

Minutes of the LAHBPA Board of Directors Meeting

Date of Meeting	January 17, 2023 – ADOPTED 4/18/23
Location of Meeting	LHBPA Main Office
Meeting called to Order by	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors
Meeting Secretary	Vickie Lory
Roll called by Kristie and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters Ronnie Ward Ron Fauchaux Bret Calhoun Kenneth L. Roberts Don Stemmans Michele Rodriguez Keith Hernandez Charlotte Stemmans Clavier Carol Castille Kevin Delahoussaye
<i>Board Members Not Present</i>	
Others in Attendance	Ed Fenasci, Kristie Piglia, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh, Vickie Lory
<i>The President called the meeting to order</i>	<i>Time: 10:35 AM</i>
Prayer Led by	Benard Chatters
Discussion Re Adoption of Minutes	Ed requested a motion to adopt the Board Minutes for October 4, 2022, and October 18, 2022.
Motion Re Adopt Minutes	Motion made to adopt the Minutes from October 4, 2022, and October 18, 2022. Motion by: Ron Fauchaux Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Unanimously Passed
<i>Don Stemmans joined via zoom</i>	
Discussion Re HISA, HHR and Legal Update	Ed requested a motion to go into Executive Session.

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Motion	<p>Motion made to go into Executive Session.</p> <p>Motion by: Bret Calhoun Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<i>Recorders off...</i>	
Motion	<p>Motion made to come out of Executive Session.</p> <p>Motion by: Bret Calhoun Second by: Kevin Delahoussaye Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Motion	<p>Motion was made to give John Duvieilh a raise to \$225 per hour.</p> <p>Motion by: Bret Calhoun Second by: Ron Faucheux Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Motion	<p>A motion was made to give the staff a 3% cost of living increase.</p> <p>Motion by: Bret Calhoun Second by: Don Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
Discussion Re Purse Clearances	<p>Ed stated that Michele asked to add purse clearances to our agenda. Members discussed purse clearance time limits and the lenient permissions afforded to the testing lab in RC contract. Ronnie spoke with RC members who suggested the HBPA submit a proposal regarding holiday permissions. Benard requested a Committee (<i>Michele, Ronnie, and Ed</i>) to deal with clearances and a meeting ASAP with Charlie to discuss solutions for these issues. The next RC meeting is on 1/31/23.</p>
Discussion Uncoupling of Entries	<p>Benard introduced the agenda item and members discussed the pros and cons of uncoupling. Members also discussed LA Bred allowance race conditions.</p>
Motion	<p>Motion was made to support the LSRC to uncouple entries for owners and trainers.</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed</p>


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<p><i>Discussion off agenda</i> Re Races being canceled and Paydowns at FG</p>	<p>A discussion was held regarding the state of the condition books, sub races and the checks and balances needed to ensure that the racing rules are adhered to. Members wanted to ensure that at least three LA Bred races are held per day. Additional inspections and communications with the Racing Secretaries at each of the tracks are needed.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the poor condition of the turf course. John stated they are working on the turf course, and the goal is to have it ready by March 1.</p> <p>John stated the FG asked if we would discuss and consider paydowns to 7th or 8th place. Consider paying 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th divided evenly or some similar option. John suggested we present something to them. Members suggested we wait until next year to discuss it.</p>
<p>Discussion Re Summer Racing</p>	<p>John suggested they go into Executive Session.</p>
<p>Motion</p>	<p>Motion made to go into Executive Session at 11:41AM.</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Keith Hernandez Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p><i>Recorders off...</i></p>	
<p>Motion</p>	<p>Motion made to come out of Executive Session at 12:51 PM.</p> <p>Motion by: Bret Calhoun Second by: Kevin Delahoussaye Motion Unanimously Passed</p>
<p>Motion Re Race Days</p>	<p>Motion was made to support a reduction to the minimum TB days from 84 (80 at FG) to 76 TB days at the track in the Legislature.</p> <p>Motion by: Ron Faucheux Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Passed 8 to 2</p>
<p>Motion Re Race Days <i>Roll Call Vote</i></p>	<p>A motion was made to pursue a \$3M purse transfer from DED to EVD.</p> <p>Motion by: Keith Hernandez Second by: Don Stemmans Motion Passed (1 abstain, 1 no)</p>

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Discussion Re Building Repairs Update	Keith reported that the windows will arrive in February. The trees have been trimmed, the deck is complete, the exterior will be pressure-washed, parking stripes will be repainted, and the soffit will be painted and repaired.
Discussion Re National HBPA Convention	Benard reported that the ARCI has joined. We are responsible for hosting the reception. We need input from the Board regarding the cost allotment for the convention. Farm visits will be at Elite and Clear Creek for which a bus will be rented. Day at the Races will be at the Fair Grounds. John projected 200-300 people with a cost of around \$25K.
Discussion Re Claiming Crown	Benard reported the contract with the FG would be signed soon.
Discussion Re Equine Sales Facility	Michele reported on her communications with and the status of the future use of the Equine Sales Facility.
Discussion Re Bylaws update re Election Section	John reported that he and Ed reviewed the Bylaws regarding the changes to be made to the elections section. Currently the Bylaws limit advertising during the election process. John requested guidance from the Board regarding whether to provide for some limits or to give unlimited advertising to all nominees. Some members expressed their concerns regarding unlimited advertising for all nominees and discussed other options and parameters. John stated if you want to open awareness for all members to vote, the easiest way to correct this would be to change the Bylaws so that there are no restrictions or limitations in advertising for the election.
Motion Re Bylaws' Election Sections	A motion was made to "open-up" legal advertising during the election. Motion by: Kevin Delahoussaye Second by: Charlotte Stemmans Clavier
Discussion	John will draft the Bylaws and the Board can vote on the changes.
	<i>Benard left at 1:16 pm</i>
Track Report DED	Ronnie reported that there are issues with the track and with the horse pads, and track management said they would correct it. John stated they would report the lack of backside and track maintenance at the RC meeting.

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Track Report LAD	Kenny reported that the backside needs a lot of work. It is a mess with large potholes, and the stalls need work. John stated they would also report this to the RC.
Track Report FG	Bret Calhoun reported overall it is okay, but since the freeze the track is inconsistent. The track maintenance program needs to be corrected to prevent the depth issues. John reported they also spoke with the FG about loose horses. The FG may implement fines to trainers and/or ban riders who fail to listen and adhere to the alarm. Earplugs have been eliminated. Bret reported that the ambulance drivers need an access map for guidance in getting on and off the track during an emergency. Bret also reported on the potential safety issues regarding the current caliber and number of available outriders. John will address and report this as a safety issue to the RC and there are funds available to correct this. Keith suggested that we should approve of the outriders, and there should be three outriders per track.
Pension Report	Kristie reported that the audit will begin shortly. Several participants recently elected to do direct deposit.
Medical Report	Good.
HWCIT Report	Overall, the program is doing well.
Motion to Adjourn	Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 pm. Motion by: Ron Fauchoux Second by: Ronnie Ward Motion Unanimously Passed
Ratification	Minutes adopted on: <u>04-18</u> , 2023.  _____ Vickie Lory, Meeting Secretary