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LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016 AT 9:00 AM IN THE QUEEN ANNE BALLROOM OF THE MONTELEONE HOTEL, 214 ROYAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER:

Mike Shelton

SELECTION OF FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE COMMEMORATING LEVERNE PERRY

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

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

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2. EXOTIC WAGERING TAKEOUT (LA. REV. STAT. 4:166.7)

- a. Update on the effect on the handle from the reduced Pick 4 wagering takeout percentage from 25% to 12% approved at the August 29, 2016 Meeting.

2016-2017 THOROUGHBRED MEET

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Ratification of *Juli Allison to serve as Mutuel Manager for 2016-2017 thoroughbred meet.
*new official
- b. Ratification of *Nathan Sinclair to serve as Horse Identifier for 2016-2017 thoroughbred meet.
*new official

2017 QUARTER HORSE MEET

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Approval of Tom Davis to serve as State Steward for 2017 quarter horse meet.

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC
d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2. STALL EXPANSION

- a. Follow up/Discussion** of long-term plan for stall expansion at Evangeline Downs.
Update by LaHBPA Liaison Committee following LaHBPA Liaison Committee meeting with Boyd Gaming, LaHBPA, and Training Centers.

2016 QUARTER HORSE MEET

3. RACES

- a. Ratification** of first condition book for 2016 quarter horse meet.

- b. Ratification** of designated races for 2016 quarter horse meet:

10/28/16	Trials LQHBA Breeders' Futurity
10/29/16	Trials LQHBA Breeders' Derby
11/12/16	OPELOUSAS
11/19/16	LQHBA Breeders' Derby
11/19/16	LQHBA Breeders' Futurity La. Bred (RG1)
11/19/16	LQHBA Invitational Breeders' Stakes
11/25/16	Trials for EVD Futurity
11/26/16	Trials for EVD Derby
12/17/16	EVD Derby
12/17/16	EVD Futurity

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Ratification** of officials for 2016 quarter horse meet:

Chris Warren – Director of Racing Operations
Corey Veazey – Racing Secretary
Ashley Simon – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
Frank Rudis – Association Steward
Jeffrey Williams – Association Steward
Julie Gipson – Identifier
Traci Vickers – Paddock Judge
Bobby Granger - Clerk of Scales
A.C. Moss – Jockey Room Custodian
Sandra Calais – Claims Clerk
Mariah Quebedeaux – Placing Judge
Angela Hebert – Placing Judge
*Nanette Boutte – Placing Judge
Brett Poole – Clocker
Russell Comeaux – Starter
Jacob Deville – Outrider
Kenneth Gipson – Outrider
*David Correll – Stall Superintendent
Randall Leger – Track Superintendent
**new official*

- b. Ratification** of Brook Hawkins to serve as State Steward for 2016 quarter horse meet.

2017 THOROUGHBRED MEET

5. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Approval** of Brook Hawkins to serve as State Steward for 2017 thoroughbred meet.

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS**

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2016/2017 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. REQUEST TO AMEND RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) TO OMIT FEBRUARY 5, 2017 AND ADD MARCH 13, 2017 TO TB MEET (IN BOLD BELOW)

a. Ratification for 2016-2017 thoroughbred meet:

1. 81 thoroughbred race dates (11/19/16 through 4/2/17)

November	19,20,24,25,26,27
December	1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,26,29,30,31
January	1,2,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
February	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,24,25,26,27,28
March	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26,27,30,31
April	1,2

3. RACES

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b. Ratification of designated races for the 2016-2017 thoroughbred meet:

11/19/16	Mr. Sulu Overnight Stakes
11/19/16	Happy Ticket Overnight Stakes
11/19/16	Heitai Overnight Stakes
11/24/16	Thanksgiving Handicap
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Handicap Stakes
12/10/16	LA Champions Day QH Juvenile Stakes (Gr. II)
12/10/16	LA Champions Day QH Derby (Gr. II)
12/10/16	LA Champions Day QH Classic (Gr. II)
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Ladies
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Juvenile
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Sprint
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Ladies Sprint
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Lassie
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Classic
12/10/16	LA Champions Day Turf
12/17/16	Tenacious Handicap
12/17/16	Bonapaw
12/17/16	Blushing KD
12/17/16	Buddy Diliberto
12/17/16	Letellier Overnight Stakes
12/17/16	Sugar Bowl Overnight Stakes
12/31/16	Pan Zareta Overnight Stakes
12/31/16	Woodchopper
12/31/16	Pago Hop
12/31/16	LA Futurity (Boys) (LA)
12/31/16	LA Futurity (Girls) (LA)
01/21/17	Lecomte Stakes (Gr. III)
01/21/17	Silverbuletday
01/21/17	Duncan F. Kenner Stakes
01/21/17	Louisiana Stakes
01/21/17	Col. E.R. Bradley Handicap
01/21/17	Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes
02/25/17	Mineshaft Handicap (Gr. III)
02/25/17	Risen Star Stakes (Gr. II)
02/25/17	Rachel Alexandra Stakes (Gr. III)
02/25/17	Fair Grounds Handicap (Gr. III)

02/25/17	Colonel Power Overnight Stakes
02/25/17	Daisy Devine Stakes
02/28/17	Mardi Gras Stakes
04/01/17	New Orleans Ladies Overnight Stakes
04/01/17	Star Guitar (LA)
04/01/17	Costa Rising (LA)
04/01/17	Crescent City Derby (LA)
04/01/17	Crescent City Oaks (LA)
04/01/17	Muniz Memorial Handicap (Gr. II)
04/01/17	New Orleans Handicap (Gr. II)
04/01/17	Fair Grounds Oaks (Gr. II)
04/01/17	Louisiana Derby (Gr. II)

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Ratification of officials for 2016-2017 thoroughbred race meet.

Jason M. Boulet – Sr. Director of Racing
Scott L. Jones – Racing Secretary
Amber Fontenot – Assistant Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
Meagan Simpson – Program Coordinator
Baley Hare – Claims Clerk/Entry Clerk
Patrick Davis – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Joe Ray Peluso – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Nate Sinclair – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
*Jorie Gorski – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Larry Fontenot – Identifier
*Shawn Diliberto – Alternate Racing Official
Gary Palmisano, Sr. – Paddock Judge
David Wedlake - Association Steward
Brook Hawkins - Association Steward
*Eric Lato – Outrider
Darrin Cain – Outrider
Allen Love – Outrider
Nelson Menard – Clerk of Scales
Mario Torres - Stall Superintendent
*Toby Turrell – Clocker
Julie Daugherty – Clocker
Mike Diliberto – Clocker/Track Handicapper
Glen Miller – Starter
Pedro Zavala – Track Superintendent
Craig Dalligan – Custodian
Donovan Ferguson – Mutual Manager
**new official*

D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2. BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING

a. Update on Bankruptcy Proceeding from Caesars Entertainment Corporation.

II. BREEDER UPDATES

- A. LOUISIANA THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)
 - 1. PROGRESS REPORT

- B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)
 - 1. PROGRESS REPORT

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairperson Judy W. Wagner*
- B. RULES COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairman R. Hamilton "Hammy" Davis*
- C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairman Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.*
- D. SECURITY COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairman Kenneth "Kenu" Romero*
- E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairman Donald "Don" Cravins*
- F. FINANCE COMMITTEE, *by Committee Chairman Louis Reine*

IV. RULES

- A. DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT:
 - 1. **Ship-In/Ship-Out Dates**
LAC 35: III Chapter 57 – Associations' Duties and Obligations
§5708. Ship-in and Ship-out Dates [new]

 - 2. **Associations' Duties and Obligations**
LAC 35: III Chapter 57 – Associations' Duties and Obligations
 - §5704. Public Address System [new]*
 - §5706. Barns on Backside of Racetrack [new]*
 - §5707. Fire Prevention Security [amend]*
 - §5709. Housing of Stable Employees [amend]*
 - §5713. Ambulance [amend]*
 - §5714. Equine Ambulance [new]*
 - §5723. Lighting [amend]*
 - §5724. Rails [new]*
 - §5747. Cleanliness and Inspection [amend]*
 - §5764. Surface of Race Course [new]*

V. OTHER

- A. RATIFICATION
 - 1. **Amendment of Paul H. Johnson's 60-day suspension period for Consolidated Rulings ED21810 and ED21811 to run concurrently from 9/1/16 through 10/30/16 and not consecutively adjudicated at 8/29/16 LSRC Meeting.**

VI. LICENSE APPROVALS

A. REQUESTS FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B))

1. Kevin J. Thompson, Owner/Trainer. Convicted felon.
2. Gerald J. Cole, Groom/Hotwalker. Convicted felon.
Continued from August 29, 2016 Commission Meeting.

VII. ADJUDICATIONS

A. VIOLATION OF LAC 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. John Anthony Leblanc, Owner/Trainer. (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling#ED21887 of 8/26/16 – *Buprenorphine (ARCI Category II)*

B. VIOLATION OF LA. REV. STAT. 4:175 and LAC 35:I.1743 (Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances and Possession of Drugs, Syringes, or Needles)

1. Homar Garza, Trainer. (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling#ED21935 of 9/30/16 – *Possession of Injectibles & Syringes*

C. APPEAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)

1. Donald R. Watson, Jockey. Ruling#DD21746 of 6/29/16 – *Careless Riding*.
Continued from August 29, 2016 Commission Meeting.

Attorney –
J. Wade Smith, Esq.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 4:00PM.

Chapter 57. Associations' Duties and Obligations

§5708. Ship-in and Ship-out Dates

A. In addition to all other obligations the associations shall allow stabling of horses prior to and following the Commission approved race meets as follows.

1. Licensed Associations shall allow stabling of licensed trainers thirty days prior to the first race day of upcoming Commission approved race meet.

2. Licensed Associations shall allow stabling of licensed trainers for fifteen days following the last day of a Commission approved race meet.

3. If a licensed Association has scheduled race meets that are in such proximity that subsection (A)(1) and (A)(2) cannot be followed, the Association and the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association shall negotiate the terms and dates of ship-in and ship-out days.

B. Assignment of stalls for ship-in and ship-out periods shall be limited to the licensed trainers with horses that are eligible and have been assigned stalls by the Association for the upcoming race meet.

RULES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT
AT NOVEMBER 21, 2016 COMMISSION MEETING

LAC 35: III Chapter 57 – Associations’ Duties and Obligations

§5704. Public Address System [new]

§5706. Barns on Backside of Racetrack [new]

§5707. Fire Prevention Security [amend]

§5709. Housing of Stable Employees [amend]

§5713. Ambulance [amend]

§5714. Equine Ambulance [new]

§5723. Lighting [amend]

§5724. Rails [new]

§5747. Cleanliness and Inspection [amend]

§5764. Surface of Race Course [new]

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§5704. Public Address System

A. An association shall provide and maintain a public address system capable of clearly transmitting announcements to the patrons and to the stable area.

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§5706. Barns on Backside of Racetrack

A. An association shall ensure that the barns are kept clean and in good repair. Each barn, including the receiving barn, must have a hot and cold water supply available, be well-ventilated, have proper drainage and be constructed to be comfortable in all seasons.

B. An association shall ensure that each horse is stabled in an individual box stall with minimum dimensions of 10 feet by 10 feet. If constructed of concrete walls they must be woodlined on the interior up a minimum of four feet from the ground or otherwise be insulated for the protection of the housed horse.

C. An association shall provide an adequate area for the placement of manure removed from the stalls. All manure must be removed from the stable area daily. The association shall ensure that refuse from the stalls and other refuse are kept separate.

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§5707. Fire Prevention Security

A. A round-the-clock patrol of the fenced area shall be maintained by security officers, who shall pay special attention to the presence of unauthorized personnel, to the enforcement of fire prevention measures and to the inspection of tack rooms and living quarters for fire hazards.

B. Not later than 15 days before the first day of a race meeting, an association shall deliver to the commission a copy of the state or local fire marshal's certification regarding the association's compliance with fire safety regulations or the fire marshal's plan of corrections. The certification or plan must be based on an inspection of the association grounds conducted by the fire marshal not more than 30 days before the first day of a race meeting.

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§5709. Housing of Stable Employees

A. Each association shall provide adequate and sanitary living quarters with proper sanitary arrangements, and ample and convenient toilet ~~and heating~~ facilities for stable employees, and shall provide in its stable area at least one tack room of a minimum area of 100 square feet for every six horses stabled, with adequate facilities for housing personnel therein. All sleeping rooms must have an exterior window, contain a working smoke detector, and proper heating and air conditioning unit.

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§5713. Ambulance

A. Each association shall provide one ambulance during its training and racing hours. During such time, the ambulance shall be ready for duty, properly equipped to provide emergency medical services, including equipment and a registered paramedic and a certified emergency medical technician personnel, and shall have immediate access to the racing strip. If the ambulance is being used to transport an individual, the association may not conduct a race, or allow horses with riders on the racetrack, until the ambulance is replaced.

B. Unless otherwise approved by the commission or the stewards, an ambulance shall follow the field at a safe distance during the running of races.

C. The ambulance shall be parked at an entrance to the racing strip except when the ambulance is being used to transport an individual or when it is following the field during the running of a race.

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§5714. Equine Ambulance

A. An association shall provide an equine ambulance staffed by trained personnel on association grounds on each day that the racetrack is open for racing or training.

B. The ambulance must be properly ventilated and kept at an entrance to the racing strip when not in use.

C. The ambulance must be a covered vehicle that is low to the ground and large enough to accommodate a horse in distress and transport a horse off of the racetrack and association grounds.

D. The ambulance must be equipped with:

1. large, portable screens to shield a horse from public view;

2. ramps to facilitate loading a horse;

3. adequate means of loading a horse that is down;

4. a padded interior; and

5. a movable partition to initially provide more room to load a horse and to later restrict a horse's movement;

E. An association may not conduct a race unless an equine ambulance or an official state veterinarian-approved substitute is readily available.

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§5723. Lighting

A. The stable area must be properly lighted, so that it will be entirely void of darkness in any section. Lights will be turned on at dusk and they shall remain on until one hour after the last race. Lights shall not be turned on or off while the horses are on the track.

~~B. The parking area must be properly lighted, so that it will be entirely void of darkness in any section. Lights will be turned on at dusk and they shall remain on until one hour after the last race, or until all cars have departed, whichever may first occur.~~

B. An association shall provide lighting for the racetrack and the patron facilities that is adequate to ensure the safety and security of the patrons, licensees, and horses.

C. If an association conducts racing at night, the association shall maintain a back-up lighting system that is sufficient to ensure the safety of race participants and patrons.

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§5724. Rails

A. Racetracks, including turf tracks, shall have inside and outside rails, including gap rails, designed, constructed and maintained to provide for the safety of jockeys and horses. The design and construction of rails must be approved by the commission prior to the first race meeting at the track.

B. The top of the rail must be at least 38 inches but not more than 42 inches above the top of the cushion.

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§5747. Cleanliness and Inspection

A. The premises shall be kept in a clean condition, in good repair, well lighted and ventilated. The quality, quantity and price of all items of food, liquor, beer and other items sold shall be subject to the commission's inspection.

B. Not later than 15 days before the first day of a race meeting, the commission or a designated representative shall conduct an inspection of the backside facilities of the racetrack, including the barns, surface of the racetrack, any housing facilities inside barns and on backside of racetrack, and bathroom facilities to ensure compliance with Chapter 57.

C. Not later than 15 days before the first day of a race meeting the commission or a designated representative shall inspect the grandstand and betting areas of the licensed racetrack to ensure compliance with Chapter 57.

D. The association shall be notified of any finding of non-compliance and have 10 days to bring such violation into compliance. Thereafter, if the finding of non-compliance still exists, it shall be sent to the commission for review.

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§5764. Surface of Race Course

A. The surface of a racetrack, including the cushion, subsurface and base, must be designed, constructed, and maintained to provide for the safety of the jockeys and horses.

B. An association shall provide an adequate drainage system for the racetrack and turf course.

C. An association shall maintain the track surface in a safe training and racing condition.

D. An association that conducts races on a turf track shall provide a system capable of adequately watering the entire turf course evenly.