

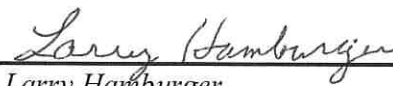
Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	September 16, 2020
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 and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters <i>(phone)</i> Bobby Dupre <i>(phone)</i> Keith Hernandez <i>(phone)</i> Any Leggio, Jr. <i>(phone)</i> Charlotte Stemmans Clavier <i>(phone)</i> Christine D. Early <i>(phone)</i> Bret Calhoun <i>(phone)</i> Ron Faucheux <i>(phone)</i> Don Stemmans <i>(phone)</i> Edward Johnston <i>(phone)</i> Kenneth L. Roberts <i>(phone)</i>
Board Members Not Present	
Others in Attendance	Chris Warren <i>(phone)</i> , Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh <i>(phone)</i> , Vickie Lory <i>(phone)</i>
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:31 am</i>
Prayer Lead by	Christine Early
Discussion	Benard asked Chris Warren to give a presentation regarding Boyd Gaming's plan for the upcoming DED meet. <i>Christine asked that we first dispense with the 10-day meeting notice.</i>
Motion	Motion made to waive the 10-day meeting notice. Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed
Presentation by Chris Warren, Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association Re Status of DED post Hurricane Race Dates	Benard asked that Chris Warren continue... Chris stated he spoke with Mr. Kuypers, the GM at DED, who said they are committed to run the meet at DED and are not interested in transferring purse money. Charlotte stated she and other LA members were not in favor of losing local horsemen money they usually receive in October and November through those races. Adding that, although it may have been earned at DED, it was their funds. Chris stated he was there to report where they

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	<p>are and what they have accomplished (<i>since the hurricane</i>). He stated Kuypers met with contractors for an update last week and they are making repairs. Right now, horses on the grounds (<i>at DED</i>) would be October 27, and the meet would start November 24. The start date might be earlier. They hired an outside company to clean the backside. They may have to buy a new gate. Materials are on the way for repairs to the rail. The lighting system was also damaged. The current plan is to run day racing before sundown. However, everything is subject to change. They will try to avoid a conflict with FG racing, so there is the ability to run 7 days/week in LA. They have a Phase A and a Phase B. Plan A is getting the horses in so they can train. Plan B is racing. The toll board was demolished, and they are working to replace it. They will submit the 3 or 4 date options to the Board, and they will then submit them to the RC for an emergency meeting. Their press release regarding the Hurricane Laura repairs and racing status will go out by Friday. Chris asked if there were <i>any questions?</i> Kenny asked if there were places to live/rent. Chris reported rentals could be an issue due to damage sustained from the hurricane, and it would depend on the location. The metal framed buildings seemed to hold up well. He added that the Texas border to Beaumont was spared devastation. The damage was extreme in Lake Charles, Sulphur and Vinton.</p> <p>Bret and others inquired about racing on the off days at EVD. Chris responded they had not considered doing anything but trying to open and run as many days as they can. If they run close to 84 days, they would run into March or April, which would make other meets start later. Chris stated anything was possible but would need some consideration regarding logistics.</p> <p><i>(Chris Warren signed off of the call at 10:47 am.)</i></p>
<p>Board Members continued the discussion Re Race Dates</p>	<p>Members expressed reservations of such a large gap with no racing and the need to race during the next three months. <i>(Carl Broberg off at 10:49am.)</i> While waiting for Troy to check who was on the call, Ed reported that the interruptions at DED has caused 3 months of lost slots. Ed estimated they would run in the 160-170 range, which is about 25% down from last year's average. <i>(Troy was unable to check who was on the call).</i></p> <p>Members felt it was critical to find a way to run in October and November. Ed reported he spoke with David Heitzmann who said the earliest they could run (<i>at LAD</i>) would be late October to November 1, assuming all necessary arrangements, obstacles and reimbursements could be worked out in time to run the meet. John reported it would only be legal under the purse transfer law if the two racetracks agree, then HBPA agrees, then the RC agrees. John stated if the RC tries to force it, you could get another lawsuit. Members again expressed concerns about not running for another 2-3 months. Members felt the best option was to look into 15 race dates at EVD, to begin on October</p>

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	18 th , and end on November 17th, (5 weeks), 3 days/week, then the DED meet would begin. Benard felt it would be easier to request through November 10, leaving 2 weeks for the horses to ship. Charlotte and members felt we should request 5 weeks and leave room to negotiate for 4 weeks.
Motion	<p>Motion made that the Board request the transfer the funds and races to EVD requesting 15 race dates, 9 races/day, running Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, to begin on October 18, 2020 and end on November 17, 2020.</p> <p>Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Further Discussion Re Fairgrounds	Ed will send a letter immediately. Ed also reported that the FG has not provided the promised financials regarding their charge to move in at the FG, so we are still at a stand-still. We may wish to request the RC get those numbers on our behalf. Members agreed.
Further Discussion Re Lasix	Bernard asked if anyone saw the letter regarding graded stakes and Lasix? Ed stated he would forward it to the Board. Members felt we should fight this, and John would have to determine if they can come here and do that. Benard said the leverage they are using is that certain FG races may lose their Derby Points if they do not go along with it.
Further Discussion Re Emergency Plan	Bret stated the stall agreement regarding an emergency evacuation site needs to be looked at. Benard felt rules with the RC were needed to allow horses to be moved to open racetracks during force majeure instances. He felt horsemen should also have an evacuation plan in place.
Motion	<p>Motion made to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Ratification	<p>Minutes adopted on: <u>12-29-20</u>, 2020</p> <p> _____ Larry Hamburger</p>