


Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	January 21, 2020
Meeting called to Order by	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors – EMERGENCY MEETING
Place	LAHBPA Main Office
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters <i>(phone)</i> Bobby Dupre <i>(phone)</i> Keith Hernandez Any Leggio, Jr. Charlotte Stemmans Clavier <i>(phone)</i> Christine D. Early Bret Calhoun Ron Faucheux <i>(phone)</i> Don Stemmans <i>(phone)</i> Edward Johnston Kenneth L. Roberts <i>(phone)</i>
Board Members Not Present	
Others in Attendance	Ed Fenasci, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh, Vickie Lory
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:33 am</i>
Prayer Lead by	Christine Early
Presentation by John Duvieilh re QH Lawsuit and Proposed Settlement	John explained the purpose for the meeting was for the Board to consider a settlement agreement in the Soileau et al lawsuit. The proposed settlement is for 12.5% of Fair Grounds video poker purse supplements be dedicated to Quarter Horse purses and capped at one million dollars per state fiscal year. Of those funds, up to two hundred and fifty thousand each year will be directed to pay for “past” claims. Once one million is paid for past claims, then the entire amount each year will supplement current purses. This settlement will meet the fiduciary responsibility of this Board to all members including QH members. The settlement provides that funds from past Fair Grounds thoroughbred meets will not have to pay back purse funds awarded. Legislation will be needed to finalize the settlement. In addition to codifying the 12.5% with cap at Fair Grounds, the settlement will codify that 30% of Video poker purses at Evangeline Downs (currently operating at this level), Delta Downs, and Louisiana Downs will supplement Quarter Horse purses. Another aspect of the settlement agreement will be that Fair Grounds minimum Quarter Horse race days will increase from 10 days per year to 15 days per year conducted over a 5-week period. Churchill Downs has agreed to pay \$750,000 in attorney fees and the LAHBPA will be responsible for up to \$75,000. The entire settlement agreement will be presented to the

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	<p>Louisiana State Racing Commission on Monday where they will be advised that the entire settlement will be contingent upon new laws being passed by the Legislature. The Settlement agreement does provide for those class plaintiffs that do not want to be part to opt out of the settlement.</p>
<p>Motion Re QH Proposed Settlement</p>	<p>Motion made for the LHBPA to enter into a settlement for the QH suit with a contribution of up to \$75K for the payment of attorney's fees, and the additional changes to any and all laws necessary for purse money generated by video poker at FG OTBs, a cap of \$1M to be applied for QH purses going forward, as well as a calculation out of that money for any past payments to be made and returned, all TB members, owners and trainers and jockeys have no liability for the repayment of any purse money earned during the past 12 years. Further, we authorize Benard Chatters to execute this agreement on behalf of the LAHBPA.</p> <p>Motion by: Edward Johnston Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Motion</p>	<p>Motion made to Adjourn the meeting at 10:55am.</p> <p>Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Edward Johnston Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Ratification</p>	<p>Minutes adopted on: <u>12-29</u>, 2020</p> <p> _____ Larry Hamburger</p>