

LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES – April 22, 2013 Meeting
As transcribed by Dana Schoultz, Certified Court Reporter

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry F. Meaux, *Chairman*
Bob F. Wright, *First Vice Chairman*
Dion Young, *Second Vice Chairman*
Keith W. Babb
Kevin S. Delahoussaye
Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D.
Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.
Richard M. "Dick" Hollier, Jr.
Kenneth "Kenu" Romero
Judy W. Wagner

ABSENT

None

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the Riverview Room (16th Floor) of the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve the meeting minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren*. Mr. Warren informs that Delta Downs 2012-2013 Thoroughbred Meet ended on March 23, 2013. He informs the live handle was up 2%; the bet-in handle was up 13% and the simulcast handle was up 7%. He informs the handle was higher due to the increased number of simulcast sites accepting Delta Downs' live feed. He informs the average field size was 9.7 per race and they ended their 87-day thoroughbred meet with 897 races. He states the average bet-in handle was \$1.6 million dollars. He informs Delta Jackpot was the highlight of the meet with 3 horses in contention to enter the Kentucky Derby. He informs Delta Downs is preparing for the 2013 quarter horse meet which starts on Friday, April 26, 2013.

2012/2013 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. **RACING DATES**

- a. **Ratification** of canceling Wednesday, January 9, 2013 and adding Wednesday, March 20, 2013 due to weather conditions.

Mr. Romero motions to approve; Dr. Grimstad and Mr. Young second; motion carries.

2013 QUARTER HORSE MEET

3. RACES

a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2013 quarter horse meet.

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

b. **Approval** of designated races for 2013 quarter horse meet:

4/26/13	Vinton RG-3
4/27/13	John Alleman Memorial RG-3
5/11/13	Mother's Day
5/17/13	Delta 550 Championship
5/18/13	The Old South Derby
5/18/13	The Old South Futurity
5/24/13	Lassie Futurity RG2
5/24/13	Louisiana Purchase
5/25/13	Laddie Futurity RG-2
5/25/13	Develop a Plan Grade III
6/1/13	Louisiana Bred Graduation
6/8/13	Virgil Bond
6/8/13	Vals Fortune RG-3
6/21/13	Alabama Futurity
6/29/13	Miss Polly Classic
7/4/13	Firecracker Futurity Grade II
7/6/13	Firecracker Derby
7/13/13	Delta Downs Derby RG-2
7/13/13	Lee Berwick Futurity RG-1
7/13/13	Flying Breed Stakes
7/13/13	Louisiana Juvenile
7/13/13	Flashy Hemp
7/13/13	Louisiana Classic RG-2
7/13/13	Live Oak

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

4. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. **Approval** of officials for 2013 quarter horse meet (4/26/13 - 7 /13/13):

- Chris Warren – Director of Racing
 - John Simon – Racing Secretary
 - Mohamed Ali Khan – Asst. Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
 - Steve Ruff and Galen Boutte – Association Stewards
 - Duane Domingue – Paddock Judge/Alternate Association Steward
 - Hayward Stewart, Cindy Richards and Mark Gilbert – Outriders
 - Bryan Schultz – Trackman Supervisor
 - Dennis Schmidt – Starter
 - *Hugh Lyons – Clerk of Scales
 - Jason Grudzien – Head Clocker
 - *Susan Berard – Horse Identifier
 - Leonard (Gene) Wasson – Stall Superintendent
 - Michael Bennett – Jocks Room Custodian/Assistant Clerk of Scales
 - Steve Nick, Phillip Walker, Charles Sonnier & Rose Caster – Placing Judges/Racing Office Staff
- *new official*

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

2013/2014 THOROUGHBRED MEET

5. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2013-2014 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158
- (2) For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
- (3) To serve as concessionaire

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

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

a. Approval for 2013-2014 Thoroughbred meet:

- (1) Thoroughbred racing on the flat
- ~~(2) 88 Thoroughbred race dates (10/4/13 through 3/8/14)~~
 - ~~October 4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31~~
 - ~~November 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,29,30~~
 - ~~December 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,26,27,28~~
 - ~~January 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31~~
 - ~~February 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28~~
 - ~~March 1,5,6,7,8~~

AMENDED

- (2) 88 Thoroughbred race dates (10/11/13 through 3/15/14)
 - October 11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31
 - November 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,29,30
 - December 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,26,27,28
 - January 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31
 - February 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28
 - March 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15

- (3) Hold minimum of 9 live Thoroughbred races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
- (4) Dark – no live racing on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2013 and on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2013.
- (5) Daily post time 5:45 PM except for Jackpot Day (Date-TBA), 1:15 PM post time.

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

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

a. Approval for wagering format for 2013-2014 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) \$1 WPS & exacta on all races

- (2) 50¢ Trifecta on all races with 5 or more entries
- (3) 10¢ Superfecta on selected races with 6 or more entries
- (4) 50¢ Pick 3 on 2nd thru last race
- (5) 50¢ Pick 4 on first 4 & last 4 races
- (6) 50¢ Pick 5 on last 5 races
- (7) \$1 Rolling Daily Double on first through last races

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

B. OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Steve Darbonne*. Mr. Darbonne informs Evangeline Downs 2013 Thoroughbred Meet started on April 17, 2013. He informs, so far, after 8 days of racing, Evangeline Downs has had 89 races and is averaging 11 horses per race. He informs the handle is flat, but there seems to be an increase of promotions and advertising since Boyd Gaming acquired the track, which should help the handle. He informs Evangeline Downs' representatives met with the horsemen and jockeys and all parties are very satisfied with the conditions of the track surface. Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Darbonne to address why Evangeline Downs cancelled some races on the second night of racing. He informs the jockeys complained about the height of the grass; however, the grass was cut yesterday (April 21, 2013) and the issue has been resolved.

2013 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. **Ratification** of *Mariah Quebedeaux to serve as claims clerk for the 2013 thoroughbred race meet.

**new official*

Mr. Delahoussaye motions to approve; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

2013 QUARTER HORSE MEET

3. LICENSE APPROVALS

- a. **Approval** for 2013 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) For 10 year license to own and operate a racetrack, per R.S. 4:158
- (2) For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
- (3) To serve as concessionaire
- (4) To operate as official training facility during off-season

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

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

- a. **Approval** for 2013 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) Quarter Horse racing on the flat
- (2) 46 Quarter Horse dates (10/2/13 through 12/19/13)
 - October 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31
 - November 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,26,27,29,30
 - December 4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19

- (3) Hold minimum of 9 live Quarter Horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
- (4) Daily post time 5:40 PM

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

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

a. Approval for wagering format for 2013 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) WPS, Quinella, & Exacta on all races
- (2) Daily Double on first 2 and last 2 races
- (3) Trifecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11115)
- (4) Pick 3 Races 2-4, Races 5-7, Races 8-10
- (5) Pick 4 last four races
- (6) Superfecta on all races complying with the *Rules of Racing* (§11701)

Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS**

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT, by Mr. Eric Halstrom.** Mr. Halstrom informs Fair Grounds ended their 2012-2013 Thoroughbred Meet on March 31, 2013. He informs the handle was down 6% due mostly to unusual weather conditions during the middle of the meet. He informs 40 of their 84 race days were run off of the turf course. He informs the Louisiana Derby had a record handle of almost \$13 million dollars. He informs the Louisiana Derby infield festival was a major accomplishment for an inaugural event. He informs Fair Grounds is preparing for the Jazz Festival and then preparation will begin for the 2013 quarter horse meet which will begin August 16, 2013. Mr. Halstrom compliments Fair Grounds State Steward, Roy Wood, and his staff for being very helpful.

Mr. Halstrom informs he spoke with Mr. Delahoussaye regarding an amendment to Fair Grounds' racing dates for the 2013-2014 thoroughbred meet and he will be working with him to shift some of the March dates throughout the race meet. An amendment will be submitted to the commission for approval at a later meeting.

Dr. Grimstad asks Mr. Halstrom to provide the commission with the average number of starters per race for the last meet. Mr. Halstrom informs there were 8.4 starters per race. Dr. Grimstad asks Mr. Halstrom if he knows the industry average of starters per race. Mr. Halstrom provides some statistical information to Dr. Grimstad, but states he is not positive how Fair Grounds ranks within the industry.

Dr. Grimstad asks Mr. Halstrom if there has been any testing on the turf course. Mr. Halstrom informs testing occurs after the Jazz Festival. Dr. Grimstad states it is incumbent upon Churchill Downs to get the turf course in a condition where it can be used more frequently. Dr. Grimstad states Fair Grounds must have all interested parties get together and correct the existing conditions of the turf course. Mr. Halstrom states there will be a thorough evaluation of the drainage issues and track surface after the Jazz Festival.

Dr. Grimstad states that he thought the figures for the declining handle were more significant than reported by Mr. Halstrom; however, he felt Mr. Halstrom's figures were probably more accurate.

Dr. Grimstad asks Mr. Halstrom if Fair Grounds will institute the Pick 6 wager which is scheduled for a vote later in the meeting. Mr. Halstrom informs Fair Grounds will try the wager if available.

Mr. Meaux asks Mr. Halstrom if the TV issues at the Elmwood OTB have been resolved. Mr. Halstrom states the table monitors will not be replaced in high volume because they are hard to buy, install and maintain. Mr. Romero asks Mr. Halstrom if different TV monitors can be installed since the table top monitors are difficult to replace. Mr. Halstrom states they are currently replacing tabletop monitors with new monitors at some, but not at all locations.

Mr. Babb asks Mr. Halstrom to provide a racing schedule for the 2013 quarter horse meet. Mr. Halstrom states Fair Grounds will have a 14-day (a total of 4 weekends) quarter horse meet that begins on Friday, August 16, 2013. He states a week of racing was lost during the 2012 quarter horse meet due to Hurricane Isaac, so more days were added back this year.

2013/2014 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. LICENSE APPROVALS

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- (2) For 10 year license to own and operate OTB locations, per R.S. 4:211 et seq.
- (3) To serve as concessionaire

Mr. Young motions to approve; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

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

a. Approval for 2013-2014 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) Thoroughbred racing on the flat
- (2) 84 Thoroughbred race dates (11/22/13 through 3/30/14)
 - November 22,23,24,28,29,30
 - December 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,31
 - January 1,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26,30,31
 - February 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,27,28
 - March 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,12,13,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30
- (3) Hold up to 13 live Thoroughbred races daily
- (4) Daily post time TBA

Mr. Young motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

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

a. Approval for wagering format for 2013-2014 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) WPS and Exactas on all races
- (2) Trifectas and Superfectas on all races that qualify

- (3) Rolling Pick 3 beginning on Race 1
- (4) Rolling Daily Double beginning on Race 1
- (5) Up to 2 Pick 4's
- (6) Super High 5 on last race
- (7) Pick 6 – on last 6 races

Mr. Young motions to approve; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Guilbeau asks Mr. Halstrom if the Fair Grounds plans on dropping the Black Gold Bet. Mr. Halstrom informs Fair Grounds has no intention of dropping the Black Gold Bet (aka Black Gold 5/Pick 5).

Mr. Young motions to amend Fair Grounds wagering format for 2013-2014 thoroughbred meet to include Black Gold 5; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

**D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS**

PROGRESS REPORT, by *Mr. David Heitzmann*. Mr. Heitzmann, Racing Secretary of Louisiana Downs, informs Louisiana Downs 2013 Thoroughbred Meet starts on May 3, 2013. He informs there are currently 1,000 horses on the backside with a capacity of around 1,350 to 1,400 stalls. He informs the animal feed operation project is 85% complete and should be finished by opening day. He informs Barn C2 was recently renovated at a cost of \$120,000. He informs the feedback has been positive from both the horsemen and riders. Mr. Heitzmann informs Billy McKeever and his group are doing an excellent job maintaining the dirt and turf course. He informs Super Derby will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

2013 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

a. Approval of first condition book for 2013 Thoroughbred race meet.

b. Approval of designated races for the 2013 Thoroughbred race meet:

- 6/1/13 John Franks Memorial
- 6/1/13 Honeymoon
- 8/3/13 Sunny's Halo
- 8/3/13 Donnie Wilhite Memorial
- 8/3/13 Barksdale
- 8/3/13 Super Derby Prelude
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Juvenile
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Derby
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Oaks
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Filly & Mare Sprint
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Sprint
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Turf Classic
- 8/17/13 Louisiana Cup Distaff
- 9/7/13 Temperence Hill
- 9/7/13 Unbridled
- 9/7/13 River Cities
- 9/7/13 Happy Ticket
- 9/7/13 Sunday Silence
- 9/7/13 Super Derby (G2)

- 9/21/13 LA Stallion Stakes (F)
- 9/21/13 LA Stallion Stakes (C&G)
- 9/21/13 Elge Rasberry Sales Graduate
- 9/21/13 A.L. "Red" Erwin Sales Graduate

Mr. Hollier motions to approve first condition book and designated races; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2013 Thoroughbred meet:

- Trent McIntosh – Director of Operations
- David Heitzmann – Racing Secretary
- Russell Ramstad – Assistant Racing Secretary
- William Coleman – Association Steward
- David Wedlake – Association Steward
- Jimmy Cordell – Starter
- Braulio Baeza, Sr. – Clerk of Scales
- Richard Miguez - Custodian
- Ronald Ramstad – Placing Judge
- Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge
- Jennifer Sokol – Placing Judge
- Joseph Peluso – Paddock Judge
- Tammy Peck – Horse Identifier
- Lisa Lombardino – Program Coordinator/Claims
- Betty Fetters – Clocker
- Herbert Lambert – Clocker
- Laura Hollowoa – Outrider
- Juan Roman - Outrider

Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D.

No report.

B. RULES COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Keith W. Babb

No report.

C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Bob F. Wright

No report. Mr. Wright asks to have an executive session before the end of the commission meeting. Commissioners motion for an executive session; commissioners second; motion carries.

D. SECURITY COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Kenneth "Kenu" Romero

Mr. Romero asks Lieutenant Lamar Davis from the State Police to provide a progress report regarding racetrack security issues. Lt. Davis informs State Police has begun its second year working on the backside of all Louisiana tracks. He informs they have

increased personnel by 30% at all facilities, which in effect, caused a decrease in incidents. He informs they are currently working with track personnel, stewards and committee members to identify any potential problems. He informs they are currently working at Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs and have not identified any issues or criminal activity. In the previous month, one arrest was made for theft.

E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Kevin Delahoussaye

Mr. Delahoussaye informs he visited Delta Downs last month and all pending issues have been resolved. He informs he recently visited the backside of Evangeline Downs and everything seems to be fine. He states he will visit Louisiana Downs' backside sometime in May during the 2013 Thoroughbred racing season.

III. OTHER

A. Training Tracks:

1. Review of applications for training track licenses pursuant to LAC 46: XLI.1903-1907.

a. Folsom Training Center, represented by Mr. Merlin Marechal.

Ms. Loney informs the Folsom Training Center's application is in order. Mr. Guilbeau motions to approve; Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

b. The Training Center at Copper Crowne, LLC, represented by Mr. David Tillson.

Ms. Loney informs the Training Center at Copper Crowne, LLC's application is in order. Mr. Romero motions to approve; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

c. Evangeline Training Center, represented by Mr. A.J. Credeur.

Ms. Loney informs the Evangeline Training Center's application is in order. Mr. Delahoussaye motions to approve; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

d. Benton Training Center, represented by Ms. Dorsey Thibodeaux.

Ms. Loney informs the Benton Training Center's application is in order. Mr. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

B. Thoroughbred Retirement Network of Louisiana:

1. Presentation by Dr. Cindy D'Atrio regarding the Thoroughbred Retirement Network of Louisiana.

Dr. Cindy D'Atrio, co-owner of the Thoroughbred Retirement Network of Louisiana, informs they are a legitimate non-profit organization that has been in existence since 2009. She informs the purpose of her organization is to repurpose thoroughbreds after they retire from racing. She informs her organization rehabilitates horses and retrains them so they can be placed into a good home. She informs too many horses are discarded after they are finished with their racing career. Dr. D'Atrio says she wants to educate the industry, community lay people and school children that thoroughbreds have a purpose after racing in many other productive ways. She asks the commission to support her organization by reaching out to more people. Dr. D'Atrio then reviews her literature hand-out with the commission regarding her organization's mission. Mr. Babb asks Dr. D'Atrio if her organization charges to adopt a horse. Dr. D'Atrio informs

it is a very nominal fee between \$500 and \$1,000 dollars. Sponsorships average between \$300 to \$350 dollars per month. Others donate equipment and/or volunteer their time. Mr. Gardiner asks the commission and horsemen to assist the Thoroughbred Retirement Network of Louisiana by networking with others in the industry to support their mission.

IV. RULES

A. Formal Adoption:

Ms. Loney informs both of the following rules scheduled for formal adoption were published as notices on intent in the November 2012 *Louisiana Register*. She informs there were no verbal or written comments submitted to the commission regarding these rules.

1. LAC 35:IX. Chapter 91 – Weight Penalties and Allowances
§9105. Disputed Race

Mr. Gardiner briefly explains the contents of the rule.

Mr. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

2. LAC 35: I. Chapter 15 – Permitted Medication
§1505. Nonsteroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory Medication

Mr. Gardiner briefly explains the contents of the rule.

Dr. Grimstad motions to approve; Commissioners second; motion carries.

B. Notice of Intent and/or Discussion:

1. LAC 35: XIII. Chapter 110 – Pick 5 and Pick 6
§11003. Pick 6

Mr. Gardiner states that initially Louisiana Downs approached the commission regarding the adoption of this rule. Mr. Guilbeau asks if this rule is only for Louisiana Downs. Mr. Gardiner informs this rule is statewide. Ms. Loney explains the details of the rule and informs the Pick 6 rule is essentially the same as the Pick 5 rule, which was adopted last year. Dr. Grimstad asks if this rule will replace the Super Six wager. Ms. Loney informs the Pick 6 wager will not replace the Super Six wager. Dr. Grimstad asks if the commission designates the minimum amount of the wager. Ms. Loney informs the track designates the amount of the wager.

Dr. Grimstad motions to approve Pick 6 as a notice of intent with the caveat that the tracks are instructed to name the bet uniquely so that it is not confused with the old Pick 6 rule and/or Super Six rule (Ms. Loney states this will be clarified at the next meeting); Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

V. LICENSE APPROVAL

A. LICENSE APPROVAL REQUEST [LA. REV. STAT. 4:150(B)(2)]

- 1. **Jason H. Magnon, Trainer.** Convicted felon. Mr. Young motions to approve Mr. Magnon for a Trainer's license provided he submits a negative hair test. Mr. Delahoussaye amends Mr. Young's motion; approves the Trainer's license conditioned upon submitting a negative hair test at his own expense and thereafter providing a negative urine test bi-weekly for 1 year at his own expense. Mr. Hollier seconds the amended motion; motion carries.

VI. ADJUDICATION

A. ADJUDICATION REFERRED (La. R. S. 4:172)

- 1. **John E. Bernard, Trainer.** Ruling#DD20022 of 3/22/13 – *Human Drug Testing - 4th offense*. Mr. Wright motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling and suspend Mr. Bernard for 15 years effective 4-22-13 thru 4-21-28 for a 4th violation of LAC 35:I.1791 "Testing for Dangerous Substance Abuse". Mr. Bernard is denied access to all race tracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission. Mr. Young seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Wright motions to go into executive session to discuss prospective litigation, development of security personnel and investigative procedures. Mr. Young seconds; motion carries. (The commission takes a 15-minute break then goes into executive session then comes out of executive session).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wagner motions to adjourn; Mr. Young seconds; Mr. Meaux adjourns the meeting.



Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director