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MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING AT 9:00AM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 IN THE QUEEN ANNE BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL MONTELEONE, 214 ROYAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON ONLY.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2024, JUNE 4, 2024 & JUNE 7, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

I. MISCELLANEOUS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT DATES

1. **Discussion/Comments** regarding Fair Grounds move-in and move-out dates.

B. DISCUSSION/NOTICE OF INTENT:

1. **Discussion/Comments** regarding "House Rules" Notice of Intent, published in the *Louisiana Register* on 7/20/24.
 - LAC 35:III. Chapter 57 – Associations' Duties and Obligations - §5728. House Rules

II. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS/REPORTS

A. BOYD RACING, LLC d/b/a DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK, CASINO & HOTEL

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. **Update** on infrastructure, escrow, and other points.

2024-2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet.
- b. **Approval** of designated races for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet:

10/11/2024	Louisiana Legacy
10/11/2024	Louisiana Jewel
10/11/2024	Gold Cup
10/11/2024	Magnolia
10/26/2024	Sweet Home Alabama Special (Alabama Bred)
11/08/2024	Treasure Chest
11/08/2024	Delta Mile
11/08/2024	My Trusty Cat
11/08/2024	Jean Lafitte
12/27/2024	Boyd Rewards
12/27/2024	Rosewater
01/03/2025	Sam's Town
01/03/2025	Orleans

02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Bon Temps Starter
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Ladies Starter
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Gentlemen Starter
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Starlet
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Prince
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Matron
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Sprint
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Distaff
 02/01/2025 La. Bred Premier Night Championship

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet:

John Simon – Director of Racing Operations/Racing Secretary
 Danielle Birzer – Asst. Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
 Freddie Carrier, Jr. – Association Steward
 Jeff Jerman – Association Steward
 Darby Jones – Clerk of Scales
 David Gordon – Head Clocker
 Jeremy Courville – Head Starter
 Melissa Dueitt – Horse Identifier
 Steve Nick – Jocks Room Custodian
 Baylee Istre – Outrider
 Dale Beaty – Outrider
 Adriana Vallejo - Outrider
 Becky Leblanc – Paddock Judge/Program Coordinator
 TBA - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
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 Mohamed Alikhan – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
 Jess Chance – Stall Superintendent
 Aaron Pelt – Track Superintendent

b. Approval of Bobby Granger to serve as state steward for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet.

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET

4. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

5. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

a. Approval for 2025 live quarter horse meet:

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.
2. 46 quarter horse dates (4/25/25 through 7/12/25):
 - April 25, 26, 30
 - May 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
 - June 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
 - July 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12
3. Hold minimum of 8 live quarter horse races on Wednesdays and Thursdays and hold a minimum of 9 live quarter horse races on Fridays and Saturdays
4. Post time 6:15 PM

6. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

a. Approval for wagering format for 2025 live quarter horse meet:

1. \$1 WPS
2. Exacta on all races

3. \$1 Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
4. \$.50 Trifecta on all races with 5 or more entries
5. \$.10 Superfecta on all races with 6 or more entries
6. \$.50 Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
7. \$.50 Pick 4 races 2-5 & the last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
8. \$.50 Pick 5 on first 5 and last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and other points.

2024 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. STEWARD

- a. Approval of Charles Ashy, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2024 quarter horse meet.

2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET

3. LICENSE APPROVALS

- a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet:
 1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
 2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
 3. Serve as concessionaire.

4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A) AND POST TIMES

- a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred horse meet:
 1. Thoroughbred horse racing on the flat
 2. 76 thoroughbred race dates (4/2/25 through 8/23/25):

April	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30
May	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31
June	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28
July	3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18,19,24,25,26,31
August	1,2,7,8,9,14,15,16,21,22,23
 3. Hold minimum of 8.5 live thoroughbred horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
 4. Post time 5:30 PM

5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. Approval for wagering format for 2025 thoroughbred horse meet:
 1. WPS & Exacta on all races
 2. Rolling Daily Double on all races
 3. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
 4. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
 5. Pick 4 on first 4 and last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
 6. Pick 5 on first 5 races and last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 4
 7. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)

C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS

1. PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and other points.
- b. Address from Churchill Downs corporate team.

2024 QUARTER HORSE MEET**2. RACES**

- a. Ratification of first condition book for 2024 quarter horse meet.
- b. Ratification of designated races for 2024 quarter horse meet:

08/16/2024	The Gentilly Dash
08/17/2024	The Treme Stakes
08/17/2024	The Audubon Stakes
08/31/2024	The Faubourg St. John Stakes
09/07/2024	The French Quarter Stakes
09/07/2024	The Mid-City Stakes
09/07/2024	The Lakeview Dash
09/07/2024	The Esplanade Stakes
09/13/2024	The Big Easy Futurity
09/13/2024	The Desaix Stakes
09/14/2024	LQHBA Sale Futurity
09/14/2024	LQHBA Debutante
09/14/2024	LQHBA Juvenile

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. Ratification of officials for 2024 quarter horse race meet:

Jason M. Boulet - Sr. Director of Racing
Scott L. Jones - Racing Secretary
Jeffrey Johnston - Paddock Judge/Stakes Coordinator
Sean Daniels - Program Coordinator/Claims Clerk
Chester Bonnett -Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
*Lisa Gabriel - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Derek Ducoing - Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
Melissa Dueitt - Identifier
Robert Burnaman – Placing Judge
*Claire Alyse Hudson – Entry Clerk/Teletimer
David P. Wedlake - Association Steward
Fred Carrier - Association Steward
Robert Mayer - Outrider
Tavis Smith - Outrider
Garrett Broussard - Clerk of Scales
Waverly Parsons - Jockey Room Custodian
Mario Torres - Stall Superintendent
Julie Daugherty - Clocker
Mike Diliberto - Clocker/ Track Handicapper
Paul Stutes - Starter
Pedro Zavala - Track Superintendent
*Denotes first time racing official.

- b. Ratification of Charles Ashy, Jr to serve as state steward for 2024 quarter horse meet.

2024-2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET**4. STEWARD**

- a. Approval of Charles Ashy, Jr to serve as state steward for 2024-2025 thoroughbred meet.

**D. LOUISIANA DOWNS INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a LOUISIANA DOWNS CASINO & RACETRACK****1. PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. Update on infrastructure, escrow, and other points.

2024 THOROUGHBRED MEET**2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT****a. Ratification of officials for 2024 thoroughbred meet:**

Matthew Crawford – Racing Secretary
Tammy Peck – Assistant Racing Secretary
Roxanne Tanner – Ambassador
Mayo “Slim” Newhouse – Horse Identifier/Paddock Judge
Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge
Kenneth Loggins – Placing Judge
Jacque Bohannon – Placing Judge
Herberto Castillo – Clerk of Scales
Jordan Jerman – Clerk of Course/Office Manager
Whitney Pellerito – Program Coordinator/Claims Clerk
Jacque Bohannon – Clocker
Cherie Hurlbutt – Clocker
Jimmy Cordell – Starter
Mike Phillips – Outrider
Kevin Melancon – Outrider
Natalie Ardoin – Stall Superintendent
John McGary – Announcer
Billy McKeever – Track Superintendent

2025 QUARTER HORSE MEET**3. LICENSE APPROVALS****a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:**

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

4. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES**a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet:**

1. Quarter horse racing on the flat.
2. 46 quarter horse dates (1/10/25 through 4/12/25):

January	10,11,16,17,18,23,24,25,30,31
February	1,6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,26,27,28
March	1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
April	2,3,4,5,11,12
3. Hold minimum of 7 live quarter horse races daily
4. Post time 1:05 PM

5. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)**a. Approval for 2025 quarter horse meet wagering:**

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
8. Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 7
9. Super Hi-5 on the last race

6. STEWARD

- a. Approval of Roy Wood, Jr. to serve as state steward for 2025 quarter horse meet.

2025 THOROUGHBRED MEET**7. LICENSE APPROVALS**

- a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet:

1. 10-year license to own and operate a race track, per R.S. 4:158.
2. 10-year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
3. Serve as concessionaire.

8. RACING DATES (R.S. 4:158A), RACES AND POST TIMES

- a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet:

1. Thoroughbred racing on the flat
2. 76 thoroughbred race dates (5/1/25 through 9/27/25)

May	1,2,3,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,26,29,30,31
June	5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28
July	2,3,4,5,8,9,10,15,16,17,22,23,24,29,30,31
August	5,6,7,12,13,14,19,20,21,26,27,28,30
September	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,13,16,17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26,27
3. Hold a minimum of 7 live thoroughbred races daily.
4. Daily post time 4:05 PM

9. WAGERING (LAC 35:XIII.Ch 103-127)

- a. Approval for 2025 thoroughbred meet wagering:

1. WPS & Exacta on all races
2. Rolling Daily Double beginning with Race 1
3. Rolling Pick 3 beginning with Race 1
4. Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
5. Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing*
6. Pick 4 on last 4 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
7. Pick 5 on last 5 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 1
8. Pick 6 on last 6 races using Pick N Wagering Method Number 7
9. Super Hi-5 on the last race

III. HBPA UPDATE**A. LOUISIANA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (LaHBPA)****1. PROGRESS REPORT**

2. LaHBPA request approval from the LSRC, with the agreement of Fair Grounds, Evangeline Downs, and the LaQHBA, to transfer the three Champion's Day quarter horse races and the corresponding \$300,000 in purse funds from the Fair Grounds 2024-2025 TB Meet to the Evangeline Downs 2024 QH Meet.

IV. BREEDER UPDATES**A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)****1. PROGRESS REPORT****B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)****1. PROGRESS REPORT**

V. OTHER

A. HHR

1. **Approval** to designate BMM Testlabs as an independent testing laboratory for Historical Horse Racing operations in Louisiana.

VI. ADJUDICATIONS

A. VIOLATION OF LAC 35:7901 (Careless Riding)

1. **Juan Vargas, Jockey** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Ruling #ED25419 of 06/06/24 Careless Riding

B. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1797 (Equine Positives)

1. **Gilberto Rosales, Trainer** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #LD25329 of 03/22/24 Boldenone (ARCI Category III)
Ruling #LD25339 of 03/27/24 Testosterone (ARCI Category III)
Ruling #LD25340 of 03/27/24 Testosterone (ARCI Category III)
Ruling #LD25341 of 03/27/24 Testosterone (ARCI Category III)
Ruling #DD25372 of 05/03/24 Ractopamine (ARCI Category II)
2. **Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr., Trainer** *(Adjudications Appealed)*
Ruling #LD25344 of 03/28/24 Albuterol (Category III)
Ruling #LD25345 of 03/28/24 Albuterol (Category III)
Continued to Next Commission Meeting.
3. **Jason H. Magnon, Trainer** *(Adjudications Referred)*
Ruling #ED25215 of 12/18/23 D-Methamphetamine (Cat. I)
Ruling #ED25225 of 12/19/23 D-Methamphetamine (Cat. I)
Continued to Next Commission Meeting.

C. APPEALS OF STEWARDS' DISQUALIFICATION; LAC 35:V.7901, *et seq.* (Right to the Track; Swerve; Disqualification of Offending Horse)

1. **Carrol Castille, Trainer** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Delta Downs, October 13, 2023, Race 8 Appeal of Disqualification
2. **Clyde Taylor, Owner** *(Adjudication Appealed)*
Fair Grounds, March 13, 2024 Race 8 Appeal of Disqualification
Appeal Withdrawn

D. VIOLATIONS OF LAC 35:I.1801 (Animal Neglect/Cruelty)

1. **Thomas W. Sam, Jr., Trainer** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #DD23687 of 10/24/19
Ruling #DD23756 of 12/06/19
2. **Keith T. Sam, Owner/Groom** *(Adjudications Referred & Appealed)*
Ruling #DD23688 of 10/24/19
Ruling #DD23757 of 12/06/19

VII. LICENSE APPROVAL

A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (La. R.S. 4:150(B))

- 1. Ezequiel Villarreal, Trainer. Convicted Felon.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



Stephen Landy
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 2:00PM.

**DISCUSSION OF NOTICE OF INTENT RULE
PUBLISHED IN JULY 20, 2024 LOUISIANA REGISTER**

**Title 35
HORSE RACING
Part III. Personnel, Registration and Licensing**

Chapter 57. Associations' Duties and Obligations

§5728. House Rules

A. An association shall not have house rules that are inconsistent with and/or contrary to the commission's rules, regulations, and directives.

1. All association house rules in place when this rule is promulgated will remain in place until the end of the association's current active race meet.

2. New association house rules shall first be submitted to the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association for their review and then submitted to the commission for approval noting whether or not the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association is in agreement or disagreement with the proposed new house rules.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:147 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 50: