

**LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – November 10, 2014 Meeting**  
*As transcribed by Debra J. Brooks, Certified Court Reporter*

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bob F. Wright, *Chairman*  
Dion Young, *Second Vice Chairman*  
Keith W. Babb  
R. Hamilton "Hammy" Davis  
Kevin S. Delahoussaye  
Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D.  
Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.  
Richard M. "Dick" Hollier, Jr.  
Mike R. McHalfey  
Kenneth "Kenu" Romero  
Delia A. Taylor  
Luke Turner  
Judy W. Wagner

**ABSENT**

None

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Queen Anne Ballroom of the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Mr. Babb motions to approve the meeting minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting; Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

**I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS**

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren*. Mr. Warren informs Delta Downs 2014-2015 88-day Thoroughbred Meet started on October 15, 2014. He states, so far, the live handle is up 1%, bet-in handle is up 3% and the simulcast handle is up 40%. Mr. Warren informs the Jackpot, Delta Downs' marquis race, will pre-enter on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. He says Delta Downs' expects a few big names will enter so there is a lot of excitement for this race. Mr. Warren informs, on the backside, some harrow floats that are used to take care of the track were rebuilt during this past summer. He informs there have been no complaints regarding the backside. He informs a new horse ambulance was purchased and is in the process of being built. He states the current ambulance is old so the new equipment purchase will be a good addition to the racetrack.

**2014-2015 THOROUGHBRED MEET**

2. **STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT**

- a. **Ratification** of officials for 2014-2015 thoroughbred race meet.

Chris Warren - Director of Racing  
 John Simon - Racing Secretary  
 Mohamed Alikhan - Asst. Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator  
 Steve Ruff and Galen Boutte - Association Stewards  
 Duane Domingue - Paddock Judge/Alternate Steward  
 Mark Gilbert and Jeff Jerman (alternate) and \*Jacob Deville - Outriders  
 Bob Beaubien - Trackman Supervisor  
 Dennis Schmidt - Starter  
 Jeff Jerman - Clerk of Scales  
 \*Oscar Lopez - Head Clocker  
 Susan Berard - Horse Identifier  
 \*Tami Meyers - Stall Superintendent  
 Michael Bennett - Jocks Room Custodian/Assistant Clerk of Scales  
 Steve Nick, Phillip Walker, Charles Sonnier and Rose Caster –  
 Placing Judges/Racing office staff  
 \*new official

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

## B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren*. Mr. Warren informs that he does not have the numbers with him but Evangeline Downs 2014 84-day Thoroughbred Meet ended on August 30, 2014, a little up. Mr. Warren informs Evangeline Downs 2014 46-day Quarter Horse Meet started on October 1, 2014. He states, through 24 days, total handle is up 24%, but live handle is down 6% due to some players opting to wager at OTBs. He informs the LQHBA Trials were held on Friday, November 7, 2014. He says there were 13 trials with over \$600,000 in handle for the day. He informs the \$1 million guaranteed Jackpot Race will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 and the Meet will end on Saturday, December 20, 2014. He informs there will be an open futurity and derby on the last day, plus three other stakes races. Mr. Warren informs Evangeline Downs hired Romero Juarez as the new track superintendent. He says Mr. Juarez is bilingual and he already has a program in place for the turf course. Mr. Warren informs an outsider vendor will help in maintaining the turf course by tilling the grass and assisting in fertilizing, spraying, cutting, verticutting, seeding, etc. He states the course will be in better shape next year. Mr. Warren informs Evangeline Downs is changing their sand mix so there will be a kinder surface similar to Delta Downs'. Mr. Warren informs capital has been set aside to redo all of the bathrooms on the backside after the meet is over.

Mr. McHalfey states he attended the trials and it was a great experience.

### 2014 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. **RACES**
  - a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2014 quarter horse meet.  
 Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.
  - b. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2014 quarter horse meet.

11/7/14	Trials/LQHBA Breeders' Futurity
11/15/14	OPELOUSAS
11/28/14	Trials for the EVD Futurity
11/29/14	Trials for the EVD Derby
11/29/14	LQHBA Breeders' Futurity, La. Bred (RG1) & Trials

12/20/14 EVD Derby  
12/20/14 EVD Futurity

Mr. Young motions to approve; Mr. Turner seconds; motion carries.

### 3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. **Ratification** of officials for 2014 quarter horse race meet:

- \*Jared Gipson – Outrider
- \*Ramiro D. Flores – Track Superintendent
- \*Larry Hanks – Jockey Room Custodian  
*\*new official*

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

### 4. ADW

a. **Approval** of termination of the Advance Deposit Wager “ADW” Services Agreement between Evangeline Downs & Sportech.

Ms. Loney states the rules do not speak to any procedure for termination. She states there is no reason why the Commission cannot approve this agreement to terminate. She informs that a letter has been provided by Sportech indicating they will refund all monies to all remaining ADW players

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

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Tim Bryant. Mr. Bryant informs Fair Grounds has over 1,100 horses on the backside for the upcoming 2014-2015 81-day Thoroughbred Meet. He informs approximately 2,500 applications were received, which is the same as last year. He informs 1838 stalls have been allotted and ship-ins will be allowed. He says the ship-in barn, with the collaboration with the HBPA, has been drastically improved and doors have been added to all of the stalls. He informs 3 TVs have been added to the backside so the Trainers’ are able to watch the races and prepare for the following races. He informs his team has done a good job of getting the backside and track in great condition. He informs he has received positive feedback from the Trainers who have already stabled their horses at the Fair Grounds. Mr. Bryant informs new shed rows have been added to every barn on the backside, over 400 skylights were replaced in the barns, nine barns were painted from blue to green and several bathrooms and living areas were upgraded on the backside as well. Mr. Bryant informs Fair Grounds put the \$2.7 million that was in question back into purses. He says the condition book was revised to reflect the purses changes and the overnights were preserved to reflect \$215,000-\$220,000 per day. He says there is a lot of optimism going into the 2014-2015 thoroughbred meet.

a. **Discussion on Louisiana State Police audit findings at CDI/Fair Grounds OTB facilities.**

Mr. Bryant informs nine of the Fair Grounds OTBs were inspected by the request of the Commission. He informs the State Police found all 131 pari-mutuel machines were properly operating, 3 of 624 TVs had issues (all 3 were fixed within a week), and the rest of findings were found to be minor in nature, such as an employee not wearing their badge. Mr. Bryant informs procedures are in place to ensure all OTBs are fully compliant in the future and corrective measures will be immediately taken when an issue arises.

**b. Update on turf, service, marketing and facility commitments.****DRAINAGE/TURF**

Mr. Bryant informs 8-inch piping and French drainage were installed around the remainder of the track. He informs of the main line, 1,600 linear feet was replaced. He says he is confident the capacity to drain will increase and it will be better for the turf course. He informs the surface looks great and the moisture readings are taken daily to ensure the surface will be ready for the upcoming meet.

**SERVICE**

Mr. Bryant informs Fair Grounds customer appreciation parties are going over well. He informs parties are held on the third Thursday of every month. He says last party was a carnival themed event held in Gretna. He informs over 240 people attended. He informs donuts and coffee are randomly given out at the parlors to the customers' delight. Mr. Bryant informs additional TVs have been installed at several OTB locations. He informs his team in charge of OTBs is doing a great job. He informs a new position was added, as customer relations manager, and Brad Bryant was promoted for that role. He informs that Mr. Bryant is very seasoned in the pari-mutuel field and offers immediate experience which will enabled enhanced customer service at the OTB parlors.

**MARKETING**

Mr. Bryant informs Fair Grounds put print ads promoting the upcoming racing meet in *Gambit*, *Where Y'at* and *Times Picayune*. He informs existing slot and video poker players were mailed literature informing of the 2014-2015 live thoroughbred meet. He informs of new combination ads (which were usually reserved for slots) will inform the public of live racing at Fair Grounds. He informs Fair Grounds plans on tapping into other markets by placing ads, which will highlight live racing events, in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and other out of town city papers. He informs radio ads will also mention live racing as well.

Mr. Bryant informs a handicapping tournament, to get customers ready for the thoroughbred meet, was held on Saturday, November 8, 2014. He informs there was a lot of positive feedback from the guests. He informs two guests earned free entry to the first handicapping contest which will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at the Fair Grounds. Mr. Bryant informs a preview party will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Prytania Theater, which will show the documentary Fair Grounds Memories by Peggy Scott Laborde and WYES.

**FACILITIES**

Mr. Bryant informs the video board in the paddock has been installed and the one for the infield will be delivered and installed tomorrow. He informs both should be fully operational in about a week.

Ms. Wagner informs she was at the Fair Grounds during Breeder's Cup Saturday and the appearance of the turf course looked lush and green. She said H. Withers was running around with his moisture reader.

Mr. Romero states horseracing should be on top and take precedence on every piece of advertising.

**2014/2015 THOROUGHBRED MEET****2. RACES**

a. **Approval** of revised first condition book for 2014-2015 thoroughbred race meet.

**b. Approval of designated races for the 2014-2015 thoroughbred meet:**

12/13/14	Quarter Horse Juvenile
12/13/14	Quarter Horse Derby
12/13/14	Quarter Horse Classic
12/13/14	Starter
12/13/14	Juvenile
12/13/14	Lassie
12/13/14	Sprint
12/13/14	Ladies Sprint
12/13/14	Turf
12/13/14	Ladies
12/13/14	Classic
12/31/14	Louisiana Futurity (Colts & Geldings)
12/31/14	Louisiana Futurity (Fillies)
1/17/15	Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes
1/17/15	Louisiana Stakes
1/17/15	Col. E.R. Bradley Handicap (Gr. III)
1/17/15	Silverbulletday Stakes
1/17/15	Lecomte Stakes (Gr. III)
2/17/15	Mardi Gras Stakes
2/21/15	Bayou Stakes
2/21/15	Duncan F. Kenner Stakes
2/21/15	Fair Grounds Handicap (Gr. III)
2/21/15	Mineshaft Handicap (Gr. III)
2/21/15	Rachael Alexander Stakes (Gr. III)
2/21/15	Risen Star Stakes (Gr. II)
3/28/15	Star Guitar Stakes
3/28/15	Costa Rising
3/28/15	Crescent City Oaks
3/28/15	Crescent City Derby
3/28/15	Fair Grounds Oaks (Gr. II)
3/28/15	Mervin H. Muniz Jr. Memorial Handicap (Gr. II)
3/28/15	New Orleans Handicap (Gr. II)
3/28/15	Louisiana Derby (Gr. II)

Mr. Davis asks Mr. Bryant if some of the stakes were removed in the handicap races. Mr. Bryant responds yes. He informs after \$2.7 million was reinstated, four of the stakes races were added back to preserve the overnight races. He says there are about 10 less stakes races than last year.

Mr. Young motions to approve 2014 revised first condition book and designated races for the 2014-2015 thoroughbred meet; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

**3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT****a. Approval of racing officials for the 2014-2015 thoroughbred meet:**

Jason Boulet - Racing Secretary  
 David Wedlake - Association Steward  
 \*Hal Wiggins - Association Steward  
 Scott Jones – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator  
 Glen Miller - Starter  
 Barbara Comberrel – Program Director  
 Ramon Muniz - Paddock Judge  
 Gary Palmisano, Sr. – Alternate Paddock Judge  
 Joe Peluso, Amber Fontenot, Meagan Davis, \*Stephanie Cooley and \*Baley Hare –  
 Placing Judge/Entry Clerk  
 Kerry Dubuc, Mike Diliberto, Billy Pettingill and Joshua Diliberto - Clockers  
 Nelson Menard - Clerk of Scales  
 Larry Fontenot, Jr. - Horse Identifier

Mario Torres - Stall Superintendent  
Craig Daligian - Jockey Room Custodian  
Timothy Hanisch – Claims Clerk/Entry Clerk  
Robert Mayer, Darren Cain and Alan Love, Jr., Scott Cole (Alternate) – Outriders  
Sean Worsley – Silks Coordinator  
*\*new official*

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

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, *by Trent McIntosh*. Mr. McIntosh informs Louisiana Downs 2014 84-day Thoroughbred Meet ended on September 21, 2014. He informs Super Derby Day was very successful. He informs Uncle Si from Duck Dynasty made a guest appearance for the day and the card was fantastic. He informs Louisiana Downs did almost \$4 million in revenue from all sources on Super Derby Day which was plus for a very tough season. Mr. McIntosh informs Louisiana Downs hosted guest during Breeders Cup weekend. He says it was a successful event which rewarded the 50 top players that support Louisiana Downs with a two night's hotel stay with food and drinks along with a private racing experience.

Mr. Wright asks Mr. McIntosh if most of the top 50 players are local or spread out. Mr. McIntosh responds half are local (within 30 or 40 miles) and the other half are spread out.

Mr. Young informs Super Derby Day was great. He states the food, racing and atmosphere made it to be a great experience. Mr. Young compliments the staff for doing a great job.

**2015 QUARTER HORSE/2015 THOROUGHBRED MEETS**

2. **RACES**
  - a. **Request for approval of minimum of 7 daily live quarter horse and thoroughbred races.** (Continued from the August 25, 2014 meeting) (See page 8)  
*Discussion led by Louisiana Downs and LaHBPA stating their positions.*

Mr. Babb informs the Commission may propose that Louisiana Downs run 8 races per day for 2 days a week and 7 races the other 2 days during both the 2015 Quarter Horse and 2015 Thoroughbred Meets. Mr. McIntosh responds Louisiana Downs would like to run more than 8 races per day but it is not economically feasible. He says Louisiana Downs has seen a decline in purses and that is the rationale for the request to reduce field sizes. He informs a better product will be produced if the field sizes were at 7 and as a result, more horsemen will participate since the purses would be higher. Mr. McIntosh informs 2014 field size averages were 7.7 horses per race and revenue was down nearly 40%. He says Louisiana Downs is asking for 7 races per day in order to compete and have purse monies back to 2013 levels.

Mr. Babb asks Mr. McIntosh if Louisiana Downs expects a shortage of horses for 2015. Mr. McIntosh states he does not see anything that points to where it is increasing and absolutely sees them shrinking.

Mr. Babb states from a horsemen point of view, why run at Louisiana Downs when you can wait for Delta Downs to open where purses are higher; so that is a problem. Mr. McIntosh informs Louisiana Downs does not have the ability to run more races at this point.

Mr. Wright asks Mr. McIntosh if things change and optimism improves during the next meet, would Louisiana Downs increase the number of races on their own. Mr. McIntosh response absolutely if the overall product and purse sizes warranted more horsemen wanting to race at Louisiana Downs.

Mr. Turner states Louisiana Downs is not doing enough as far as advertising to get folks out at the track. He informs of past promotions that appeared to have worked when the handle was better. Mr. McIntosh informs their current marketing strategy is different and Louisiana Downs has one of the best direct mail database system in total rewards in the industry. Mr. Turner states the marketing is casino driven and not aimed towards the racing industry. Mr. McIntosh informs a really nice program is in place for current racing customers as well as casino customers.

Mr. Bernard Chatters, Chairman of the Louisiana HBPA, informs his group would support the proposal that Louisiana Downs would run 8 races per day for 2 days a week and 7 races the other 2 days during both the 2015 Quarter Horse and 2015 Thoroughbred Meets.

Mr. Mike Rich, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Louisiana Downs, informs Louisiana Downs purse amounts on average were \$15,000 per day in 2013. He informs 2014 purse amounts dropped to \$13,900 on average per day and they are projected to go a little lower in 2015 as it stands. He informs that if their request of 7 races, 4 days a week are approved then it would greatly assist in getting purse amounts back up to 2013 levels at \$15,000 per race day.

Mr. Young asks Mr. McIntosh if there would be a savings if Louisiana Downs ran 8 races 2 days and 7 races the other 2 days. Mr. McIntosh responds 7 races per day would make the product better and draw more horsemen to the track.

Mr. Chatters informs the condition books print the average daily purses but it is a disadvantage to the horsemen since the purses widely vary per race. He says the condition book should reflect the amount of each race. It would aid the horsemen in deciding the races they want to participate in.

Mr. Romero asks Mr. Chatters which plan would benefit the horsemen the most, 7/8 race split or 7 races. Mr. Chatters informs 7/8 split would benefit the horsemen more and hopefully it will help Louisiana Downs get back to doing more races in the future.

Mr. Turner informs he would support the 7 races per day request if Louisiana Downs promises to commit more money in promoting both thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. Mr. Rich and Mr. Turner discuss print verses digital advertising. Mr. Rich states Louisiana Downs is committed to marketing the racing product and the racing side of the business.

Ms. Taylor asks Mr. Rich about the demographics of their best racing customers. Mr. Rich informs mostly a male audience over the age of 50.

Mr. Romero states he would like to see the results of 7/8 format before approving 7 races per day.

Mr. Rich informs more races will be added in the future if the demand is there to race.

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20-minute recess following an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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Mr. Gardiner makes a presentation to honor former Chairman Jerry F. Meaux. The Meaux family is in attendance and Mr. Gardiner presents them with a memorial. Mr. Gardiner unveils a portrait of Mr. Meaux which will be hung in the Domicile Office of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

Mr. Hollier motions to hang the portrait in perpetuity in the Domicile Office of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; commission members second; motion carries.

Mr. Wright thanks the Meaux family for attending today's commission meeting and praises Mr. Meaux for what he contributed to the Louisiana racing.

Mr. William Meaux and Ms. Michelle Meaux thank the commission.

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Mr. Young motions to nominate Ms. Judy Wagner as First Vice Chairperson; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

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Mr. Young motions to allow Louisiana Downs to minimum of 7 daily live quarter horse and thoroughbred races; Mr. Turner seconds; motion carries.

## II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairman Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D.*

Dr. Grimstad informs during the April 22, 2014 meeting, the commission announced to move forward with plans to adopt the National Uniform Medication Policy and Rules. During the August 25, 2014 meeting, it was agreed to move forward with adopting a portion of the Uniform Medication Policy by adopting the Controlled Therapeutic Medication List which consists of 26 medications. He informs a list was provided to the audience and it was announced that Louisiana would maintain their 24-hour rule for medications not on the list and also would maintain policy penalties. Dr. Grimstad informs he would like to vote on 3 individual Notices of Intent to amend in order to amend these rules.

- 1.) Dr. Grimstad motions to amend by Notice of Intent LAC 35:I Chapter 15 – Permitted Medication (§1505. Nonsteroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory medication); Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.
- 2.) Dr. Grimstad motions to amend by Notice of Intent LAC 35:I Chapter 17 – Corrupt and Prohibited Practices (§1725. Controlled Medication); Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.
- 3.) Dr. Grimstad motions to amend by Notice of Intent LAC 35:I Chapter 17 – Corrupt and Prohibited Practices (§1787. Pre-Race Testing); Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

Dr. Grimstad notes the Notices of Intent have been approved so there will be time for any interested party who would wish to comment. He informs all comments must be submitted to the Racing Commission Office in writing. Ms. Loney informs there are copies in the back of the room for audience members. Dr. Grimstad states this step is what is best for racing and it is the right direction to go in in order for the rules to be somewhat consistent and uniform across the country.



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

No report.

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

Mr. Guilbeau informs with the help of Racing Commission Staff, who looked into the suspensive appeal amounts in neighboring states, and the results suggest the current suspensive appeal amount should remain the same, \$500.

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

No report.

**E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Kevin Delahoussaye*

No report.

### III. RULES

**A. DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT:****1. Uniform Medication Rules** (See Medication Committee Report for motions)

LAC 35:I Chapter 15 – Permitted Medication

§1505. *Nonsteroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory medication [amend]*

LAC 35:I Chapter 17 – Corrupt and Prohibited Practices

§1725. *Controlled Medication [amend]*

§1787. *Pre-Race Testing [amend]*

### IV. LICENSE APPROVALS

**A. LICENSE APPROVALS****1. Darrell J. Constantin, Exercise Rider.** Convicted felon.

Mr. Babb motions to approve Mr. Constantin for a license; Dr. Grimstad seconds; motion carries.

**2. Kenneth J. Patin, Exercise Rider/Valet.** Convicted felon.

Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve Mr. Patin for a license; Mr. Turner seconds; motion carries.

**B. REINSTATEMENT REQUEST****1. Anthony J. Lovato, Jockey.** *Attempting to tamper with sample & Human Drug Testing, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense,* Requesting reinstatement of Jockey's license.

(Continued from August 25, 2014 meeting)

Presence not required for hearing. Mr. Guilbeau motions to suspend 5 years; credit for time served (8/17/12 through 11/10/14), conditional reinstatement of license during remaining portion of suspended sentence to include periodic drug testing at LSRC approved laboratory at his own expense at LSRC discretion; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

## V. ADJUDICATIONS

### A. APPEALS (La. Rev. Stat. 4:154)

1. **Mitchell L. Murrill, Apprentice Jockey.** Ruling#ED20741 of 8/20/14 – *Careless Riding*.

Appeal withdrawn.

Not present for hearing. Mr. Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days from 11/15/14 through 11/21/14. If jockey participates in a designated race day not subject to suspension; he shall be required to make up the suspension day on the first following race day after the designated day of racing. Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

2. **Colby J. Hernandez, Jockey.** Ruling#DD20816 of 10/23/14 – *Careless Riding*.

Appeal withdrawn.

Not present for hearing. Mr. Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days from 11/15/14 through 11/21/14. If jockey participates in a designated race day not subject to suspension; he shall be required to make up the suspension day on the first following race day after the designated day of racing. Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

3. **Courtney M. Hernandez, Jockey.** Ruling#DD20815 of 10/23/14 – *Careless Riding*.

Appeal withdrawn.

Not present for hearing. Mr. Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' ruling; suspend 7 calendar days from 11/15/14 through 11/21/14. If jockey participates in a designated race day not subject to suspension; she shall be required to make up the suspension day on the first following race day after the designated day of racing. Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

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

1. **Greg A. Sheets, Owner/Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred*)

Ruling#ED20784 of 9/26/14 – *Caffeine (ARCI Category II)*

Mr. Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' ruling; suspension amended to credit for time served (9/26/14 through 11/10/14). Horse disqualified; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

### C. APPEAL OF DISQUALIFICATION

1. **Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey, Owners.**

Appeal of Stewards' decision to *disqualify* *Coalport*, from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Unbridled Stakes, the 10<sup>th</sup> race on September 6, 2014 at Louisiana Downs.

#### **Attorneys -**

Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey, owner of horse, *Coalport*, official 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher.  
-Represented by William S. Marshall, Jr., Esq.

OakLeaf T.C. L.P. (Royce Roberts) - owner of horse, *Benwill*, official 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher.  
-Represented by Daniel G. Guidry, Esq.

Mr. Romero motions to uphold Stewards' disqualification; Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Babb motions to adjourn; Ms. Wagner seconds; Mr. Wright adjourns the meeting.



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Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director