

**LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 - 10:30 AM  
LQHBA Office - Alexandria, LA  
**MINUTES**

Butch Stevens called the meeting to order @ 10:36 am

All members of the board were present with the exception of Mark Petry and Ryan Robicheaux. Lyle Guillory was present via conference call. Also present were attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr. and Paul Dauzat, CPA. Guests attending were Don Cravins, Sr., Nick Gautreaux, Joes & Sandy Mapes and Penny & Weston Thibodeaux.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the minutes from the October 5, 2016 board meeting. Motion seconded by Dutcher Jumonville. **Motion passed. No opposition.**

Paul Dauzat, CPA presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial reports. Tony Patterson presented the Video Poker Funds, Breeders Fund and the 1% Slot Fund reports.

Motion by Leigh Lepinski to accept the financial reports presented by Paul Dauzat and Tony Patterson. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No opposition.**

Video Poker Purse Supplement Fund - Tony Patterson asked the board to consider extending the Video Poker Purse Supplements to the racetracks (not to exceed what was requested) and reimburse the Association when the requested money is paid by the state. Paul Dauzat stated that since we are a non-profit, this is not a conflict. Tony is to inform the board when the funds have been paid back.

Motion by Gerald Averett, Jr. to accept the Video Purse Supplement recommendation. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No opposition.**

Lobbyist Joe Mapes, with Mapes & Mapes spoke on the upcoming regular legislative session slated to start in April and scheduled for 65 days regarding possible areas that could affect our Association.

Racing Commissioner Don Cravins, Sr. stated the event for the Breeder's Futurity in conjunction with the LQHBA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary @ Evangeline Downs was very impressive and well received by all in attendance and for the LQHBA to keep moving forward.

Lobbyist Nick Gautreaux spoke on the upcoming session as well as planning for the upcoming "Louisiana Million" Youth Scholarship drawings with the support of St Landry Parish School Board, St Landry Parish Elected Officials and the Economic Development District.

Weston & Penny Thibodeaux presented a slideshow on the AQHYA Youth Racing Experience @ Los Alamitos that Weston was allowed to attend. The Thibodeaux's expressed their appreciation of the LQHBA's support and being allowed to attend this event.

Coley Gahagan addressed the board regarding the Video Poker Device Purse Supplement.

Peggy Williams presented to the board regarding the foal PAY OFF GOOD FRIDAY, a 2016 Bay Filly, for accreditation, from Abrin Rougeau a current member in good standing. However, he wasn't aware he had to turn in an out of state mare report. The board addressed this issue at the last meeting asking to receive a report that the foal was born in Louisiana. Mr. Rougeau provided the office a copy of the AQHA registration stating she was foaled in Louisiana. The board approved this accreditation with the penalty of \$ 1,000.

Motion by Arnold Trahan to accredit the foal PAY OFF GOOD FRIDAY with a \$1,000 penalty. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. **Motion passed. No opposition.**

Paul Ryder addressed the board on inspecting out of state mares and early foals, reporting that he found an early foal belonging to 4 Shadow Cattle Co. in Texas and photos were taken on 11/29/16 @ Butch Quiroz's Farm on 389 Packing House Road, Lake Charles, LA. A letter was sent to the owner Mr. Israel Soliz stating that the foal could only be accredited as a 2016 foal. A similar letter was also sent to Mr. Craig Huffhines AQHA Executive Vice President.

LQHBA Hall Of Fame 2017 –

Mr. Lee Berwick

Mr. W.A. Darling

Go Vicki Meyers (Mare)

Streakin La Jolla (Stallion)

Heisajoy (Gelding)

Streakin Sin Tacha (gelding)\*\*\*\* not deceased – not currently eligible

Motion by Gerald Averett Jr. to accept the 2017 LQHBA Hall of Fame vote. Motion seconded by Michael Hayes. **Motion passed. No opposition.**

Adjourned for lunch 12:30, President Butch Stevens reconvened the meeting @ 1:05

Tony Patterson explained the need to change our LQHBA trials/final rules to reflect the AQHA RAC305.13. If a qualifier for a final or consolation is disqualified for ineligibility or rule violation after the time trials are declared official, but prior to entry for the final or consolation, the non-qualifier with the next fastest time shall replace the disqualified horse. If a qualifier is disqualified after entry for the final or consolation for any reason other than racing unsoundness, illness or death, the purse shall be redistributed among the remaining qualifiers.

Motion by Larry Findley to approve this rule change. Motion seconded by Shawn Magee. **Motion passed. No opposition.**

Tony Patterson presented the appraisal from Mr. Ben Hargis on the acquisition of parcel 2 A-1 in Section 52,T4N-R2W, by the England Authority. Upon review, Mr. Gahagan stated that no lease was recommend due to liability issues and instructed a committee of the board along with Tony to negotiate a sale of the property.

#### Committee Reports

Advertising – Michael Hayes reported the MGF & MGD to advertise in Shreveport Forum Magazine

Fees - Leigh Lepinski nothing to report.

Finance - Lyle Guillory nothing to report.

Personnel - Michael Hayes nothing to report.

Rules - Jimmy Hatcher nothing to report.

Sales - Natalie Montgomery nothing to report. The 2017 YS contract and new covered pavilion was discussed.

Champions Study - Dutch Jumonville nothing to report.

Legislative Committee- Larry Findley stated that we must be diligent and the HPBA board representation is very important.

LQHBA Futurity/Derby – Dutcher Jumonville states that to nominate to the LQHBA Derby, one has to have made all payments and entered the trails, on Feb 1, 2017 – payment of \$300. If all payments were made to the LQHBA Futurity, the supplement will be \$1,000 and can now be made on Feb, 1, 2017. If not the supplement payment of \$5,000 is due on April 1, 2017

Motion by Larry Findley to approve this Derby payment change. Motion seconded by Gerald Averett, Jr. ***Motion passed. No opposition.***

HBPA - Tony presented to the board regarding the upcoming election to the HBPA board. Upon approval, Coley Gahagan will draft a letter of endorsement that will be sent to LQHBA members on the election of the HBPA Board and the candidates that the LQHBA Board Members endorse.

Motion by Larry Findley to have Coley Gahagan draft an endorsement letter. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. **Motion Passed. (Natalie Montgomery and Dutcher Jumonville abstained)**

Fall Mixed Sale - Tony presented the sale results figures. A loss was shown and Larry Findley proposed that we try and negotiate the rent of the property.

Credit Cards – Tony spoke regarding the acceptance of credit card payments in the office - all credit card transaction will be charged a fee of 3% per transaction.

Motion for credit card transaction approval by Kenny Patton. Motion seconded by Dutcher Jumonville. ***Motion passed. No opposition.***

Calendar - Tony reported with approval, we will continue to provide an annual to our membership and they should be mailed by the first of February.

Stallion Flyers - Tony reported to board of the time it takes to package the flyers, prepare and bulk mail. 2017 will be the last year we will provide this service. Upon approval of the board, the flyers will be emailed from the LQHBA in a mass email to be staggered by the stallions/farms in a PDF file to be provided by the farms. The rate will be \$200 for the 1<sup>st</sup> flyer with an additional \$50 per flyer emailed. The stallions will also continue to be listed on our LQHBA webpage under “Stallions Standing in the State”.

Motion for stallion flyer mailout changes by Jimmie Hatcher. Motion seconded by Larry Findley. ***Motion passed. No opposition.***

Motion to adjourn by Butch Stevens. Seconded by Jimmie Hatcher. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

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