

FEBRUARY 1, 2014

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, February 1, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

Opelousas, LA

MINUTES

All members of the board were present with the exception of Lyle Guillory. Ryan Robicheaux arrived at 11:12 a.m. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., also attended. Guests were Mapes & Mapes and Jayne Segura.

Leigh Lepinski asked for motion for unanimous consent for the waiver of the date, time, place and purpose of the special meeting we called earlier. Motion by James Mitchell. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski asked for motion to go into executive session for discussion of litigation against the Fair Grounds in New Orleans, Louisiana at 10:20 a.m. Motion by Mike Hayes. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. 1- Opposition. **Motion passed.**

Leigh Lepinski asked that Henry Gahagan, Jr., Leverne Perry and Tony Patterson attend executive session.

James Mitchell asked that employees of the LQHBA Office be able to stay in the executive session. **No oppositions.**

Motion by Jimmie Hatcher to go into regular session at 12:31 p.m. Motion seconded by Julien Stevens, III. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski asked that Mapes & Mapes speak to the LQHBA board at this time because of prior engagements they have.

Motion by James Mitchell to adopt the resolution to the La. R.S. 27:438 legal action concerning The Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association, represented by its duly authorized Executive Secretary, Tony Patterson, be and it is hereby authorized to engage Kelly and Townsend, Attorneys at Law, 137 St Denis St., Natchitoches, LA 71457 and Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr. (A.P.L.C.), P. O. Box 1188, Natchitoches, LA 71458-1188, together with any other attorneys, accountants, forensic experts, or other professionals (Professionals") upon reasonably commercial terms and conditions to represent the Association against the Fair Grounds Race Track (its related business interest), the HBPA as well as any other party who may be liable and to pursue an action having as its purpose, i) declaring the rights, status, and other legal relations by and between the Fair Grounds Race Track (its parent organizations of related business interests) insofar as the payment of revenues from OTB video poker devices earned for purse supplements for the benefit of all breeds of horses that race at the Fair Grounds Race Track and the respective horsemen, 2.) an accounting of revenues from OTB video poker devices owned by the Fair Grounds or its related business interests for the benefit of all breeds of horses that race at the Fair Grounds Race Track and their related horsemen, 3.) damages for the non-payment by the Fair Grounds Race Track (its parent organizations or related business interests)of revenues earned during any period of time for purse supplements for the benefit of all breeds of horses that race at the Fair Grounds Race Track and their related horsemen, together with any and all such other relief and enforcement of judicial rights which the said attorneys deem actionable under the laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. **Motion passed. No oppositions. (12 for)**

Motion by James Mitchell to amend the LQHBA by-laws by adding Article XIII, Indemnification of Officers and Directors as follows:

XIII. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless each director and officer now or hereafter serving the corporation from and against any and all claims and liabilities to which he may be or become subject by reason of his now or hereafter being or having heretofore been a director or officer of the corporation and/or by

reason of his alleged acts or omissions as such director or officer, whether or not he continues to be such director or officer, at the time when any such claim or liability is asserted, and shall reimburse each such director and officer for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred by him in connection with defending any and all such claims or liabilities, including amounts paid or agreed to be paid in connection with reasonable settlements made before final adjudication with the approval of the board of directors, whether or not he continues to be such director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that no director or officer shall be indemnified against any claim or liability arising out of his own willful misconduct or shall be indemnified against or reimbursed for any expenses incurred in defending any such claim or liability or in settling the same unless in the judgment of the directors of the corporation the director or officer against whom such claim or liability is asserted has not been guilty of willful misconduct. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which and director or officer may be entitled as a matter of law. The directors and officers of this corporation are authorized to purchase insurance to indemnify them against liability for their acts. (Adopted February 1, 2014)

Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions. (12 for)**

Motion by James Mitchell to amend the LQHBA by-laws by adding Article XIV. Payment of Breeder Awards as follows:

XIV. PAYMENT OF BREEDER AWARDS

The board of directors shall fix the amount of breeder's awards to be paid by the corporation. Any such breeder awards shall first be budgeted for payments to the breeders of Louisiana accredited quarter horses which are otherwise eligible for payment in the current year or racing season in which such sums are budgeted.

The board of directors may also pay any breeder awards owed to breeders of Louisiana accredited quarter horses for prior years but only after all breeders awards are paid to breeders for the current year or racing season. In the event of the application for or claim of entitlement to breeder awards for prior years or racing seasons, the board shall consider the corporation's retained earnings, estimated revenues dedicated for such all breeder awards and any and all other resources of the corporation which the board of directors, exercising its best business judgment deems meet and proper. (Adopted February 1, 2014)

Motion seconded by Julien Stevens, III. **Motion passed. No oppositions. (12 for)**

Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., asked the LQHBA board to clarify the motion by Lyle Guillory on paragraph six (6) on the minutes from December 10, 2013, LQHBA Board of Directors meeting.

That a letter be directed to the HBPA which I have displayed to the board was in fact submitted on November 9, 2013 and I believe the paragraph should be amended such that in the event that the demand to the HBPA in the event we have no results then Don Kelly and Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr. would meet with the members of Louisiana Quarter Horse Racing Association (LQHRA) and tell the horsemen the purpose of discussing different strategies. I ask that you consider that amendment.

Motion by Michael Hayes to accept Henry C. Gahagan Jr. amendment to the minutes for the motion by Lyle Guillory paragraph six (6) of the LQHBA Board of Directors meeting on December 10, 2013. Motion was seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski asked that the board give clarification on paragraph four (4) of the LQHBA Board of Directors meeting on December 10, 2013. That there would be contracts for both parties (Tony Patterson and Laverne Perry) and the minutes do not read that way.

Motion by James Mitchell that there will be a written draft for both parties (Tony Patterson and Laverne Perry). Motion was seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski request for a motion to waive and not sign the minutes that was provided to you in advance and accept them when the amendments from the December 10, 2013, LQHBA Board of Directors meeting are added. Motion was made by James Mitchell. Motion was seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Greg Thompson spoke to the board about an advertising package.

LQHBA Package Deal

<u>COST</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>LQHBA Cost</u>
La Downs Report 7 shows	\$7,000	\$3,500
Delta Report 11 shows	\$11,600	\$5,800
Fair Grounds Report 5 shows	\$5,600	\$2,800
Evangeline Report 8 shows*	\$9,700	\$4,850
*plus 6 SeS Onsite Track Reports		
Total Video Cost		\$17,550
LQHBA Home Page Banner	\$500 per month	\$ 6,000
Consult and manage rebuild of LQHBA website		
\$ 1,500		
Maintain LQHBA website	\$600 per month	<u>\$ 7,200</u>

\$32,250 = per month is \$2,708

LQHBA Package Price is discounted to \$2,500

Fixed Costs

- . Estimated cost for JCIS to build site is between \$3,000 to \$4,000 (\$100/hr is charged by programmers)
- . Monthly hosting fee (\$50 to \$75 estimated)

Motion by Ryan Robicheaux to accept the LQHBA Package deal from Stallionsearch for \$2,500 per month. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Need to let Vital Power Productions, LLC. (current website company) that we are using other venues.

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. not to accredit the February 18, 2012 foal by Agouti out of Shez La Lightnin; Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. not to accredit the February 18, 2012 foal by Agouti out of Shez La Lightnin because the LQHBA by-laws state that a two (2) year old cannot be accredited. Motion by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. not to accredit the April 01, 2012 foal by Zoomin For Bux out of Rachel D Hunter because the LQHBA by-laws state under no conditions will a foal reported after December 31st of their yearling year be eligible for accreditation. Motion by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson introduced Michelle Hatwig as a new LQHBA Office employee to the board.

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. to accept the financial reports and the 2014 LQHBA Budget. Motion seconded by Julien Stevens, III. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Ryan Robicheaux to appoint a study committee to review the existing methodology compared to AQHA point system and to make recommendations that are reasonable under our circumstances in Louisiana regarding our LQHBA Champions. Motion seconded by Mark Petry. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Study Committee

Ryan Robicheaux
Mark Petry
Julien R. Stevens, III
Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr.

Motion by Larry Findley for Ronald Magnon to pay \$200 for the 2013 Out of Sate Mare fee on Except Miracle and the 2014 foal be eligible for accreditation. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski appointed Kenny Patton and Arnold Trahan to be present for the 2014 LQHBA Board of Directors ballot counting.

Leigh Lepinski appointed a nominating committee for the 2014 LQHBA Board of Director candidates.

Jimmie Hatcher
Michael Hayes
James Mitchell

Leigh Lepinski asks nomination committee to step outside to discuss the candidates for the 2014 LQHBA Board of Directors.

Leigh Lepinski called for a recess until nomination committee had time to review candidates for the LQHBA Board of Directors.

Leigh Lepinski called meeting back to order.

The nominating committee recommended that all candidates are in good standing and eligible for the 2014 LQHBA Board of Directors election. Julien R. Stevens, III in the Central District, Arnold Trahan in the South Central District, Gerald Averett, Jr. in the Southeast District , Southwest District Mark Petry.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to accept the nomination committee’s recommendation. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson gave current review of the 2014 LQHBA Stallion Auction with \$32,000 raised and \$22,000 cleared for the LQHBA Scholarship program.

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. to adopt the policy of the of the amendments for the LQHBA to have funds FDIC insured or probated credit on the LQHBA accounts. Motion was seconded by James Mitchell. **Motion passed. No oppositions.** (See separate sheet for amendments)

Ryan Robicheaux gave a report from the sale committee on suggestions to make the LQHBA sales better. Credit card machine, have two (2) Spanish speaking person(s) – one for the LQHBA sales office and one for a Spanish speaking booth set up by the sale ring, Major bank for wiring money to pay for horses from the sale (Wells Fargo). Horse(s) not paid for by the end of the sale(s) after the two days to be moved to Lynn Richard’s for holding till payment is received. Need to have a better way of checking and identifying the horse before they are released from the sale grounds. Need to wire money from the sales straight to our bank.

Leigh Lepinski spoke to the board and thanked them for her year as president.

Motion by Mark Petry to adjourn. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Meeting Adjourned.

“Signatures on file with LQHBA”

President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date

**LQHBA Awards Banquet & General Membership
Meeting February 1, 2014
6:00 P.M., Saturday,
Evangeline Downs Race Track & Casino
Opelousas, LA**

MINUTES

2013 LQHBA Champions

Champion 2 Year Old Filly: *SCOOTER PRIZE*

Owner: Ana L. Alvidrez Breeder: John K. Leger

Champion 2 Year Old Gelding: *PHILLIPS STREAKIN*

Owner: Jaime Torres Breeder: Rodney & Phillip DeBenedetto

Champion 2 Year Old Colt: *HEZA FAST ROGUE*

Owner: Brock Broussard Breeder: Triple M Farms, LLC

Champion 3 Year Old Filly (Tie): *COUGAR HILL*

Owner: Luis Armando Castellanos Breeder: Jill & Aaron Cooper

Champion 3 Year Old Filly (Tie): *LETS PLAY YACHT SEA*

Owner: George Del Fierro Breeder: Russell P. Mowad

Champion 3 Year Old Gelding: *T BOY C*

Owner: Angel Alberto Lopez Breeder: Gerald Patin & Curtis Roy

Champion 3 Year Old Colt: *JETS QUICK FORTUNE*

Owner & Breeder: Timothy & Theresa Stephens

Champion Aged Mare: *BIPTY DASH*

Owner: Marty Long & Ivan Alford Breeder: Israel Flores

Champion Aged Gelding: *WORLDS ON HIGH*

Owner: Kris Locklear Breeder: Don L. Ming

Champion Aged Stallion: *LAYNES CORONA ON ICE*

Owner: Ramiro Rendon, Jr. Breeder: Terri Wiggins

Champion Distance Horse: *WORLDS ON HIGH*

Owner: Kris Locklear Breeder: Don L. Ming

Champion Top Money Earner: *OLE TIME PREACHER MAN*

Owner: TM Ranch – Steve Holland Breeder: JoBaya Foreman

Champion Trainer: *Kenneth Roberts, Sr.*

Champion Jockey: *John Hamilton*

Champion Stallion: *HEZA FAST DASH*

Owner: Heza Fast Dash Syndicate

Champion Broodmare: *MARY SNOW*

Owner: Glinden Leger

Champion Breeder: *JoBaya Foreman*

2013 Lifetime Achievement Award

Leverne Perry

Board of Directors Election Results:

Central District: Julien R. Stevens, III (unopposed)

Southeast District: Gerald Averett, Jr. (65 votes)
Rodney DeBenedetto (61 votes)

Northern District: None

South Central District: Arnold Trahan (unopposed)

Southwest District: Mark Petry (unopposed)

Total Ballots: 126

LQHBA Board of Director's Kenny Patton and Arnold Trahan were present for counting of ballots. Henry C. Gahagan, LQHBA Attorney was the official caller of votes.
Counters: Sandra Gordon and Peggy Williams.

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President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, February 1, 2014
(After General Membership Meeting)
Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino,
Opelousas, LA

MINUTES

All members of the board were present with the exception of Lyle Guillory, Michael Hayes and Leverne Perry.

Motion by Ryan Robicheaux to nominate Larry Findley, DVM for President. Motion seconded by R. L. (Lynn) Richard. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Motion by Kenny Patton to nominate Shawn Magee for 1st Vice President. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. . ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Motion by James Mitchell to nominate Leigh Lepinski for 2nd Vice President. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr.. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Motion by Larry Findley to nominate Ryan Robicheaux for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by R. L. (Lynn) Richard.

Motion by Leigh Lepinski to nominated James Mitchell for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mark Petry.

James Mitchell - 8

Ryan Robicheaux - 2

Motion to adjourn by Larry Findley. Motion seconded by nobody. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

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President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date

MARCH 28, 2014

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 28, 2014

10:30 A.M.

Equine Sales Company of Louisiana

372 Harry Guilbeau Road

Opelousas, LA 70570

MINUTES

All members of the board were present with the exception of Shawn Magee, Jim Mitchell, Mark Petry, R. L. (Lynn) Richard and Ryan Robicheaux. Leigh Lepinski and Leverne Perry arrived at 10:49 a.m. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., also attended. Guests were Harold Forman, David Tillson and Foster Bridewell arrived at 1:36 p.m.

Lyle Guillory requests that Mapes & Mapes be added to notification of LQHBA Board of Directors meetings.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2013 and February 1, 2014 meetings. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. to accept the video poker audit prepared by Paul Dauzaut, CPA. Motion seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson asks the LQHBA Board of Directors to have a financial management audit of the LQHBA Association.

Recommendation from Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. for all LQHBA Board of Directors to sign a Code of Ethics and disclosure form.

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr to adopt Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr.'s recommendation on financial management audit and to accept the Code of Ethics that was distributed which include the basic responsibilities of tents of a nonprofit corporation to the LQHBA Board of Directors by Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Motion passed. No oppositions.** (Attachment)

Motion by Michael Hayes to accept Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr.'s recommendation to the LQHBA Board of Directors to sign the disclosure form that was distributed to the LQHBA Board of Directors by Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. Motion seconded by Leigh Lepinski. **Motion passed. No oppositions.** (Attachment)

Lyle Guillory discussed House and Senate Bills in the legislature – HB 714 (Kill Bill), HB 493 (Kill Bill), HB 808 (LQHBA stay neutral on this bill), HB 848 (Watch Bill), SB 53 (Watch Bill), SB 213 (Kill Bill), HB 550 (Kill Bill) and HB 225 (Neutral). Lyle Guillory suggests that we treat these bills no differently than they are going to be heard. That we continue to watch, send letters out to our membership to make sure all necessary controls are in place to handle these bills if something were to happen and we want to bring this back up again. I don't think we need to do anything different, stay aggressive and try to get these Bills killed. We don't need to relax, we need to continue forward and stay on top of these bills.

Use breeders award interest that has been accruing since 2002 for income. The total of \$484,590.95. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. suggests that we don't move all the money at one time. He would transfer \$75,000 this year and see how the auditor responds.

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. to adopt Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. recommendation to amend the 2014 budget to recognize an increase in revenue. Motion seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Larry Findley ask to recess at 11:30 a.m. to break for lunch.

Larry Findley called meeting back to order at 12:29 p.m.

Lyle Guillory gave the sale committee report. 1. Credit card machine at the sale. 2. Spanish speaking person at a welcome booth and in the sales office. 3. Have an emergency area. 4. Major bank for wire transfers. 5. Transportation of money back to our bank or back to Alexandria. 6. Horse being held after the sale. (Lynn Richard's Farm) 8. More experienced person at the check location for the horses leaving the premises. (Other than Mr. Francis Comeaux's people) 9. Reviewing change of venue of the Fall Mixed Sale to Equine Sales Co. of Louisiana.

Motion by Kenny Patton to approve the Sale Committee proposal is for a credit card machine, two Spanish speaking people, emergency area, ability to wire to a major bank, and an additional identifier at check out location applying to the 2014 LQHBA Yearling Sale. Motion seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Mr. Harold Forman addressed the LQHBA board of directors about the Equine Sales of Louisiana, LLC and handed out an agreement form, (see attachment). Spoke about combining the LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale with their thoroughbred Fall Mixed Sale and have 150 quarter horses and 150 thoroughbreds.

Motion by Jimmie Hatcher to have a conference call with all LQHBA Board of Directors to address the 2014 Fall Mixed Sale in 15 days. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Recess this board meeting and reconvene in 15 days to satisfy this single issue on moving Fall Mixed Sale venue.

Tony Patterson, will put another proposal together tying it together with the LQHBA Futurity and Invitational Stakes.

2014 LQHBA Yearling Sale dates are August 8th & 9th in Kinder, LA.

2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale is November 8th in Kinder, LA.

The 2014 LQHBA Stallion Auction is at \$25,360 after all farms fees being paid.

2014 LQHBA Sale Futurity & Consolation, we are waiting to see what the Fair Grounds applies for at the April 22nd LSRC meeting. The Trials will be on opening day and the Final will be the closing Saturday.

2014 LQHBA Futurity and Invitational Stakes Trials will be Saturday, November 1st and the Final being Saturday, November 22nd

Motion by Lyle Guillory to put together a LQHBA directory and the funds received to go toward the scholarship fund. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory that any funds that is generated from the membership directory in excess of the cost to go toward the LQHBA Scholarship Fund. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to have a LQHBA membership appreciation event and appoint a membership committee. Motion seconded by Julien R Steven, III. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Membership Committee: Leigh Lepinski – chairman, Jimmie Hatcher and Arnold Trahan.

Larry Findley asks that the membership committee ask that they have a membership appreciation meeting at Delta Downs, June 21st in conjunction with the Lee Berwick Trials.

Larry Findley stated that the board meeting be on that Saturday, June 21st at 10 a.m. in conjunction with the LQHBA Membership appreciation event.

Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. said that the Law Suit with the Fair Grounds is prepared.

Motion by Julien R Stevens, III to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kenny Patton. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Meeting Adjourned.

“Signatures on file with LQHBA”

President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date

MAY 9, 2014

LQHBA Board of Directors Special Meeting

Friday, May 9, 2014

10:30 A.M.

LQHBA Office

Alexandria, LA

MINUTES

All members of the board were present with the exception of Gerald Averett, Jr., Jimmie Hatcher, Mark Petry, and Ryan Robicheaux Jim Mitchell, Mark Petry, R. L. (Lynn) Richard and Ryan Robicheaux. Leigh Lepinski and Leverne Perry arrived at 10:40 a.m. Kenny Patton arrived at 10:51 a.m. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., was on conference call line along with Ryan Robicheaux, Gerald Averett, Jr, and Jimmie Hatcher attended. We have a quorum (9).

Tony Patterson purposed an amendment to the LQHBA bylaws article: 4 section 1 & 6. That a board member may attend a special meeting by conference call.

2 proposals given by Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr.

It is a reasonable business practice to enable board members to participate in special board meeting by telephone as long as they register their attendance and no objection to the meeting being held in that manner and participate in the discussion such that they can cast an informed vote. It is an almost universal practice now for the board of directors to accommodate directors who live away or on vacation, or ill, an opportunity to participate by telephone and to cast their vote as if they are present. That is the suggestion I make to the board will require an amendment to the bylaws so that is issue number one.

I made a suggestion that if at this emergency meeting there was a quorum we could do one of two things. Number one, we could discuss it and we could vote on it as a recommendation to be taken up at the full regular board meeting in June or we could go ahead and cast it so we can go ahead and conduct business and have a full vote on the issues to be brought before the board to include those members that participate by telephone. So issue number one is to amend the bylaws and enable the participation for emergency and special meetings by the board members by the telephone. That is my first recommendation.

I will provide the full language for you at the next meeting.

Adopt the bylaw recommendation today.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept Mr. Henry C. Gahagan, Jr's first proposal of having a LQHBA director be able to attend an emergency or special meeting by phone and be able to cast their vote as long as there is a quorum in person or by phone. Motion was seconded by Shawn Magee. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Second recommendation to the LQHBA board is to differentiate between regular, special and emergency meetings. I think that regular meetings are the ones that Larry Findley called upon at the last board meeting in Opelousas where we regularly schedule quarterly or semi-annual meetings in addition to the annual membership meeting. The idea of having an emergency meeting to me has a bad taste in my mouth. It's as if you have some kind of emergency where someone got killed that you have to take immediate action to remedy that problem. I would like to have three classes of meetings. The first is a regular meeting that is scheduled on the calendar. The second is that I would suggest to the board that you have a special meeting with not less than three days notice in writing to the board members to give you a chance to consult amongst each other and to fully grasp and comprehend the issues. Three or five day's written notice. The third would be a true emergency meeting that something has happened so rapidly that you have to have a 24 hour or 12 hour resolution to a problem. I'm think specifically of legislative issues or financial issues that come up that require immediate attention from the board. I'm recommending to you to redefine the types of meetings the regular, and special with written notice in a certain number of days within which to have a chance to review what is to be taken up at that special meeting. Third, a true emergency meeting that can be held on 12 hour or 24 hour notice. That is my recommendation to you.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept Mr. Henry C. Gahagans, second recommendations on the types of board meetings. Motion seconded by Lynn Richard. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

I will provide the full language for you at the next meeting.

I'm ready to discuss at any time the amendment to the Coushatta Tribe lease that I was instructed to prepare and circulate to Larry Findley and Tony Patterson and then to the Coushatta Tribe, so I'll be happy to take it up now or happy to call back in later.

Tony Patterson asks to take a 20 minute break at 11:00 a.m. and notify the other board members that they can join in on the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

The regular session meeting resumed at 11:22 a.m. Gerald Averett, Jr. called in at 11:24 a.m. Jimmie Hatcher called in at 11:25 a.m. Ryan Robicheaux called in at 11:29 a.m.

Mr. Gahagan sent a proposal in to the Coushatta Tribe to amend the contract for this year to let us out of the contract for the 2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale only.

The response from the Coushatta Tribe to the proposal from Mr. Gahagan. Please put these to the side and let Mr. Gahagan speak on when he calls in.

Tony Patterson went over the items that changed on the first proposal that was handed out at the last board meeting on Equine Sales of Louisiana, LLC contract.

Request made by the LQHBA and agreed upon by Equine Sales of Louisiana, LLC.

Tent no cost to the LQHBA.

Quarter horses and thoroughbreds will be a 50/50 split on permanent stalls.

LQHBA employees will have a sale office to handle all the quarter horse sale transactions.

The quarter horse weanlings and yearlings could possibly sell first.

Limit quarter horses to 150 & thoroughbreds 150 consignments.

The consignors will pay \$20 per stall for stall shavings and cleanout.

Raise the consignment fee to \$250 per consignment and not charge the consignor \$20 shavings & cleanup fee.

The Coushatta Tribe has applied a \$500 fine for any permanent stall that is disabled at any sale at their facility. This fee will be passed on to the consignor. This notification will be passed on to the consignor at the time of their hip number notification.

Motion by Kenny Patton to have a roll call vote on whether to have a fall mixed sale or not for 2014. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Vote (11 Yes - 2 No) Motion passed**

Motion by Kenny Patton to move the 2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale venue to Equine Sales of Louisiana, LLC, in Opelousas, LA. Motion seconded by Julien R Steven, III. **Vote (6 Yes - 6 No) Lyle Guillory abstained.**

Lyle Guillory called for a division of the house. Larry Findley called for another roll call vote.

Motion carries to move venues for the 2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale to Equine Sales of Louisiana, LLC, in Opelousas, LA. by a roll call vote **(7 Yes - 6 No) Motion passed.**

R L (Lynn) Richard resigned from the LQHBA board of directors.

Larry Findley appoint Jason Thomas to R L (Lynn) Richards position on the LQHBA Board of Directors.

Motion by James Mitchell to appoint Jason Thomas on the board of directors. Motion seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions**

Tony Patterson states that the next regular meeting is scheduled at Delta Downs, June 14, 2014 at 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. after the meeting we will have a meet and greet with the LQHBA membership. We will be sending out a letter to the membership of the meet and greet.

Motion by James Mitchell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kenny Patton. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Meeting Adjourned.

“Signatures on file with LQHBA”

President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date

JUNE 14, 2014

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, June 14, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Delta Downs

Lookout Restaurant

Vinton, LA

MINUTES

All members of the board were present with the exception of Gerald Averett, Jr., Jimmie Hatcher, and Kenny Patton. Ryan Robicheaux arrived at 10:24 a.m. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., and LQHBA Office staff Julie Hatwig, Sandra Leonard and Peggy Williams also attended. Guests were Donald Kelly, Katherine Lower, Rhonda Magee, and Paul Ryder.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2014, and May 9, 2014 meetings. Motion seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the financials given by Tony Patterson. Motion seconded by Mark Petry. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson spoke on behalf of the Equine Sales Co. of Louisiana. They offered the facility to LQHBA for \$15,000, a \$3,000 clean up fee plus insurance. The facility would be available for Saturday, November 8th and Saturday, November 15th.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to have the LQHBA Breeders' Futurity & Invitational Stakes Trials at Evangeline Downs Racetrack on Friday, November 7th, and have the LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale on Saturday, November 8th at the Equine Sales Co. of Louisiana, in Opelousas, LA. Motion was seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Arnold Trahan ask that the LQHBA spend a little more money on advertising for the 2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale due to venue change.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the three (3) foals by American Runaway as accredited Louisiana Bred foals and not to assess a penalty due to the fact that the sire was having problems settling mares and the horse is deceased. Motion was seconded by Mark Petry. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Ms. Lower spoke to the LQHBA board on behalf of Louisiana Equine Report On Air.

Lyle Guillory ask that the LQHBA Advertising Committee to look at the proposal and get back to the board with their suggestions.

Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., presented the revised and restated By-Laws amend to permit a LQHBA Board of Director to vote by phone, and handout to support the proposed engagement of HMV. **(See attachments)**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., recommendations. Motion was seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to finalize the By-Laws amendment on allowing the members of the Board of Directors to participate and vote in any regular, special or emergency meeting by phone. No voting by proxy will be allowed. (as amended on May 9, 2014.) Motion was seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., reminded the LQHBA Board of Directors that if they own more than five percent **(5%)** their vote would be disqualified.

Ryan Robicheaux went over booth at Heritage Place Yearly rental \$700 - \$800 Yearling Sale, Fall Sale (October), and Mixed Sale in January. Ruidoso Sale booth rental is \$1,000. Requesting to have a booth at both locations with LQHBA material there to promote LQHBA.

Motion by Mark Petry, for the LQHBA to rent a booth at the Heritage Place and Ruidoso Sale(s). Motion was seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Arnold Trahan to raise the LQHBA Stallion awards to \$500,000 for the 2015 year. Motion was seconded by Jason Thomas. **Motion passed. No oppositions.** Larry Findley, Lyle Guillory, Shawn Magee, Mark Petry, & Ryan Robicheaux abstained.

James Mitchell made a motion to amend the motion that in order to participate in the increase in stallion awards you would have to donate one (1) stallion breeding to the LQHBA youth scholarship program.

James Mitchell withdrew his motion to amend the motion.

Larry Findley ask that the rules committee to come up with some ideas to increase the youth scholarship program and to bring it to the next board meeting. Rules Committee: Ryan Robicheaux (Chairman), Michael Hayes and Shawn Magee.

Motion by Mark Petry, to hire Paul Ryder to check out of state mares with the salary of \$35,000 a year plus mileage with step by step procedures to be given to him to do with an early foals, mare not at location and report it to the proper person. A written contract labor agreement to be prepared by Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr.

Motion by Mark Petry, to hire Paul Ryder to check out of state mares with a contract labor agreement written up by Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., for a yearly renewal at \$35,000 a year plus, the annual state mileage rate.

Lyle Guillory, ask that Tony Patterson prepare a guideline for Paul Ryder on how to deal with someone that is in violation of our by-laws the procedure, and how to report that and who to report it to. Motion was seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Jason Thomas was introduced to all the board members.

Lyle Guillory gave a legislative update and thanked everyone for their help. He also suggests that the board start looking and taking applications for a new lobbyist for the upcoming session.

Tony Patterson went over the dates for the 2014 Sale Futurity & Invitational Stakes trials to be held on Friday, August 15, 2014, and the final will be held on Friday, September 05, 2014. The Fairgrounds meet will be from August 15, 2014 thru September 5, 2014. The 2014 LQHBA Futurity & Invitational Stakes trials will be held Friday, November 7, 2014, and the finals and Invitational Stakes will be held Saturday, November 29, 2014. The Evangeline Downs meet will be October 1, 2014 thru December 20, 2014. The 2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 the day after the breeders' futurity trials.

Tony Patterson went over the 2014 LQHBA Youth Scholarships there were 36 scholarships given out this year for a total of \$36,000, and from 2001 to 2014 the total of scholarships handed out from the association is \$333,000.

Motion by Lyle Guillory that we implement a new rule and adjust our by-laws that a shipped semen report must be sent in along with the stallion breeding reports that are turned in at the end of the year. Motion was seconded by James Mitchell. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to add \$100,000 from LQHBA to be put in the derby for 2015 and it be linked to the 2014 LQHBA Futurity & Invitational Stakes. Motion was seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. There were two oppositions, Leigh Lepinski and Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Mark Petry to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Meeting Adjourned.

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President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date

SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 12, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino

John Henry Room

Opelousas, LA

Minutes

All members of the board were present with the exception of Mark Petry. Ryan Robicheaux arrived at 10:14 a.m., and Leigh Lepinski arrived at 10:16 a.m.. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. arrived at 10:14 a.m.. Guests were Mayor Don Cravins, and Paul Ryder, Mapes & Mapes arrived at 11:39 a.m.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2014 meeting. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr., to accept the financials given by Tony Patterson. Motion seconded by Shawn Magee. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Mayor Cravins spoke to the LQHBA Board of Directors.

Lyle Guillory went over the sale committee report.

Ryan Robicheaux went over rules committee report and spoke about the new rules book that was published.

Michael Hayes went over advertising committee report. Spoke about the stallion registry with the Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Stallion owner will pay \$750 per stallion. It should cost LQHBA \$11,000 to \$12,000 to buy and mail registry.

Motion by Lyle Guillory for the LQHBA to put quarter horse stallions in the Stallion Registry with the Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Motion seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Lyle Guillory gave a report for the Legislative Committee.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to get an economic impact report done for LQHBA quarter horse breeding and racing. Dr. Loren Scott from LSU for \$45,000. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. spoke to the board and passed out information on the IRS Form 8300 receiving cash in excess of \$10,000. We are a nonprofit organization and it is not a tangible asset.

Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. spoke with the board about the Suit No. 2014-3873.

Lyle Guillory will bring something to the next meeting about the Historical Racing in Texas. They are trying to be up and running for the Dallas Meet.

Paul Ryder gave his report to the board.

Lyle Guillory ask that the LQHBA office mail out a letter to the mare owners that are not at location.

Leigh Lepinski ask that a letter be put together for the stallion owner so that they can be checked like the Out of State Mares.

Motion by James Mitchell that the stallion(s) Copa Corona Special, Ragazzo and Royal Shake Em be allowed to leave the state as long as they don't breed in the 2015 breeding season for an accredited Louisiana Bred foal. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Larry Findley called the meeting at 11:56 a.m. for lunch.

Larry Findley called the meeting back to order at 12:16 p.m.

Joe Mapes spoke to the board on behalf of Mapes & Mapes on the upcoming legislative session. He suggests that the LQHBA conduct regional legislative meetings. He also spoke to the board about a program called voter voice. The program cost \$2,500. Bilee Mapes will send Tony Patterson the information on the program.

Tony Patterson gave the report on the 2014 LQHBA Yearling Sale.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to have a Jess Meche Stakes Race at Delta Downs race track in his honor. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr.. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Dicussed the Mardi Gras Derby for 2015.

Mardi Gras Derby nominations will close on November 1, 2014 with 2nd payment due on January 2, 2015.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to guarantee the 2014 LQHBA Futurity as a \$1 Million purse for the futurity final. Motion seconded by Kenny Patton. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

The 2017 LQHBA Futurity needs to split the 3rd payment to read \$150 due on or before October 15, 2016 and (4th pmt) \$150 due on or before December 15, 2016.

Tony Patterson went over the 2015 LQHBA Breeders Derby.

Put a 2015 calendar together with the LQHBA payments and Delta Downs payments.

Larry Findley, set the date for the next LQHBA Board of Directors meeting to be Friday, November 14, 2014 at the LQHBA Office in Alexandria, LA with Thanksgiving Dinner to be served.

Motion by Julien Stevens, III to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Meeting Adjourned.

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NOVEMBER 14, 2014

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, November 14, 2014

10:00 A.M.

LQHBA Office

Alexandria, LA

Minutes

All members of the board were present with the exception of Gerald Averett, Jr., Jimmie Hatcher, Jim Mitchell, Kenny Patton, and Julien Stevens, III. Ryan Robicheaux arrived at 10:44 a.m. Attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. arrived at 10:15 a.m..

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2014 meeting. Motion seconded by Shawn Magee. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski made a motion that \$2,000 under miscellaneous on the LQHBA Statement of Activity Report of the financials be used for the LQHBA Scholarship program. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Larry Findley ask that the LQHBA Marketing Committee look into getting sponsorships for the cost of blankets and trophies for the futurities and derby's. (Mike Hayes (chairman), Lyle Guillory, Leigh Lepinski, Kenny Patton and Tony Patterson)

Motion by Lyle Guillory, to accept the financials given by Tony Patterson. Motion seconded by Jason Thomas. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

"Mr. Gahagan, counsel for the Association, advised the board that as a result of a recent request for production of certain financial records relating to proceeds from auction sales, that an opinion was obtained from Heard, McElroy and Vestal, CPAs to determine if the LQHBA is required to file Cash Transaction Reports (IRS form 8300). John Schmidt, CPA and tax partner with HMV advised the Association by Memorandum dated September 7, 2014 that the LQHBA is exempt from filing IRS form 8300 to report cash payments received as facilitator of buying and selling horses. A copy of Mr. Schmidt's opinion is to be attached to the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2014 to serve as occasions may require."

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept Attorney Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr's. suggestion of amending the minutes of September 12, 2014 to include the above statement. Motion seconded by Leigh Lepinski. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Mike Hayes gave a report on the Advertising Committee and discussed advertising the LQHBA \$1M Futurity and have \$15,000 added to the budget for the advertising of that race. (working on membership directory & calendar.)The Stallion Register done by the LTBA only had 6 quarter horses that participated. Champion of Champions.

Lyle Guillory spoke on the 2015 Champion of Champions to possibly be run at Evangeline Downs and it takes \$750,000 to fund it. Larry Findley wants a committee to look at it.

Triple Crown Bonus discussed.

Larry Findley appointed a Champion of Champions committee. Lyle Guillory (Chairman), Ryan Robicheaux, Jason Thomas, Shawn Magee.

Motion by Mike Hayes to increase the Marketing Committee budget to \$15,000 for the promotion of the 2015 LQHBA \$1M Futurity.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to amend Mike Hayes motion increase the Marketing Committee budget to \$20,000 for the promotion of the 2015 LQHBA \$1M Futurity. Motion seconded by Shawn Magee. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Fees Committee no report.

Financial Committee no report.

Rules Committee no report. Lyle Guillory ask the committee to take a look at if a stallion has semen collected then he is castrated can the semen be used for accredited LA Bred foal.

Sale Committee Lyle Guillory spoke about the 2014 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale some good comments and some bad but overall good.

Lyle Guillory ask that the LQHBA board be a little proactive and ask for consideration for a budget to go out and bring in the top 5 to 10 purchasers for the 2015 LQHBA yearling sale and maybe the top 5 trainers and budget up to \$15,000.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to take the top 5 buyers and top 5 trainers and pay their expenses up to the amount of \$7,500 and empower the LQHBA management and Larry Findley to determine the top 5 buyers and 5 trainers. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to change the consignment fee for the LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale to \$250. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Lyle Guillory made a motion to have the 2015 LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale at Equine Sales in Opelousas, LA. Motion seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Lyle Guillory to have Attorney Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr. negotiate with Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana to amend the current contract for the LQHBA Fall Mixed Sale for 2015 & 2016 and extend the Yearling Sale Contract for 2 more years (2017 & 2018). Motion seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Champions Study Committee given by Chairman Ryan Robicheaux. Ryan spoke on the way we have been doing it by the AQHA point system. Spoke about coming up with our own point system. Will report at next meeting.

Legislative Committee Report given by Lyle Guillory. Send out another notice for the economic impact report in a bright color envelope to get better response.

Derby Committee chairman Mark Petry no report.

Scholarship Program Committee given by Leigh Lepinski. Donate a percentage of your sale from the yearling sale and fall mixed sale and give them a window decal. Ask for a percentage of breeder's awards for scholarship program. Have an auction for items that are donated for youth scholarship. Sell raffle tickets.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to put Yes or No box for a \$10 donation on the sale consignments for the youth scholarship program. Motion was never seconded. Table to next meeting.

Paul Ryder spoke to the board about checking out of state mares.

Board said for the LQHBA to print a 3 page duplicate form for the farms to complete and send into the LQHBA office on shipped semen and to supply the farms with the forms.

Motion by Mark Petry to break for lunch at 12:15 p.m.. Motion seconded by Shawn Magee. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Larry Findley ask for the meeting to go back into session at 12:42 p.m.

Tony Patterson spoke on the 2014 LQHBA Futurity and Invitational Stakes finals.

Motion by Mark Petry to start paying breeders awards on 4th place and 5th place finishers starting January 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Arnold Trahan to hire Direct Solutions Strategies, LLC for \$48,000 a year to work with Mapes & Mapes after Attorney Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr. looks over the contract and doesn't have any conflicts with it. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Motion by Mark Petry for Attorney Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr. to draft a letter to Barbara Kelley that we are not responsible and that she needs to contact Hebert Quarter Horses. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. Roll call vote. **5 For and 4 Opposed. Motion passed.**

Tony Patterson went over LQHBA Stallion Auction going on line December 8, 2014 and close on January 28, 2015.

LQHBA board asks that the 2014 Fall Mixed Sale report be sent to them when finished before the next meeting.

Tony Patterson went over Champions Day nomination form with the board. \$70,000 OTB money will be used to help fund Champions Day.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to order 144 books from Lynn Richard on the background of quarter horse racing in Louisiana, and send to all Representatives and Senators along with a Christmas card and a lapel pin from the association. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Attorney Henry Cole Gahagan, Jr. spoke to the board about the lawsuit.

LQHBA board went into Executive session on employees.

LQHBA board of directors elected to put 2% of employees salaries into in a 401K plan.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to adjourn. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Meeting Adjourned.

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