



September 15, 2016

Julien R. Stevens, III  
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Leesville, LA 71446

Dear Julien R. Stevens, III,

There will be a meeting of the LQHBA Board of Directors, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 beginning promptly at 10:30 A.M. at Evangeline Downs, Opelousas, LA, in the Prefunction Room in front of the Event Center on the ground floor.

We will take a break around lunchtime and eat in their buffet.

There will be an open forum discussion regarding our Yearling Sale immediately following the board meeting.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend the meeting. If you have any items for the agenda please notify me by noon on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Sincerely,

Tony Patterson  
Executive Director

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10:30 A.M.

Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, LA

(Prefunction Room)

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**Minutes**

All members of the board were present with the exception of Dr. Natalie Montgomery, Leigh Lepinski arrived at 10:45 p.m. A quorum was established. Also present were attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr., and Tim Nielsen, CPA Auditor. Guests attending were Gerald Vidrine, Caleb Findley, Francis Comeaux, Edwin Fenasci, Benard Chatters, Brett Brinkman, Roger Heitzmann III, Foster Campbell, Stevie Romero, Jake Lansdale, lobbyists Joe & Sandy Mapes and Nick Gautreaux, Racing Commissioner Donald Cravins, Sr., Billy & Jo Baya Foreman and Kenny Roberts.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2016 board meeting. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Foster Campbell candidate for U.S. Senate addressed the board and reminded everyone that election day is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Nielsen CPA HMV presented the 2015 LQHBA audit results. To summarize:

- No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported
- No instances of noncompliance were disclosed during the audit
- LQHBA is not subject to a federal single audit for the year ended December 31, 2015
- Findings (Financial Statement Audit) - None
- Findings (Prior Year) - None

Tony Patterson presented the quarterly financials, video poker tax funds report, breeders fund report and 1% slots report.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the financial reports given by Tim Nielsen and Tony Patterson. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Donald Cravins, Sr. addressed the board regarding the need for more racing promotion from the racetracks.

Joe Mapes addressed the board regarding the upcoming 2017 legislative session that begins the second week of April and runs through the second week of June.

Tony Patterson discussed the final report for the 2016 Yearling Sale. Increased revenue was mainly due to the additional \$100 consignment fee along with receiving a lower price on the tents through the bidding process. An email from Donald LeMaire was distributed and his concerns were discussed.

Larry Findley spoke on the need for getting more young people involved in our industry.

Roger Heitzmann III spoke on the LTBA breeders awards that are paid to horses that compete out of state.

The upcoming 2016 Fall Mixed Sale events were presented and discussed along with the total number of entries

needed for the 2016 Breeders Futurity trials so the LQHBA can possibly avoid paying the additional supplement for the race this year.

Arnold Trahan would like to see what can be done to possibly raise the purse for our Sale Futurity to half a million dollars.

Leigh Lepinski discussed the need for more out of state stallions participating in our online stallion auction.

Paul Ryder presented his out of state mare results. There were 8 mares that were not at location and these mares are not in foal. In the yearling sale, he had markings corrections on 45 horses.

The 2016 foal by Heza Fast Dash out of Pay Off Good Friday - owner was unaware the mare had to be submitted as an out of state mare.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to defer the decision on the 2016 foal out of Pay Off Good Friday until the board is presented with more information. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accredit the 2017 foals by Dashin Bye as he has left the state. Motion seconded by Ryan Robicheaux. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Meeting adjourned for lunch @ 12:13 p.m.

Meeting called to order @ 1:08 p.m.

Motion by Lyle Guillory for meeting to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Meeting called back to order @ 1:49 p.m.

### **Committee Reports**

Michael Hayes of the advertising committee presented two options for Stallionsearch's online video coverage of our Breeders Futurity & Derby.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to accept the option that includes the additional Spanish coverage. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Beginning in 2017 the new name for the LQHBA Breeders Futurity will be the ***"Louisiana Million"***

Lyle Guillory of the financial committee reported that we should be able to cut approximately \$75,000 in expenses from the 2016 budget for 2017. This will be discussed at a later date.

Michael Hayes of the personnel committee stated that Tony Patterson is to handle any employees problems and that he is to evaluate the office staff. The Board of Directors will evaluate Tony's performance.

Larry Findley of the legislative committee states that we must remain diligent as the legislative session begins. Lyle Guillory addressed the need for more forms of revenue.

Leigh Lepinski suggests that the membership committee review the awards that were presented at the 2016 annual membership meeting and possibly look to change them for 2017.

Hall of Fame Committee states that we will vote on the 2017 class at our next board meeting in November or December.

The Board wants the office staff to notify all horses that remain eligible to make the \$1,000 payment for the 2017 LQHBA Derby.

Tony Patterson gave a power point video presentation on the updated LQHBA statistics.

Lyle Guillory discussed the events planned at Evangeline Downs for November 19<sup>th</sup> – the evening of our Breeders Futurity & Derby. He presented a quote to the board for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to accept the bid on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Board asks Dutcher Jumonville and the Futurity/Derby Committee to review the payments and payments schedule for the Sale Futurity as well as the added money.

MMLH offer letter and appraisal presented to board.

Motion by Mark Petry to have our land appraised by another party. Motion seconded by Lyle Guillory. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson stated that Wes Thibodeaux was submitted and has been chosen to attend the AQHA Youth Racing Experience @ Los Alamitos during the Racing Challenge.

Motion by Ryan Robicheaux to pay \$1,000 to assist in cost of sending Wes Thibodeaux to the Youth Racing Experience in California. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson presented new annual costs of keeping our computer/office system secure.

Kenny Patton suggests that we look into cyber insurance and see if it is more cost effective.

Motion to adjourn by Julien Stevens III. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

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**President Signature**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Signature**

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