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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

EMERGENCY MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT AN EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING AT 5:00PM ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM BY ENTERING **MEETING ID 837 0128 0007 AND ENTERING PASSCODE 503240**. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY PHONE USING THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THEIR PROXIMITY: (346) 248-7799 FOR HOUSTON, TX; (669) 900-6833 FOR SAN JOSE, CA; (929) 205-6099 FOR NEW YORK; (253) 215-8782 FOR TACOMA, WA; (301) 715-8592 FOR GERMANTOWN, MD; (312) 626-6799 FOR CHICAGO, IL. ALL PHONE PARTICIPANTS MUST ENTER **MEETING ID 837 0128 0007 AND ENTER PASSCODE 503240**. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU COMMENT.

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

1. LAHBPA REQUEST

- a. **Consideration** of LaHBPA's request for emergency relief by Commission Emergency Order (See attached Emergency Order Draft and LaHBPA Request Letter). Please take further notice that the Commission will take evidence pursuant to sworn testimony

2020-2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet.

3. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of Tom Davis to serve as state steward for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet.

2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET

4. LICENSE APPROVALS

- a. **Approval** for 2021 quarter horse meet:
 1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
 2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
 3. Serve as concessionaire.

5. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet:

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
2. 46 quarter horse race dates (4/16/21 through 7/3/21):
 - April 16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30
 - May 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
 - June 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
 - July 1,2,3
3. Hold minimum of 9 live quarter horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
4. Daily post times:
 - Wednesdays & Thursdays 5:15 PM in April and May
 - Wednesdays & Thursdays 6:15 PM in June and July
 - Fridays & Saturdays 6:15 PM through whole meet

6. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for 2021 quarter horse meet wagering:

1. \$1 minimum WPS & Exacta on all races
2. 50¢ Trifecta on all races with five or more entries
3. 10¢ Superfecta on all races with six or more entries
4. 50¢ Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
5. 50¢ Pick 4 on first 4 races and last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

2020 QUARTER HORSE MEET

1. RACES

- a. Approval** of first condition book for Fair Grounds 2020 quarter horse meet being conducted at Evangeline Downs.

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2020 quarter horse meet:

Chris Warren – Director of Racing Operations
Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary
Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary/Placing Judge
Frank Rudis – Association Steward
Mark Guidry – Association Steward
Julie Gipson – Identifier
Traci Vickers – Paddock Judge
Vincent Cline – Clerk of Scales
Damon Menard – Jockey Room Custodian
Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk/Alternate Placing Judge
Angela Hebert – Placing Judge
*Krista Romero – Placing Judge
Brett Poole – Clocker
Ray Sibille – Clocker
Russell Comeaux – Starter
Jacob Deville – Outrider
Kenneth Gipson – Outrider
Ronald Lavergne – Outrider
TBA – Stall Superintendent
Randall Leger – Track Superintendent
**new official*

2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET**3. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.
4. Operate as official training facility for 2021 during off-season.

4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES**a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 84 thoroughbred race dates (4/7/21 through 8/28/21):

April	7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30
May	1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
June	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
July	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
August	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
3. Hold minimum of 8 live thoroughbred races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
4. Daily post time 5:50 PM

5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet wagering:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Daily Double on all races
3. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
4. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
5. Pick 4 on first 4 races and on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
6. Pick 5 on the last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
7. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS****2020-2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET****1. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158 & R.S. 4:214
2. For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. To serve as concessionaire

2. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES**a. Approval for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:**

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 80 thoroughbred race dates (11/26/20 through 3/28/21)

November	26,27,28,29
December	3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20,26,27,28,31
January	1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,18,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
February	3,4,5,6,7,11,12,13,15,16,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
March	3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,21,24,25,26,27,28
3. Hold a minimum of 8 live thoroughbred races daily
4. Daily post time 1:00 PM with the following exceptions:
 - 11:00AM post time on March 20, 2021
 - 12:00PM post time on November 26, 2020, December 12, 2020, December 19, 2020, January 16, 2021, and February 13, 2021.

3. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet:
 1. WPS and Exactas on all races
 2. Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify
 3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
 4. Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
 5. Four Pick 4's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
 6. Up to 3 Pick 5's using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1 with Carryover

4. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of Roy Wood to serve as state steward for 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet.

D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS

2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET**1. RACES**

- a. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2020 thoroughbred meet:
 - 09/19/20 Louisiana Cup Juvenile
 - 09/19/20 Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies
 - 09/19/20 Louisiana Cup Filly and Mare Sprint
 - 09/19/20 Louisiana Cup Sprint
 - 09/19/20 Louisiana Cup Turf Classic
 - 09/19/20 Louisiana Cup Distaff

2021 QUARTER HORSE MEET**2. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. **Approval** for 2021 quarter horse meet:
 1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
 2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
 3. Serve as concessionaire.

3. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES

- a. **Approval** for 2021 quarter horse meet:
 1. Quarter horse racing on the flat
 2. 46 quarter horse race dates (1/9/21 through 3/24/21):
 - January 9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31
 - February 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,28
 - March 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,24
 3. Hold minimum of 7 live quarter horse races daily
 4. Weekend post time 1:00 PM

4. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. **Approval** for 2021 quarter horse meet wagering:
 1. WPS & Exacta on all races
 2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
 3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
 4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
 5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
 6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1

5. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of Noble Hay to serve as state steward for 2021 quarter horse meet.

2021 THOROUGHBRED MEET

6. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet:

1. 10 year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

7. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet:

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 84 thoroughbred race dates (5/1/21 through 9/22/21):

May	1,3,4,5,8,10,11,12,15,17,18,19,22,24,25,26,29,31
June	1,2,5,7,8,9,12,14,15,16,19,21,22,23,26,28,29,30
July	3,4,5,6,10,12,13,14,17,19,20,21,24,26,27,28,31
August	2,3,4,7,9,10,11,14,16,17,18,21,23,24,25,28,30,31
September	1,4,6,7,8,11,13,14,15,18,20,21,22
3. Hold minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily
4. Weekend post time 3:05 PM

8. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for 2021 thoroughbred meet wagering:

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Numbers 7 & 9
8. Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Numbers 7 & 9
9. Super Hi-5 on last race

II. ADJOURNMENT



Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 5:00PM.

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To All Louisiana Licensed Racing Facilities:

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Racing Commission, through its Executive Director, Charles A. Gardiner, III, received correspondence from the President of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association, Bernard K. Chatters, on September 2, 2020, wherein President Chatters requested that the Louisiana State Racing Commission issue an emergency order relative to housing and movement of horses that can no longer be housed or moved into Delta Downs due to the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Laura.¹ In that correspondence, Mr. Chatters stated:

Hurricane Laura struck southwest Louisiana on Thursday morning August 27, 2020 causing massive amounts of destruction and damage. Unfortunately, Delta Downs race track suffered significant damage as well. Two days prior to the storm making landfall, attempts were made by the LAHBPA to relocate approximately 700 quarter horses and their caretakers that were located at Delta Downs to Fair Grounds. This attempt was unsuccessful. As a result, these horses and their caretakers endured the storm at Delta Downs which fortunately did not result in loss of life to horses or people.

At first opportunity following landfall, Delta Downs management advised the LAHBPA that its barn area and facility sustained significant damage which required the immediate removal of all horses and personal from the backside for their safety and so that repairs could begin. Delta Downs advised the LAHBPA that they had contacted representatives of the Fair Grounds requesting their assistance to accept the horses and personal that needed to be evacuated. This request was denied. Immediately, the LAHBPA worked with its horsemen in attempting to relocate these quarter horses throughout the state of Louisiana. Simultaneously, benevolent funding was setup to assist for the payment of stall rental and bedding for all these horses as well as to assist its members in need. The Equine sales barns in Opelousas took in 227 horses, their capacity, plus personal commencing on Saturday the 29th. LAHBPA representative was onsite and assisted with the process. The receiving barn at Evangeline Downs race track took in 53 quarter horses; Stemmans farm took in an additional 50 horses; Sam Houston race track took more than 120 quarter horses for evacuee stabling. Approximately 200 other quarter horses that were stabled at Delta Downs have been removed from the backside to various small locations throughout the state. Currently, approximately 120 quarter horses remain at Delta Downs with no place to go. Except for the 50 horses at the Evangeline Downs receiving barn, none of the quarter horses are at a location where they can train. To compound the problem further, the stalls at the sales barn are only 10' by 10' which is significantly smaller than LSRC guidelines.

As you know, the LSRC approved quarter horse racing to begin for the 2020 Fair Grounds meet at Evangeline Downs on September 17th and continue through October 8th. This meet is to be immediately followed by the Evangeline Downs 2020 quarter horse meet which runs from October 9th to December 19th. The quarter horses for these meets are unable to move into Evangeline Downs since approximately 800 thoroughbreds are on site as the Evangeline Downs 2020 thoroughbred meet just concluded on August 29th and are unable to move to Delta Downs. Accordingly, the relocation of these thoroughbreds is critical and immediate relief is needed. This relief includes the ability of all quarter horses to stable at Evangeline Downs to resume training in preparation of the scheduled race meets.

As of this date, it is unknown exactly when Delta Downs' backside will be repaired for thoroughbred horses to be stabled there for the hopeful resumption of the 2020-2021 Delta Downs thoroughbred meet. Attempts have been made to relocate the thoroughbreds at Evangeline to various locations which also allow for training. Sam Houston race track is unable to assist. Louisiana Downs has advised that they have approximately 350 stalls available spread throughout the barn area without continuous stalls and with no room for personnel. Louisiana Downs is currently conducting its 2020 thoroughbred meet which concludes on September 23rd. Louisiana Downs has advised that after that date, stalls will be made available for rental which includes training on the race track.

The actions outlined above were the direct result of the Fair Grounds denying, on August 29th, that the thoroughbreds located at Evangeline Downs could relocate to the Fair Grounds (see attached letter of August 28, 2020 sent to Fair Grounds and copied to the LSRC). The Louisiana HBPA then requested, on August 29th, for an emergency meeting of the Commission to address these critical issues.

On behalf of Louisiana Horsemen, the Louisiana HBPA prays for the following relief and an emergency order be issued at this critical time:

1. Thoroughbreds scheduled to be stabled at Delta Downs for the 2020-2021 TB meet, including those stabled at Evangeline Downs, be allowed immediate access to stalls to stable at both Louisiana Downs and Fair Grounds.
2. The personnel caring for these horses be provided customary living quarters.
3. Horses stabled at these facilities be allowed to train Monday through Saturday, with associated gate and timed works on Saturday.
4. Training hours to be from 6AM to 10AM with a half hour break.
5. Backside is to be maintained with Security and Maintenance as required.
6. Horses stabled at the Fair Grounds will be allowed to remain until October 15, 2020, at which time, they will depart the Fair Grounds and return to Delta Downs or in the alternative, Louisiana Downs.

¹ Attached as Exhibit "A", please find correspondence from the President of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association, Bernard K. Chatters, dated September 2, 2020, and addressed to the Louisiana Racing Commission through its Executive Director, Charles A. Gardiner, III.

7. Horses associated with trainers located at the Fair Grounds, that have been allocated stalls for the 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet will be allowed to stay and continue training.

The Louisiana HBPA recognizes the assistance and help needed from Louisiana Downs and Fair Grounds at this historic time. The LAHBPA will pay stall rent as well as the immediate bedding of stalls as required. The LAHBPA is in the final stages of making arrangement for all individuals coming to the Fair Grounds to be tested for Covid-19, if required. The LAHBPA will work diligently with all trainers, their employees, and the Fair Grounds to ensure that all EPA requirements are met.

Finally, time is of the essence for the LSRC to act and assist our horsemen in safely relocating their horses and personnel for Louisiana racing to continue. The Louisiana HBPA requests that the Louisiana State Racing Commission exercise its full authority on an emergency basis under its force majeure powers to ensure that the items outlined above are performed immediately by each race track without exception pursuant to an emergency order entered this day to take effect immediately.

WHEREAS, the the Louisiana State Racing Commission, through its Executive Director, Charles A. Gardiner, III, received confirmation from Delta Downs Director of Racing Operations, Chris Warren, verbally and through extensive photographs of the extensive damage wreaked upon Delta Downs facilities by Hurricane Laura that the facility was without utilities, uninhabitable, and unsafe for both horses and horsemen and will be for until repairs can be made.²

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 4:141 et seq., created the Louisiana State Racing Commission (“The Commission”) within the office of the Governor of the State of Louisiana to “encourage forceful and honest statewide control of horse racing for the public health, safety, and welfare by safeguarding the people of this state against corrupt, incompetent, dishonest and unprincipled horse racing practices” and thereafter vested it with “the powers and duties specified” by statute and “all other powers necessary and proper to enable it to execute fully and effectually all of the objects, purposes, duties, and policies” outlined under La. R.S. Title 4:141 et seq.

WHEREAS, following Hurricane Katrina, the Legislature granted “Additional powers of commission” regarding “force majeure” pursuant to LA. R.S. 4:147.2 wherein it granted additional powers to the Commission which “include but not be limited to” the provision “whenever an eligible facility is prevented from live racing as a result of a natural disaster, an act of God, force majeure, a catastrophe, or such other occurrence over which the licensee has no control.”

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Racing Commission has determined that the damage caused by Hurricane Laura is an extraordinary catastrophe and force majeure requiring immediate and emergency action to protect the health, safety, welfare, and interests of the State or Louisiana, its citizens, and their property.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Racing Commission has further determined that in order to protect the lives of the horses and horseman who now find themselves homeless and without adequate shelter, the Commission must act quickly to ensure their access to adequate facilities in order to protect their health, safety, and welfare.

WHEREAS, after considering the correspondence received by the LAHBPA and utilizing all emergency authority vested in the Commission,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Louisiana State Racing Commission that effective immediately, (1) thoroughbreds scheduled to be stabled at Delta Downs for the 2020-2021 Thoroughbred Meet, including those stabled at Evangeline Downs, be allowed immediate access to stable at both Louisiana Downs and Fair Grounds; (2) the personnel caring for these horses be provided customary living quarters; (3) horses stabled at these facilities be allowed to train Monday through Saturday, with associated gate and timed works on Saturday; (4) training hours from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with a half hour break; (5) backside is to be maintained with security and maintenance as required; (6) horses and horsemen at the Fair Grounds be allowed to remain until October 15, 2020, at which time they will depart and return to Delta Downs or in the alternative, Louisiana Downs; (7) horses associated with trainers located at the Fair Grounds that have been allocated stalls for the Fair Grounds 2020-2021 thoroughbred meet will be allowed to stay and continue training at the Fair Grounds in preparation for the Fair Grounds’ Meet.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

BOB F. WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
LOUISIANA RACING COMMISSION

² Attached as Exhibit “B”, please find photographs taken by Delta Downs Director of Racing Operations, Chris Warren, and transmitted to the Louisiana Racing Commission through its Executive Director, Charles A. Gardiner, III.

Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association 1993, Inc.

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September 2, 2020

Charles Gardiner
Executive Director
Louisiana State Racing Commission
320 North Carrollton Avenue Suite 2B
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Sincerely,



Benard K. Chatters
President
LAHBPA

Cc: Steve Kuypers
Cc: Doug Shipley
Cc: Carol Core
Cc: Robert Urland
Cc: LSRC Commissioners









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