

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## MINUTES

APR 8, 2011

1:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Stanley Seelig
TYPE OF MEETING	Board of Directors
PLACE	Evangeline Downs, Prefunction Room
MEETING SECRETARY	Sandy Ray
ROLL CALLED BY ED FENASCI AND QUORUM DECLARED	Tom Abbott, Sam Breaux, Bobby Dupre, Christine Early, Marcia Lamarche, Arthur Morrell, Patrick Mouton, Kenneth Roberts, Don Stemmans, Terry Vance
PRAYER LEAD BY	Chrisie Early

### THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

	Stanley Seelig was sworn as the new President of the LAHBPA Board of Directors by Judge Doherty . Tom Abbott, Sam Breaux, Bobby Dupre, Christine Early, Marcia Lamarche, Arthur Morrell, Patrick Mouton, Kenneth Roberts, Don Stemmans and Terry Vance were also sworn in as members of the Board of Directors.
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### LEGAL COUNSEL

STANLEY SEELIG

DISCUSSION	<b>ITEM 4 ON AGENDA</b> Suggestions for legal counsel to represent the LAHBPA
MOTION	Motion to hire P. J. Stakelum along with the Chehardy Sherman Law Firm to represent the LAHBPA. Motion by: Arthur Morrell Second by: Sam Breaux Motion passed unanimously

### ELECTION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

STANLEY SEELIG

DISCUSSION	<b>ITEM 5 ON AGENDA</b> The floor is open for nominations for 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
MOTION	Motion to nominate Arthur Morrell for 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Motion by: Tom Abbott Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously

### COMMITTEES AND TRUSTS - REMOVALS AND APPOINTMENTS

STANLEY SEELIG

DISCUSSION	On the Boards of the Medical and Pension Trusts, Trustees must first be removed before appointments can be made.
MOTION	Motion to remove all current Pension Trustees Motion by: Chrisie Early Second by: Tom Abbott Motion passed unanimously
MOTION	Motion to remove all current Medical Trustees Motion by: Chrisie Early Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously
DISCUSSION	There are some technical issues with the insurance policy in removing Sam David and William Hornsby, as Trustees of HAH and HIA. We will address this at the next meeting.

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The President nominated Christine Early, Marcia Lamarche and Charlotte Clavier as Pension Trustees. Once the Trustees meet, they will be able to appoint additional members.
<b>MOTION</b>	Motion to accept Christine Early, Marcia Lamarche and Charlotte Clavier as Pension Trustees Motion by: Bobby Dupre Second by: Patrick Mouton Motion passed unanimously
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The President nominated Sam Breaux, Oran Trahan and Whitney "Zeke" Zeringue as Medical Trustees. Once the Trustees meet, they will be able to appoint additional members.
<b>MOTION</b>	Motion to accept Sam Breaux, Oran Trahan and Whitney "Zeke" Zeringue as Medical Trustees Motion by: Arthur Morrell Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The President made the following appointments: Bylaw Committee: Tom Abbott, Don Stemmans, Arthur Morrell, P. J. Stakelum and himself Finance Committee: Bobby Dupre, Marcia Lamarche, Arthur Morrell and Whitney Zeringue PAC: Don Stemmans, Tom Abbott and Kenny Roberts Race Dates Committee: Terry Vance, Pat Mouton, Sam Breaux, Kenny Roberts Backside Committee - Quarter Horse (all 4 tracks): Kenny Roberts, Alvin Sider and Joseph Manucy Backside Committee - Thoroughbred at LAD: Pat Mouton, Morris Nicks and James Hodges Backside Committee - Thoroughbred at FG: Pat Mouton, Eric Heitzman and Neil Howard Backside Committee - Thoroughbred at EVD: Terry Vance, Sam Breaux, Alvin Sider, Guy Tauzin Backside Committee - Thoroughbred at DD: appointments at next meeting

**REQUEST FOR RECORDS FROM WWL TV**

**STANLEY SEELIG/P. J. STAKELUM**

<b>REPORT</b>	A request has been made a few weeks ago by WWL for information regarding credit cards, and expenses. The previous Board did not address the issue and WWL is threatening request a hearing with the court claiming that they are entitled to this information as the LAHBPA is a public or quasi-public company. The President said that he ran on openness and that the information is going to come out anyway. P. J. Stakelum said that the request was made concerning credit cards and checks written by the LAHBPA over a 4-5 year period of time. We received the research on this done by Liz Roussel and Adams and Reese. The conclusion is that the LAHBPA, 1993, Inc. is not a public body. The question is whether the LAHBPA is a quasi-public body. There is limited jurisprudence on the subject. The LAHBPA does receive money from various state statutes. This is a gray area and the view is that we should cooperate and release the information.
<b>MOTION</b>	Motion that the LAHBPA cooperates with WWL provided that no sensitive information such as credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc. will be given and that we send a cover letter saying that we are cooperating even though we do not consider ourselves to be a public or quasi-public entity. Motion amended to check with our attorney to confirm, before submitting the information to WWL, that it will not interfere with the federal investigation. Motion by: Arthur Morrell Second by: Bobby Dupre Motion passed unanimously (amendment)
<b>MOTION</b>	Motion by: Tom Abbott Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously (original motion)

**NATIONAL HBPA****ED FENASCI**

<b>REPORT</b>	<p><b>ITEM 8 ON AGENDA</b>  The National HBPA that the Board consider a levels of commitment to 3 items: The Horsemen's Journal, a publication put out by National, requested a donation of \$5,000, last year's donation being \$2,251; Industry Initiative Fund, which supports University of Kentucky's Gluck Equine Research, the HBPA Legal Defense Fund, The Groom Elite Program, American Horse Council, etc. Last year's donation was \$2,814 and has asked for \$7,000 for 2011; The NTRA, on which has National HBPA has a seat on the board. We contributed \$11,255 last year, and Joe Santanna, National's President, asked us to maintain our relationship with at least one aspect which is, when lobbying, the NTRA defends the Interstate Horseracing Act. National asked us to contribute \$30,000 but would probably be happy with any contribution.</p>
<b>MOTION</b>	<p>Motion to table the issue until we get a better idea of where we stand first.</p> <p>Motion by: Bobby Dupre  Second by: Marcia Lamarche  Motion passed unanimously</p>

**EVANGELINE DOWNS AND DELTA DOWNS CONTRACTS****ED FENASCI**

<b>REPORT</b>	<p><b>ITEM 9 ON AGENDA</b>  We sent our contract to Evangeline Downs approximately 10 days ago. Several items that we are negotiating are still outstanding. The Delta Downs Quarter Horse contract is ready to be sent to Delta Downs for review. It's a goal of this new board, to have signed contracts well before the race meets begins.</p>
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**MIKE FAWER'S ENGAGEMENT****STANLEY SEELIG**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>ITEM 10 ON AGENDA</b>  Mike Fawer represents the LAHBPA in the federal investigation. The President suggests that the board terminate his representation of the organization.</p> <p>It was suggested by someone in the audience that the Board also looks into the engagement of the worker's comp attorney, John Duvieilh. The President asked for patience from everyone as this board was just seated. A tentative meeting is scheduled for next week with all involved in workers' comp.</p>
<b>MOTION</b>	<p>Motion to terminate Mike Fawer's engagement</p> <p>Motion by: Don Stemmans  Second by: Tom Abbott  Motion passed unanimously</p>
<b>MOTION</b>	<p>Motion to request a statement of services from Mike Fawer</p> <p>Motion by: Marcia Lamarche  Second by: Sam Breaux  Motion passed unanimously</p>

**PRESIDENT'S UPDATE****STANLEY SEELIG**

<b>REPORT</b>	<p><b>ITEM 11 ON AGENDA</b>  The President feels good about a meeting with members of the LSRC. We are trying to repair our relationship as we all need to work together.</p> <p>The Legislative Auditor's report will be discussed in Executive Session. There isn't anything positive in the report. We aren't surprised at the issues in the report; it's just a little more than we thought. This board will be reviewing those issues for the first time and hopefully we will be able to report back to you on our thoughts and suggestions.</p>
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**BANKING****ED FENASCI**

<b>REPORT</b>	<p><b>ITEM 12 ON AGENDA</b>  New signatories need to be named on 1993, Inc. for First NBC Bank, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, Capital One Bank, and Merrill Lynch Bank. The first resolution removes the previous signatories as they are no longer members of the board; the second resolution appoints new signatories on the account; the third resolution gives the President, Stanley Seelig, the authority to remove and appoint signatories on the account in the future; and the fourth resolution gives Stanley Seelig as President and Ed Fenasci as Secretary-Treasurer the authority to fill out the necessary bank forms to get the signatories changed. Sam Breaux agreed to remain a signatory on 1993; Inc. and Tom Abbott agreed to be an additional signatory. Since Stanley Seelig will oversee the accounts, he would prefer to be taken off of the account as a signatory.</p> <p>Four bookkeepers have signatory authority on the bookkeeper account: Bobbie Laviolette, Pat Thibodeaux, Diane Alexander and Kristie Elwood (Piglia). Since Kristie Elwood (Piglia) is now in more of an audit capacity, her name should be removed. We should consider having only 2 signatories on the account in the future.</p>
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MOTION	Motion to remove Stanley Seelig's name and add Sam Breaux and Tom Abbott to the resolution for First NBC Bank. Motion by: Marcia Lamarche Second by: Pat Mouton Motion passed unanimously
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MOTION	Motion to remove Stanley Seelig's name and add Sam Breaux and Tom Abbott to the resolution for Capital One Bank. Motion by: Terry Vance Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously
MOTION	Motion to remove Stanley Seelig's name and add Sam Breaux and Tom Abbott to the resolution for account at Merrill Lynch. Motion by: Pat Mouton Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously
MOTION	Motion to remove Kristie Elwood's (Piglia) name from the Horsemen's Bookkeeper account at Capital One Bank. Motion by: Tom Abbott Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

DISCUSSION	<b>ITEM 13 ON AGENDA</b> Due to the sensitive nature of the Legislative Auditor's report, we must go into Executive Session.
MOTION	Motion to go into Executive Session Motion by: Chrisie Early Second by: Sam Breaux Motion passed unanimously
MOTION	Motion to exit Executive Session Motion by: Chrisie Early Second by: Tom Abbott Motion passed unanimously

**MORRELL- SEELIG LITIGATION**

**STANLEY SEELIG**

DISCUSSION	The Board needs to vote on whether or not to direct Liz Roussel to take no action on the Morrell - Seelig litigation.
MOTION	Motion that the Board takes no action on the Morrell - Seelig litigation. Motion by: Sam Breaux Second by: Marcia Lamarche Motion passed unanimously

**APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**STANLEY SEELIG**

DISCUSSION	The President appoints Arthur Morrell, Bobby Dupre and himself. This committee will deal directly with P. J. Stakelum and report back to the Board.
MOTION	Motion to accept the appointment of Arthur Morrell, Bobby Dupre and Stanley Seelig to deal with the Legislative Auditor's report.

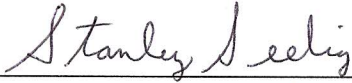
Motion by: Marcia Lamarche  
Second by: Pat Mouton  
Motion passed unanimously

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn.

**MOTION**

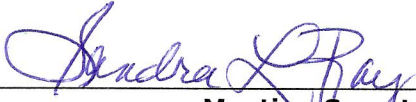
Motion by: Sam Breau  
Second by: Pat Mouton  
Motion passed unanimously.



**STANLEY SEELIG, President**

6-1-11

**DATE**



**Meeting Secretary**

6/2/11

**DATE**