

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

Friday September 30 , 2016 -@ 10:30 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@10:47 AM, Bret Calhoun-Phone, Sturges Ducoing, Bobby Dupre-Phone, Christine Early, Keith Hernandez-Phone @ 11:47, Eddie Johnston, Arthur Morrell, Don Stemmans-Phone
Prayer Lead By	Chrisie Early
Other in Attendance	Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci

The President called the meeting to order

Motion	<p>Motion to adopt meeting minutes of 05/31/2016 and 06/14/2016</p> <p>Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Arthur Morrell Motion passed unanimously</p>
--------	---

Discussion	<p>2017 Election time line was presented by Ed and Larry. A proposal has been requested by True Ballot, the same company from the last two elections. An Election Committee needs to be formed and Ed will call the members from last to see if they are willing to serve (Tucker Alonso, Alvin Sider and Dan Brown). Ed reviewed the time lie. Christine asked if Board could cut cost and not have Caleb come here but count ballots at his home office. Arthur asked if election could be every four years and not three years beginning with next BOD term. Ed will get quote to include him not coming here. Discuss whether we should get two or more price quotes. Arthur wants these two suggestions on next meeting agenda.</p>
------------	--

Discussion	<p>Ed stated that John said there is oral discussion by plaintiffs in QH lawsuit to send back to Racing Commission. John is opposed to this change. Arthur asked what is happening with LAD. Ed asked Allen to prepare a summary and will check on the summary. Also our claim is in limbo until lawsuit is settled.</p>
------------	--

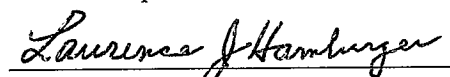
Motion	<p>Motion to donate to B B F, R E A P, DD and FG (once we find out who it is to be made out to) of \$1,000 each.</p> <p>Motion by: Arthur Morrell Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed unanimously</p>
--------	--

Motion	<p>Motion to donate \$500 to the Louisiana Special Olympics</p> <p>Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Sturges Discoing Motion passed unanimously</p>
--------	---

Motion	Motion to donate \$400 (10 tickets) to CADA. Motion by: Arthur Morrell Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed unanimously
Discussion	Barns at EVD. We receive a letter from EVD said they will not build barns. Letter attached with our response. A meeting with liaison committee is being set up.
Motion	Motion to go into Executive Session. Motion by: Sturges Ducoing Second by: Bret Calhoun Motion passed unanimously
Motion	Motion to come out of Executive Session Motion by: Sturges Ducoing Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed unanimously
Motion	Motion to extend PTO time to Pam Coleman. Motion by: Judy Behler Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed unanimously
Motion	Motion to increase Denise Brooks hourly wage \$1.25 per hour. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed unanimously
Discussion	Economic Impact Study draft was received. Copies given to LTBA and LQHBA. Awaiting their comments and will review with them. Tony Patterson had some questions about Quarter Horse section. Basically states Louisiana Horse Industry is a billion dollar impact to the economy each year. Also stated that Louisiana horse race industry is second most important industry in the respective state except in Kentucky. This was Phase I we are still awaiting Phase II.
Discussion	Bookkeeper Audit will be completed today. Audit states that financials present fairly, in all material aspects, the Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets of the Bookkeeper Account.
Discussion	Slots handout given that shows slots are down as an industry.
Track Updates	Delta Downs - Problems with preparation of stalls for when horses come in. Issues with the matting on the walls in the stalls to protect when horses kick. Material being used is not safe for the horses. The job they did was poor. But race track is in super shape.
Track Updates	Evangeline Downs Eddie would like to continue the discussion about the track condition. It is still needs to be fixed. Better than last year but still not good.

Discussion	Eddie stated that he believes new claiming rule is negatively affecting entries. Discussion bought up points both in favor and against the new rule. Breeders get less than before down from 20% to 18%. Lets try and get together with Racing Secretary to adjust races to help in claiming rule.
Track Updates	Fair Grounds Benard asked Ed and Sturges to be on Backside committee and they agreed. Brett said he would also be on Backside Committee. Benard said he would also ask Tom Amos to be on committee. Judy suggested Hugh Robertson. Track looks good and barns are looking good also.
Track Updates	Louisiana Downs - no Report
Pension Report	Stock market is keeping revenue up despite reduction of dedicated revenue.
Medical Report	Claims are up surplus of cash is down from \$4,000,000 to about \$3,400,000. The members are being served. Dental is being used by the membership.
HWCIT Report	Renewals are running similar to last year. Revenue slightly down. Non payments are around \$8,000 should be reduced when trainers come for the FG meet.
New/Old Business	Don brought up a question about lawyer fees and employee files.
Motion	Motion to Adjourn Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Brett Calhoun Motion Unanimously Passed

Minutes adopted on 11/22/16


 Lawrence J Hamburger
 Meeting Secretary