

adopted 8-20-19

Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	Monday, June 10, 2019
Meeting called to Order by	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors
Place	LAHBPA Main Office
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Larry Hamburger <i>Quorum Declared</i>	Benard Chatters Bobby Dupre (<i>phone</i>) Keith Hernandez Any Leggio, Jr. Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Christine D. Early (<i>arrived via phone at 10:39am</i>) Bret Calhoun (<i>phone</i>) Ron Faucheux Don Stemmans Edward Johnston Kenneth L. Roberts (<i>phone</i>)
Others in Attendance	Sturgis Ducoing, Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh (<i>phone/arrived later</i>), Vickie Lory
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:30 am</i>
Roll Call	By Larry Hamburger... have quorum.
Prayer Lead by	Benard Chatters
Motion	Motion made to adopted Minutes from 11/13/18 meeting and 1/21/19 meeting. Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Keith Hernandez Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion re Horse Aftercare Update	Keith Hernandez reported that Legislation passed regarding Horse Aftercare and is awaiting the Governor's signature. A Board will be developed regarding disbursement of these funds. Charlotte suggested we ask for suggestions from these organizations regarding their operations and obstacles they may face such as liability insurance costs.
Motion to go into Executive Sessions	Motion made to go into Executive Session Motion by: Keith Hernandez Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Motion Unanimously Passed


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Asked to step out of the room @ 11:35am	Mike, Vickie and Sturgis Ducoing temporarily were asked to step out of room.
Motion to Come out of Executive Session	Motion was made to come out of Executive Session. Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Ron Fauchaux Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion re Staff Raises	Motion was made to adopt the staff raise scale presented by Larry Hamburger <i>(to be effective April 1, 2019)</i> . Motion by: Keith Hernandez Second by: Ron Fauchaux Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion re Management Fees	Motion was made to increase the management fees to pay for staff raises; \$1500 for HWCIT; \$1500 for Medical; \$1500 for Pension <i>(pending approval by each Trust)</i> . Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Keith Hernandez Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion re Race Cancelations	A discussion was had regarding member monetary losses suffered due to race cancelations. Charlotte stated she receives regular inquiries from members cancelations. Benard suggested instituting a compensatory fee for race cancelations, especially when the cancelation issue is caused by the track. Benard also suggested the law may need changing to award the purse money for canceled races. Ed stated the specifics would have to be authorized. Charlotte added that weather-related cancelations notices come out too late and that cancelations may be a greater inconvenience for owners who travel for a specific race. Ron also suggested one-horse owners may be greatly affected by cancelations as well. It was agreed by some that \$500 per horse may be a good compensation. This would be suggested at the next session. The Commission stated previously this could not be done.
Discussion re Pay Down on Purses	A discussion was had regarding a nominal pay-down to offset costs and encourage entries. Some agreed; others opposed. Some member felt the pay down would help the one-horse owner and keep more small members in the game. Others were opposed to a pay down within the current environment because it would bring unfit horses causing more break downs. One member recalled the

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	paydown was tried here twice previously and it didn't work. A vote was suggested.
Motion re \$150 Pay Down	Motion made to make a paydown of \$150 <i>(as amended)</i> for everything after 5 th place. Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Don Stemmans Motion failed 6 to 4
Roll Call Vote	Yes: Charlotte, Bobby, Kenny and Don No: Bret, Chrissie, Ron, Keith, Eddie, and Andy FAILED
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch was served during Executive Session</i>
Motion to go into Executive Session	Motion made to go into Executive Session Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed
Motion to come out of Executive Session	Motion made to go into Executive Session Motion by: Andy Leggio, Jr. Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion Unanimously Passed
Discussion re Legal Requirement for LSRC members	A brief discussion was opened by Charlotte who suggested the HBPA request that the Governor remove the rules regarding horsemen being on the Racing Commission. Ed stated certain ethical reforms were passed under Blanco (Jindal) with requirements for Commissioners.
Audit and Financial Update	Larry report the four audits for Pension, Medical, 1993, Inc. and HWCIT were almost finished. We have drafts on Medical and Pension, which are clean. The official copy, when received, will be presented to the Board. We don't yet have drafts for 1993, Inc. or HWCIT, but they are clean. The new auditor is Richards <i>(a former P&N employee)</i> . The HWCIT auditor is still P&N. No audit needed for HIA, as it is being closed out. Each company is strong; assets are greater. <i>Financial handouts will be emailed to members on the phone.</i>
Donations	A discussion was had regarding donations to Reap, BBF, Special Olympics and the Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund.

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Motion re Donations	<p>Motion made to give donations to Reap (\$1500), BBF (\$1500), Special Olympics (\$500) and Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund (\$750).</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Track Report – LAD	A meeting is scheduled at LAD at 11:00 am next Tuesday for discussion with members. Board members are asked to attend if they can. A discussion was had regarding topics for the meeting such as the purse transfer.
Track Report - FG	Ed stated FG is working with the Plaquemines Parish to approve two OTB parlors, and they have asked for our support. The locations are expected to be strong.
Track Report - EVD	A few members voiced complaints about the high cost of bottled water, Gatorade and beverages at EVD in the track kitchen.
Track Report - DED	Kenny reported that all is good. They had an issue with the track, which is now resolved.
Pension Report	Ed stated that 50 members signed up for direct deposit.
Medical Report	Ed and Chrissy confirmed Medical would have a meeting soon. Ed will speak with Murray to determine a meeting date for the next meeting.
HWCIT Report	Mike reported that a meeting will be held after the BOD meeting.
Motion to Adjourn @ 1:21 pm	<p>Motion made to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Ratification	<p>Minutes adopted on: <u>8-20-19</u>, 2019</p> <p> Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary</p>