

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

May 12, 2015 10:30AM

Meeting Called to Order By	Benard Chatters
Type of Meeting	Board of Directors
Place	LAHBPA Main Office
Meeting Secretary	Ed Fenasci
Roll called by Ed Fenasci and Quorum Declared	Benard Chatters, Tom Abbott, Judy Behler, Bret Calhoun, Sturges Ducoing, Bobby Dupre, Christine Early, Keith Hernandez, Eddie Johnston, Don Stemmans Joined in progress: Arthur Morrell
Prayer Lead By	Chrisie Early
Other in Attendance	Ed Fenasci, Larry Hamburger, Mike Fenasci, John Duvieilh, Charlie Gardner

The President called the meeting to order

Motion	<p>Motion to Adopt Minutes of February 24, 2015</p> <p>Motion by: Christine Early</p> <p>Second by: Bobby Dupre</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously (9-0)</p>
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Presentation	<p>Ed reported that Bills submitted by Representative Harrison and Senator Peacock had been defeated. He also reported that an ammendment had been added to HB 1 that would effect breeder awards and the budget of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.</p>
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Discussion	Judy Behler asked that LAHBPA place articles in the Horsemen's Journal rather than just put a
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Discussion	Ed informed the Board that LAHBPA will put an ad in the next issue to honor Keith Gee and Lloyd Romero.
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Track Reports	<p>Benard reported that the Delta meet was going pretty fair. Judy asked if we do a separate contract for the QH meet and was informed that we do and that the contract has been signed. Eddie Johnston reported that Evangeline Downs was not cashing checks for a few days. Boyd was not keeping enough funds to cash checks but agreed to increase the bankroll to accomodate check cashing. Benard spoke to Chris Warren and Chris promised that this would not be a problem moving forward. Eddie reported that the track surfaces are in good condition. Sturgis Ducoing added that he felt the track superintendant is doing a good job. Eddie Johnston reported that Fair Grounds has added sand to the turf course and John Duvieilh reported that they have begun work repairing the damage from Jazz Fest. Eddie reported that they will be adding 40 to 50 loads of material from the spillway to the main track. Ed Fenasci reported that we have a "gap" from when the quarter horses leave Delta Downs (July 21st) and when Fair Grounds will let them move in (August 1st). Judy Behler reported that the track surfaces are good. Judy informed the board that she believes the maintenance staff has been cut. Judy asked if we had a contract for LAD and Ed informed that the contract was ready for Benard's signature. Judy reported that some of the stalls are rotted and in bad shape, and drainage is still an issue. Judy explained that when LAD has to take a race off the turf then set the distance at a mile and 40. She would like LAD to set the distance closer to 7f.</p>
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Presentation	<p>Charlie Gardiner explained to the board that an ammendment has been put on HB 1 that would cause the LSRC to pay 2.8 million dollars to the board of regents. This stems from an old statute. In the 1980s, the LSRC was under the department of economic development that prepared all of the commission's budgets and handled the breeder awards. Under Governor Romer, the department decided to not pay the board of regents from this source and pay them from a different source. Charlie reported that the LSRC has been audited by the Legislative Auditor's office and that they have not found anything out of place. Charlie explained that out of these funds, 1.7 million goes to breeder's awards and 2.7 million goes to operate the LSRC. He stated that the Board of Regents gets their money from a different source. Judy asked what portion of the LSRC budget is generated by licensing. Charlie explained that the personal costs exceed the revenue generated by license fees.</p>
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Presentation	Judy Behler reported that the Pension Trustees voted to increase the monthly benefit by 10% effective July 1, 2015. The trustees have also asked that we investigate the possibilities of changing the Pension structure to become tax exempt. Benard asked that we look at eligibility requirements. He had been contacted by an individual that does not qualify. Don Stemmans explained that the gentleman was an assistant trainer for many years and that is part of his problem. Ed Fenasci explained that the Pension has approximately \$6 million in estimated payments with \$3 million in assets. The Pension has been adding to the assets in recent years.
Presentation	Ed Fenasci reported that New Era is moving quickly with development of the data base for Medical Trust. The Hardware has been purchased. Murray has met with the programmers and a beta version of the claims module is ready for testing.
Presentation	Mike Fenasci reported that he has received the renewal proposal from Broadspire for TPA services for HWCIT and that he expects a renewal proposal for the excess insurance from Gallagher the following week. He has met with John Duvieilh to update the renewal documents and that he would send a redline version to the Trustess for review. The rates are expected to remain the same as last period. Ed Fenasci reported that we have transferred the \$150,000 to the lost fund that the board approved. He said that he and John O'Brien are working with AIG to reduce the \$2 Million letters of credit. Chrisie asked when John O'Brien was again appointed agent. John Duvieilh explained that John O'Brien was the lower bidder in 2014 and was named agent.
Motion	Motion to enter executive session Motion by: Bobby Dupre Second by: Christie Early Motion passed unanimously (9-0)

Arthur Morrell joined the meeting.

Break for Lunch
Return from Lunch

Motion	Motion to exit executive session Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed unanimously (10-0)
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Motion	Motion to amend agenda to address the Executvie Director and Secretary Treasurer postions and other employee issues. Motion by: Bobby Dupre Second by: Tom Abbott Motion passed unanimously (10-0)
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Motion	Motion to hire Ed Fenasci as Executive Director and Larry Hamburger as Secretary Treasurer Motion by: Sturges Ducoing Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed unanimously (10-0)
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Bret Calhoun left the meeting.

Motion	Motion to Issue a contract to Ed Fenasci for a term of 3 years to secure his employment. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Tom Abbott Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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Motion	Motion to approve salary for Ed Fenasci as per the contract at the agreed upon salary. Motion by: Tom Abbott Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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Motion	Motion to approve salary for Larry Hamburger at the agreed upon amount. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Judy Behler Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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Motion	Motion to approve salary for Kristie Piglia at the agreed upon amount. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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Motion	Motion to approve salary for Mike Fenasci at the agreed upon amount. Motion by: Sturges Ducoing Second by: Tom Abbott Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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Motion	Motion to create a job description to add a position of Executive administrator/Human Resources. Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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Motion	Motion to have Ed Fenasci inventory Keith Gee's office Motion by: Sturges Ducoing Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed unanimously (9-0)
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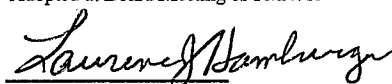
Discussion	Benard reported that Carol Castille has indicated that he is considering closing the Evangeline Training Center. Boyd has indicated that they are not going to assist with any EPA issues at the Training Center. Benard mentioned that Evangeline Downs was supposed to build more barns but have not built any to date. Benard discussed several ideas to help the training center. John Duvielh mentioned that the training center would be very important in the event of a hurricane.
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Motion	Motion to go into Executive Session Motion by: Sturges Ducoing Second by: Eddie Johnston Motion passed 9-0
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Motion	Motion to come out of Executive Session Motion by: Eddie Johnston Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed 9-0
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Motion	Motion to Adjourn Motion by: Christine Early Second by: Sturges Ducoing Motion passed 9-0
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Adopted at Board Meeting of 10/27/15


Lawrence Hamburger, Meeting Secretary