

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

March 22, 2016 @ 11:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order By	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors
Place	LAHBPA Main Office
Meeting Secretary	Larry Hamburger
Roll called by Larry and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters, Judy Behler, Bret Calhoun, Sturges Ducoing (left at 11:40), Bobby Dupre, Christine Early, Keith Hernandez, Eddie Johnston, Arthur Morrell (Arrived at 10:30), Don Stemmans
Prayer Lead By	Chrisie Early
Other in Attendance	Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh


The President called the meeting to order

Motion	Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of 01/12/16 Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion passed unanimously.
Legal Update - John Duvieilh	QH suit went from Racing Commission to the District Court on appeal. The District Court remanded it back to Racing Commission due to lack of activity. No activity is expected in near future. Benard would like to get this matter settled and John stated that is the goal. John explained that it is individuals and not the QH Breeder Association that brought this action. John will continue to try to settle this suit.
Motion	Motion to go into Executive Session Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion passed unanimously.
Motion	Motion to come out of Executive Session Motion by: Bobby Dupree Second by: Don Stemmans Motion passed unanimously.
Motion	Motion to pay for 1/3 of Louisiana Horse Racing Impact Study Motion by: Don Stemmans Second by: Bobby Dupree Motion passed unanimously.
Discussion	Discussion of moving Bookkeeper funds from Capital One to First NBC,. First NBC will pay interest of 1.25% annually while waving banking fees compared to 0.5% with fees at Capital One. At either bank, the overnight investment is backed by United States government securities. Also, they will execute an agreement for FNBC checks to be cashed at locations around the Louisiana Race Tracks where no First NBC bank is located.
Motion	Motion to move up to the remainder balance of bookkeeper funds from Capital One to First NBC. Motion by: Sturgis Ducoing Second by: Christine Early Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Alabama HBPA	David Harrington, President of Alabama HBPA. They would like to offer added money in open races at Louisiana Race Tracks for Alabama bred horses. He proposed \$2,000 per race for up to four races at each track, preferably maidens or maiden claiming for less than \$25,000. Payout to mimic payout at track for first - fifth place finishers for any Alabama owner. Thanked Board for helping the Alabama
Motion	Motion to offer added money at Louisiana Race tracks for Alabama horses in open races up to \$2,000 per race \$8,000 per meet. Motion by: Bobby Dupree Second by: Sturgis Ducoing Motion passed unanimously.
Motion	Motion to send a letter on behalf of the Board and President thanking Mike Strain for assistance during the recent special session. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Sturgis Ducoing Motion passed unanimously.
Discussion	Ed will post a list for our members to reach out to their legislatures and ask them to support horse racing by allowing us to keep our dedicated purse monies.
WC Renewal - Field Staffing	Mike recommended to hire Dot Sibille for the Evangeline Downs meet. Benard suggested that we should shut down the office at the Evangeline Training Center to save costs. Don asked Training Center hours. Monday to Friday regular hours. If office was closed, we would save monthly rent of \$600. Question was asked of how many employees are employed there (2). Discussion of Tammy's responsibility. Benard suggested taht we centralize Opelousas/Carencro offices and locate at Evangeline Downs only. Keith suggested that we need to have the Training Center office open on Saturday's, otherwise is should be closed down.
Motion	Motion to consolidate the offices of the Evangeline Field Office and the Evangeline Training Center to the Evangeline Field Office at Evangeline Downs. Motion by: Judy Behler Second by: Don Stemmans Motion failed 2-6.
Motion	Motion to give Mike authority to hire additional employee if required, run department Motion by: Sturgis Ducoing Second by: Christine Early Motion withdrawn
Motion	Motion to hire Dot Sibille for Evangeline Downs Field Office during meet. Motion by: Eddie Johnston Second by: Sturgis Ducoing Motion passed 7-0-1
Track Updates	Delta Downs meet was successful and everyone is gone. Request has been submitted to Boyd to update and repair the lighting system at Delta Down. The Racing Commission was copied on the request letter.
Motion	Motion to go into Executive Session Motion by: Sturgis Ducoing Second by: Bobby Dupree Motion passed unanimously.
Motion	Motion to come out of Executive Session Motion by: Eddie Johnston Second by: Christine Early Motion passed unanimously.

Pension Report	Ed stated that there was nothing new to report. Benard stated that there are life time members that don't qualify for Pension and would like us to review.
Medical Report	New system is improving, checks are being produced, SS # are being reduced to last four digits. Increased benefits have reduced the surplus, Larry stated he will continue to monitor and report.
HWCIT Report	Approaching renewal and rate adequacy study may or may not recommend an increase. DOI audit still ongoing.
New Business	Are we going to help flood people? Do we have a suggestion for Medical Trust to assist individuals. It was suggested that we should help flood individuals. Want to help farms also? Hay is biggest expense. Year end audits in a lull.
Motion	Motion to Adjourn Motion by: Bobby Dupree Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion Unanimously Passed

Minutes adopted on 5/31/16

  
Lawrence J Hamburger  
Meeting Secretary