

LQHBA Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 2017

1:30 P.M.

Evangeline Downs

Opelousas, LA

Event Center - Pre-Function Room

Leigh Lepinski called the meeting to order @ 1:42 P.M.

All members of the board were present with the exception of Dr. Mark Petry and Julien R. Stevens, III. Ryan Robicheaux, arrived at 1:46 p.m. A quorum was established. Also present was attorney Henry C. Gahagan, Jr.

Motion by Lyle Guillory, to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2017 board meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

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

No formal action was taken on the financials.

2017 LQHBA Budget was reviewed again.

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.

Leigh Lepinski appointed Jimmie Hatcher, Michael Hayes, and Kenny Patton to discuss and review the eligibility for the 2017 LQHBA Board of Director election.

Tony Patterson asked that the nominating committee step outside to discuss and go over the candidates for the board.

2017 LQHBA Board of Directors Candidates.

Central District..... Julien R. (Butch) Stevens, III - Unopposed
South Central District.....Arnold Trahan
South Central District.....Stevie Romero
Southeast District.....Gerald Averett, Jr.
Southeast District.....Timothy (Tim) Rogers
Southwest District..... Dr. Mark Petry – 3 year term
Southwest District.....JoBaya Foreman – 3 year term
Southwest District.....Kirt Chaisson 1 year term - Unopposed

The nominating committee recommended that all candidates are in good standing and eligible for the 2017 LQHBA Board of Directors election.

Motion by Lyle Guillory to accept the nomination committee's recommendation. Motion seconded by Dr. Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson gave a power point presentation on the LQHBA Statistics.

Lyle Guillory spoke about the Virtual Youth Experience and it will be revisited.

Dr. Larry Findley made a motion that the LQHBA add an agent authorization form to the LQHBA sale(s) consignment form(s). The owner has to sign the form for the proceeds to go to the agent. Motion seconded by Dutcher Jumonville. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Tony Patterson spoke to the board about the more than 50 LQHBA scholarship applications for 2017. The board agreed

to pay all of the scholarships for 2017. Tony Patterson asked the board to come up with some kind of criteria on the LQHBA Scholarships for the future.

Committee Reports

Michael Hayes of the advertising committee said that the yearling sale will be advertised the same as it was in 2016. Tony Patterson presented to the board about advertising in one of the biggest equine magazines in Mexico City they send out 10,000 printed copies every 45 days. The cost is \$750 per full page ad the magazine goes to Southern California, New Mexico, and Texas.

Arnold Trahan made a motion to approve advertising in the Mexico City equine catalog. Motion was seconded by Dr. Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Leigh Lepinski of the fees committee had no report.

Lyle Guillory of the financial committee reported that he is trying to work on the 2018 budget to get it out earlier than the 2017 budget. This will be discussed at a later date.

Michael Hayes of the personnel committee had no report.

Jimmie Hatcher of the rules committee had no report.

Lyle Guillory made a motion for the rules committee to get together on the nominations for candidates for the LQHBA Board of Directors, and come up with a better way for the nomination committee to review candidates for the board of directors. Motion was seconded by Dr. Larry Findley. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Shawn Magee addressed the LQHBA Board of Directors Code of Conduct to be completed and signed by each board of director.

Henry Cole Gahagan stated that he was working on the code of conduct for the board.

Tony Patterson spoke for Mark Petry of the sale committee report on the conflict of dates for the Louisiana Million Futurity, Breeders' Derby, and Fall Mixed Sale dates. The best dates are October 27th for our futurity trials and October 28th the best Saturday for the Fall Mixed Sale, with the Breeders' Derby trials run that night. The final being run 3 weeks later on Saturday, November 18th. Boyd Gaming is keeping the Delta Jackpot and it is scheduled to run on November 18th. The racing commission meeting last year ask Chris Warren why he put two million dollar races on the same date at sister properties that are an hour and half apart. The racing commission told Chris Warren not to put them on the same date again.

The board agreed that the Saturday before Thanksgiving would be better than the Saturday of Thanksgiving week.

Dr. Larry Findley said for us to have the trials of the Louisiana Million on November 17th, have the Fall Mixed Sale on Saturday, November 18th, and run the trials of the Breeders' Derby that night. Run the final for both on the December 16th. Lyle ask Tony Patterson to check with Chris Warren on the dates and get back with the board.

Dr. Larry Findley of the legislative committee said that they will be starting conference calls next week, and stay on top of things during the legislative session.

Dutcher Jumonville of the futurity and derby committee ask the board to do away with consolation on the sale futurity. This will be tabled to the next board meeting. This will need to be decided before the yearling sale so the nominations can be put in the buyer's packets.

Dr. Natalie Montgomery of the membership committee on ways to increase numbers of the LQHBA membership.

1. Enforce the stallion owners to be members.
2. Anyone making payment into any of the races that our association handles need to be current members.
3. Requiring buyers to be members if they buy a horse at our sale. Henry Cole Gahagan said that he would have to put it in the by-laws for it to be enforced.

Lyle Guillory made a motion that a person has to be a current member of the association to make futurity and derby payments on any of the races that our association handles. Motion seconded by Dutcher Jumonville. **Motion passed. No oppositions.**

Lyle Guillory made a motion that any stallion owner that turns in a stallion breeding report has to be a current member of

the association. Motion seconded by Arnold Trahan. . ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

Ryan Robicheaux of the Hall of Fame Committee no report.

Motion to adjourn by Lyle Guillory. Motion seconded by Dutcher Jumonville. ***Motion passed. No oppositions.***

President Signature

Date

Secretary/Treasurer Signature

Date