroughbred races daily
- (4) Dark – no live racing on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, 2011 and Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2011.
- (5) Daily post time 5:45 PM except for Jackpot Day November 19, 2011, 1:15 PM post time.

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

7. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2011-2012 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) \$1 WPS, quinella & exacta on all races
- (2) 50¢ Trifecta on all races with 6 or more entries
- (3) 10¢ Superfecta on selected races with 8 or more entries
- (4) \$1 Pick 3 on 2nd thru 10th race
- (5) 50¢ Pick 4 on first 4 & last 4 races
- (6) \$1 Daily Double on first 2 & last 2 live races

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Meaux recognizes Mr. Stanley Seelig as the new President of HBPA's Louisiana Chapter.

B. EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Steve Darbonne*. Mr. Darbonne reports Evangeline Downs outstanding projects have all been completed. He informs Dr. Mick Peterson did a thorough investigation of the track surface and reported no problems. He informs Dr. Peterson recommended monitoring the watering based on how much or little it rains. Mr. Darbonne informs Evangeline Downs is two weeks into the thoroughbred meet. He states that the on-track handle is up a couple of percentage points and the off-track simulcasting is down mainly due to TVG. He states they are unable to sign a contract with TVG at this point and New York with HBPA. He further states they are working with New York in trying to get the simulcast percentages up. Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Darbonne if he's optimistic about the TVG contract. Mr. Darbonne responds he is not optimistic, stating TVG is asking \$300.00 for every race that they are going to show of Evangeline Downs, but they have no guarantees on what they will or will not show. Mr. Romero asks Mr. Darbonne about the possibilities of landing a contract with TVG's competitor HRTV. Mr. Warren informs that HRTV does not show live night racing anymore.

2010 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. **Ratification** to change post time to 5:40 PM on 12/4/10.

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

2011 THOROUGHBRED MEET**3. RACES**

a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2011 Thoroughbred meet.

b. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2011 Thoroughbred meet:

7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Turf (La Bred)
7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Mile (La Bred C&G)
7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Mile (La Bred Fillies)
7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Classic
7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Distaff
7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Sprint
7/2/11	The Louisiana Showcase Ladies Sprint
7/2/11	D.S. "Shine" Young Memorial Futurity & Trials 6/11/11 (La Bred C&G)
7/2/11	D.S. "Shine" Young Memorial Futurity & Trials 6/10/11 (La Bred Fillies)
8/13/11	Evangeline Mile
9/5/11	Lafayette Stakes

Mr. Roberts motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. **Ratification** of officials for 2011 Thoroughbred meet:

Coleman Lloyd – Racing Secretary
Corey Veazey – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
Ricky Sackett – Association Steward
Charles Magee – Association Steward
Gerald Thomas – Entry Clerk/Placing Judge
Julie Gipson – Entry Clerk/Paddock Judge
Angie Hebert – Entry Clerk/Placing Judge
Frank Rudis - Clerk of Scales
Chasey Pomier – Identifier
Brett Poole – Clocker
A.J. Paretto – Clocker
Russell Comeaux – Starter
*Kyle Clinton – Outrider
Kenneth Gipson – Outrider
Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk
JoAnn Comeaux – Program Coordinator
Jacque Bohannon – Colors Coordinator
Robert Bard – Stall Superintendent
Garry Gallow – Track Superintendent
*new official

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

b. Approval of Brook Hawkins to serve as state steward for 2011 Thoroughbred meet.

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

2011 QUARTER HORSE MEET

5. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158
- (2) For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
- (3) To serve as concessionaire
- (4) To operate as official training facility during off-season

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Romero motions to add Evangeline Downs' request for an alteration of their 2011 thoroughbred racing dates to the agenda; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.
(See Page 10 for approval of amended racing dates.)

6. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) Quarter Horse racing on the flat
- (2) 46 Quarter Horse dates (10/4/11 through 12/17/11)
 - October 4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
 - November 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,22,23,25,26,30
 - December 1,2,3,7,8,9,14,15,16,17
- (3) Hold minimum of 9 live Quarter Horse races daily
- (4) Daily post time 5:40 PM

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Seelig addresses Evangeline Downs' proposed 2011 quarter horse dates (11 week schedule). Mr. Seelig informs that according to Revised Statute 4:241.1, not less than 46 days shall be quarter horse racing dates conducted during 12 consecutive weeks. Ms. Chatelain, Mr. Meaux, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Laverne Perry discuss Evangeline Downs' schedule. Mr. Seelig informs it would be a benefit to the horsemen to have an additional week. Mr. Coleman Lloyd, Racing Secretary at Evangeline Downs, informs it doesn't matter where the days are placed as long as it's logistically feasible to the horsemen. Mr. Darbonne informs he would agree to change a couple of 5 day weeks to 4 day weeks over an 11-week period. Mr. Roberts recommends that Mr. Perry and representatives of all parties come back and present an agreeable resolution.

7. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for wagering format for 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) WPS, Quinella, & Exacta on all races
- (2) Daily Double on first 2 and last 2 races

- (3) Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
- (4) Pick 3 Races 2-4, Races 5-7, Races 8-10
- (5) Pick 4 last four races
- (6) Superfecta on all races complying with *Rules of Racing* (§11701)

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Eric Halstrom. Mr. Halstrom informs the Fair Grounds thoroughbred meet just ended. He informs there were three purse increases during the meet. He informs the Fair Grounds handle was down 3% overall primarily due to losing simulcasting in California during the last half of the meet. Mr. Halstrom informs the Fair Grounds handle was up 10% until the California simulcast was dropped, however; he expects it to be a short-term issue and the Fair Grounds feed should be back in California next year. He states that the Louisiana Derby was a success. He informs their top 3 finishers have a chance of winning the Kentucky Derby. He informs the Fair Grounds was able to donate \$10,000 to a local children's hospital, \$7,000 for Louisiana Horse Rescue and \$4,000 (which came from crawfish boils, golf tournaments and other events) for benevolent programs on the backside. Mr. Halstrom mentions the success of Friday Night Twilight Racing and the best attendance ever, almost 11,000 people. Mr. Halstrom informs quarter horse days (starting on September 7th) will increase from 10 to 12 with purses in excess of \$150,000 per day (with a breeder futurity on closing weekend). He informs thoroughbred days (starting on Thanksgiving Day and ending on April 1st) will be 84 days with some four day weeks near the end of the meet. He mentions the 2012 NCAA Final Four will be held in New Orleans during the Fair Grounds closing weekend and the Louisiana Derby will be held on Sunday instead of Saturday so there's no competition with the games. Mr. Halstrom states next year the Fair Grounds is going to ask to run Wednesdays through Sundays (when running 5 days a week). He informs the Lapalco OTB application will be ready for the Racing Commission's next meeting. Mr. Romero asks Mr. Halstrom to address the short fields. Mr. Halstrom responds he has an extensive recruiting schedule this summer in place to draw more horses to run. Mr. Babb commends Mr. Halstrom on the good job done with the marketing initiatives. Ms. Wagner asks Mr. Halstrom about expanding twilight racing. Mr. Halstrom states he hopes to have 5 in 3 months next season and he states the Fair Grounds is working with community organizations to make the events bigger and better. Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Halstrom about the Fair Grounds OTB parlor being closed during Jazz Fest. Mr. Halstrom explains the OTB parlor is open during the dark days during Jazz Fest and also after 6 o'clock pm during the nights when the concerts are being held. Mr. Halstrom mentions there are 10 other OTB parlors in the area. Mr. Seelig, Ms. Wagner and Mr. Romero discuss the loss of revenue (Kentucky Derby) and how it affects the horsemen. Ms. Wagner suggests checking the revenue statistics during Jazz Fest. Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Halstrom to provide the commission with the impact (increase or decrease) from closing the Fair Grounds OTB during Jazz Fest. Mr. Perry thanks Fair Grounds for extending their quarter horse meet and running a \$300,000 plus futurity.

2010-2011 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. **Ratification** of Scott Cole as outrider, effective 2/16/11 through 3/27/11.

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

2011 QUARTER HORSE MEET

3. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. **Approval** for 2011 Quarter Horse race meet:

(1) For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158

(2) For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.

(3) To serve as concessionaire

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. **Approval** for 2011 Quarter Horse race meet:

(1) Quarter Horse racing on the flat

(2) 12 Quarter Horse race dates (9/7/11 through 9/24/11)
September 7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24

(3) Hold up to 10 live Quarter Horse races daily

(4) Daily post time 12:40 PM

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2011 Quarter Horse race meet:

(1) WPS and Exactas on all races

(2) Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify

(3) Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1

(4) Daily Double – on first 2 and last 2 races

(5) Up to 2 Pick 4's

(6) Super High 5 on last race

(7) Pick 6 – on final 6 races

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

2011-2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET

6. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. **Approval** for 2011-2012 Thoroughbred race meet:

(1) For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158

- (2) For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
- (3) To serve as concessionaire

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

7. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2011-2012 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) Thoroughbred racing on the flat
- (2) 84 Thoroughbred race dates (11/24/11 through 4/1/12)
 - November 24,25,26,27
 - December 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16,17,18,21,22,23,26,28,29,30,31
 - January 1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28,29
 - February 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,21,23,24,25,26
 - March 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31
 - April 1
- (3) Hold up to 13 live Thoroughbred races daily
- (4) Daily post time 12:40 PM (except 11/24/11 – 11:00 AM)

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

8. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for wagering format for 2011-2012 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) WPS and Exactas on all races
- (2) Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify
- (3) Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
- (4) Daily Double – on first 2 and last 2 races
- (5) Up to 2 Pick 4's
- (6) Super High 5 on last race
- (7) Pick 6 – on final 6 races

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

D. EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

Ms. Chatelain, Mr. Seelig and Mr. Darbonne explain the agreement that would amend Evangeline Downs 2011 quarter horse dates.

a. Approval for **Amended** 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) Quarter Horse racing on the flat
- (2) 46 Quarter Horse dates (~~10/4/11~~ 10/5/11 through 12/17/11)

October ~~4~~,5,6,7,8,~~11~~,12,13,14,15,~~18~~,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29

November 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,22,23,25,26,30

December 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17

- (3) Hold minimum of 9 live Quarter Horse races daily
- (4) Daily post time 5:40 PM

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Darbonne asks the commissioners for permission to amend the previously approved Evangeline Downs 2011 thoroughbred meet dates. Mr. Darbonne proposes to remove August 24, 2011 and August 31, 2011, add September 9, 2011 and September 10, 2011. Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

**E. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS**

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Trent McIntosh*. Mr. McIntosh provides a final quarter horse meet update, informs of barn area construction and the upcoming thoroughbred meet. Mr. McIntosh informs the quarter horse meet finished flat for the season (bad weather in January). Mr. McIntosh informs that during the down time in April, the simulcast handle was flat. He informs Louisiana Downs at the request of the Compliance Committee completed the reconstruction of Barn-5. In addition, to replacing all of the damaged gutters, downspouts and awnings on the south side, they replaced all awnings on the north side as well. In addition, they revamped the drainage, added dirt, road base and gravel in the sale barn area. He informs the 2011 thoroughbred meet begins on May 6th. He informs there are 240 new flat screen TVs on floors one through three ready for installation. He informs a new 2,250 square foot player's room has been built. The room has new furniture and flat screen TVs and there will be a teller and beverage service provided in the room. He informs of player rewards (free daily racing forms and discounted items). He mentions starting April 29th there will be a few billboard ads and a couple of TV spots going out to kickoff their live racing. Mr. McIntosh informs Louisiana Downs has teamed up with Louisiana Horse Rescue to do a few future fundraisers on the property. He informs Louisiana Downs new General Manager is Mike Rich. Mr. Romero asks Mr. McIntosh about future barn projects. Mr. McIntosh responds Louisiana Downs did \$2.2 million dollars in two years of construction in the barn area and there are no new construction plans. Mr. McIntosh informs of a pending issue concerning the Contained Animal Feeding Operation Act. He believes Louisiana Downs will be mandated to spend over a million dollars to contain the run-off water and properly dispose of it.

2011 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACES

a. Ratification of first condition book for 2011 Quarter Horse meet.

b. Ratification of designated races for 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

- 1/8/11 Harrah's Dash
- 1/8/11 Harrah's Distaff
- 1/22/11 Marathon
- 1/22/11 Billy Montgomery
- 1/29/11 Swift
- 2/5/11 Party Girl
- 2/12/11 Magnolia
- 2/26/11 Mr. Jess Perry
- 3/8/11 Mardi Gras Futurity
- 3/8/11 Mardi Gras Derby
- 3/19/11 Streakin La Jolla
- 3/19/11 Harrah's Futurity

TRIAL DATES

- 2/19/11 Mardi Gras Futurity Trials
- 2/20/11 Mardi Gras Derby Trials
- 3/5/11 Harrah's Futurity Trials

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Ratification of officials for 2011 Quarter Horse meet:

- David Heitzmann - Racing Secretary
- Matthew Crawford - Assistant Racing Secretary/Paddock Judge
- William "Dale" Coleman - Association Steward
- Charles T. Magee - Association Steward
- Tammy Peck - Placing Judge
- Michael Wandishin - Placing Judge
- Thomas Sibille - Stakes Coordinator/Placing Judge
- * Lee E. Lorick - Identifier (replaces Ralph Ralstin)
- Charlotte Miles - Program Coordinator/Claims
- Jeffrey Williams - Clerk of Scales
- Jimmy Cordell - Starter
- Betty Fetters - Clocker
- Cindy Loggins - Clocker
- Laura Hollowoa - Outrider
- Juan Roman - Outrider

*new official

Mr. Delahoussaye motions to approve; Mr. Covington seconds; motion carries.

4. **WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**

a. **Ratification** of request to amend 2011 quarter horse race meet wagering format:

- (1) \$1 WPS & Exacta on all races
- (2) \$1 Daily Double on first 2 & last 2 live races
- (3) 50¢ Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
- (4) \$1 Pick 3 on 2nd thru 9th race
- (5) 50¢ Pick 4 on last 4 races
- (6) 10¢ Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

2011 THOROUGHBRED MEET

5. **RACES**

a. **Approval** for the first condition book for 2011 Thoroughbred race meet.

b. **Approval** for designated races for the 2011 Thoroughbred race meet:

- 8/6/11 Sunny's Halo
- 8/6/11 Donnie Wilhite Memorial
- 8/6/11 Barksdale
- 8/6/11 Super Derby Prelude
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Juvenile
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Derby
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Oaks
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Filly & Mare Sprint
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Sprint
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Turf Classic
- 8/20/11 Louisiana Cup Distaff
- 9/10/11 Temperence Hill
- 9/10/11 Unbridled
- 9/10/11 River Cities
- 9/10/11 Happy Ticket
- 9/10/11 Sunday Silence
- 9/10/11 Super Derby (G2)
- 9/24/11 Lady Razorback Futurity
- 9/24/11 Razorback Futurity
- 9/24/11 LA Stallion Stakes (fillies)
- 9/24/11 LA Stallion Stakes
- 9/24/11 Elge Raspberry Sales Graduates
- 9/24/11 A.L. "Red" Erwin Sales Graduates

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

6. **STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

a. **Approval** for officials for 2011 Thoroughbred meet.

A complete list of officials will be submitted at the next meeting for ratification.

b. **Approval** of Roy Wood to serve as state steward for 2011 Thoroughbred meet.

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Meaux introduces new commissioner, Mr. Kevin Delahoussaye. Mr. Meaux states he has appointed Mr. Delahoussaye to serve on the following Committees: Medication, HBPA Racetrack Liaison, Compliance and the Finance Committees.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chairman Payton R. Covington*

Mr. Covington informs the RCI convention was recently held in New Orleans and the RCI is promoting within the next five years to have no medication. Dr. David clarifies that this issue is not that therapeutic medications are disallowed on the backside; they are disallowed if it has an effect on race day. Dr. David names groups that are in support of this move. Mr. Seelig states he is concerned especially since the south has more humidity and Lasix assistance is sometimes necessary. Dr. David states there is no science to back-up statements made as to the benefits of Lasix in the south. Mr. Covington asks how Mr. Seelig feels about other medications. Mr. Seelig informs he is not going to take a position at this time on other medications, but states he has no problem with uniformed medication rules across the country, as long as it is taken into consideration some of the issues that we have with heat and humidity.

B. RULES COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chairman Keith W. Babb*

Mr. Babb briefly explains each rule scheduled for formal adoption. LAC 35: I.1304 Mandatory Health Screening, Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries. LAC 35: I.1727 Drugs Which Affects Performance; Guarding Horse, Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries. LAC 35: I.1743 Possession of Drugs, Syringes or Needles. Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chairman Bob F. Wright*

Mr. Wright was absent. No report.

D. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chairman Ray A. Tromba*

Mr. Tromba was absent. No report.

E. SECURITY COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chairman Kenneth "Kenu" Romero*

Mr. Romero states that he has no report.

F. COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, by *Committee Chairman Anthony Bourgeois*

Mr. Bourgeois was absent. No report.

III. OTHER

A. For Discussion:

1. Lora Pitre's request for an opinion on the Racing Commission's jurisdiction over LTBA. Mr. Covington states to Ms. Pitre that the commission does have jurisdiction over the LTBA according to the Attorney General. Ms. Chatelain states the Commission requested an opinion of regulatory jurisdiction over the HBPA not the LTBA and that request for jurisdiction was limited to certain race-related issues that directly affected the horses, the purses and any other matter that comes under the umbrella of the Racing Commission's regulatory authority. Ms. Pitre states she has contacted several state agencies and was informed that since the LTBA is a non-profit organization, her complaints do not fall under their jurisdiction. Mr. Meaux asks Ms. Chatelain to look into this matter and report back to the Commission. Ms. Pitre's complaint was not revealed. Mr. Meaux asks Ms. Chatelain to meet with Ms. Pitre regarding her complaint and if necessary, ask for an Attorney General's opinion.
2. HBPA discussion of collection of Workers' Compensation Premiums.
Mr. Seelig addresses the commission concerning the Workers' Compensation Program. Mr. Seelig informs he met with Mr. Meaux and others regarding collection issues. He then explains how the program works and informs he is seeking advice from the Commission on how to improve the collections aspect of the system. Mr. Meaux asks the stewards their opinion on the matter. Mr. Wood suggests the HBPA send the stewards an insurance cancellation notice. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Meaux, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Chatelain, Mr. Wood and others discuss starts, delinquency issues and different scenarios regarding payments. Mr. Lato informs Delta Downs put a system in place that appears to be functioning properly. He explains that the HBPA at Delta Downs provide him with a list of "ineligibles." He forwards the list to the Racing Secretary's Office instructing them not to take entries. Mr. Wood concurs that system could possibly work. Mr. Roberts recommends sending this matter to one of the Racing Commission's committees. Mr. Meaux states Charlie Gardiner and Kim Chatelain should work with the committee.

B. Apprentice Jockey Extension:

1. **Ratification** of 48-day extension for Apprentice Jockey **Luis Negron** (injured 5/20/10 at Evangeline Downs). Returned to riding 7/8/10.

Mr. Covington motions to approve; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

IV. RULES

A. Rules for Formal Adoption: (See Rules Committee Report)

1. LAC 35: I.1304 Mandatory Health Screening
2. LAC 35: I.1727 Drugs Which Affects Performance; Guarding Horse
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V. LICENSES

(In order heard)

License Approval Requests [LA.REV.STAT. 4:150(B)(2)]

Tameka S. Hooper, Casino Employee/Evangeline Downs. Convicted felon. Not present. Must reapply to the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

Larry Zardes, Groom. Convicted felon. Mr. Romero motions to approve for licensing subject to conditions; must submit to drug testing twice a month for three months at his expense; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

John J. Batiste, Owner. Convicted felon. Mr. Covington motions to approve for licensing; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

Amy M. Lowrey, Groom. Convicted felon. Case continued.

Reginald P. Pazon, Exercise Rider. Convicted felon. Mr. Roberts motions to approve for licensing subject to conditions; must submit to drug testing twice a month for twelve months at his expense; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

VI. ADJUDICATIONS

(In order heard)

Appeal (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)

Tracy J. Hebert, Jockey. Ruling#DD18565 of 3/11/11 – *Careless riding.* Appeal withdrawn. *Not present for meeting.* Mr. Babb motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days effective 4-23-11 thru 4-29-11; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

Gerard Melencon, Jockey. Ruling#DD18537 of 2/24/11 – *Careless riding.* Appeal withdrawn. *Not present for meeting.* Mr. Roberts motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days effective 4-23-11 thru 4-29-11; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

Anna R. Napravnik, Jockey. Ruling#FG18477 of 1/31/11 – *Careless riding.* Appeal withdrawn. *Not present for meeting.* Mr. Roberts motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days effective 5-8-11 thru 5-14-11; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

Ray C. Mayo, Jockey. Ruling#ED18381 of 12/8/10 – *Careless riding.* Appeal withdrawn. *Not present for meeting.* Mr. Delahoussaye motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days effective 4-25-11 thru 5-1-11; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Romero motions to have the Rules Committee review penalties, i.e., changing the number of days, the amount of fines and consider increasing the stewards' authority with regards to careless riding infractions; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

Justin P. Jeansonne, Valet. Ruling#ED18406 of 12/18/10 – *Refused/Failed to submit a urine sample.* Mr. Covington motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 90 days effective 4-18-11 thru 7-16-11. Denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and

recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

Adjudications Referred (LA. REV. STAT. 4:172)

Carmelo Mendoza, Owner. Ruling#DD18564 of 3/10/11 – *Resale, movement of Claimed Horse.* Not present. Case continued.

Stephanie Sheroski, Apprentice Jockey. Ruling#LD18192 of 8/20/10 – *Human Drug Testing (3rd offense).* Mr. Covington motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 5 years effective 7-3-10 thru 7-2-15 (credit for time served). Denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Mr. Roberts seconds; motion carries.

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Trevino Clark, Jockey. Ruling#LD18558 of 3/8/11 – *Human Drug Testing (3rd offense or more).* Mr. Covington motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 5 years effective 4-18-11 thru 4-17-16. Denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission. Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

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