

# LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION MINUTES – July 10, 2020 Emergency Meeting

## COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bob F. Wright, *Chairman*  
Judy W. Wagner, *First Vice Chairperson*  
Dr. Patrick Bernard  
Thomas B. Calvert  
Donald “Don” Cravins  
K. R. “Ron” Finkelstein, O.D.  
Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.  
Mike R. McHalfey  
Louis Reine  
Kenneth “Kenu” Romero

## ABSENT

R. Hamilton “Hammy” Davis  
Eric G. Johnson  
Mike Shelton

# APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of

9-2-2020

(Date)



Executive Director  
Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) was called to order by the First Vice Chairperson on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM on the Conference Call. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

## I. REQUESTS

### A. HARRAH’S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC d/b/a HARRAH’S LOUISIANA DOWNS

#### 1. HARRAH’S FUTURITY PURSE FUNDS

- a. **Discussion/Action** on Payment of Purse Funds for the Cancelled 2020 Harrah’s Quarter Horse Futurity.

Mr. Charles Gardiner III, Executive Director of LSRC, informs that this issue involves deciding whether \$75,000 in added funds for the purses should be distributed equally among the nine futurity qualifiers or if the funds should be retained for the future quarter horse meet at Louisiana Downs. He states that another decision to make is whether the jockey fees should be paid equally among the qualifying jockeys in distributing these funds per the calculations shared by Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of the Louisiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA).

Mr. Bruce Salard, Executive Director of LQHBA, states that the total purse funds for this futurity should be paid out to the qualifiers due to the fees they paid to participate and in anticipation of the total, advertised purse amount.

Ms. Kathryn Jenkins, General Manager of Louisiana Downs, informs that Louisiana Downs will have reduced purses for the 2021 quarter horse meet due to the COVID-19 closures, so moving this money would help 2021 purses for all participating horsemen.

Commissioner Reine motions to distribute the full Cancelled 2020 Harrah's Quarter Horse Futurity purse funds, including the \$75,000 added money, evenly among the futurity qualifiers and distribute jockeys fees as described by LaHBPA from the purse funds evenly among the futurity-qualifying jockeys; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

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

**1. LAHBPA REQUEST**

- a. Approval** of Slot Purse Funds Earned in June and July 2020 of Delta Downs' Quarter Horse Meet to be Dispersed at the Next Delta Downs Quarter Horse Meet, Anticipated for 2021.

Commissioner Wagner motions to approve; Commissioner Romero seconds; motion carries.

**C. OTHER**

**1. EXTENSION OF LICENSE EXPIRATION**

- a. Approval** of Extension for 2020 Licenses Expiration to July 31, 2020 due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve; Commissioner Finkelstein seconds; motion carries.

**2. UNCASHED TICKETS DEADLINE**

- a. Approval** of Deadline Extension for Uncashed Tickets to 90 Days after Date of Commission Approval Due to COVID-19 Pandemic-related Closures for the Following Race Meets:

- 1. Delta Downs 2019-2020 Thoroughbred Meet
- 2. Fair Grounds 2019-2020 Thoroughbred Meet
- 3. Louisiana Downs 2020 Quarter Horse Meet

Commissioner Reine motions to approve Deadline Extension for Uncashed Tickets to 90 Days after July 10, 2020 for the three race meets listed; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Romero motions to adjourn; Commissioner Wagner seconds; Chairman Wright adjourns the meeting.



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Charles A. Gardiner III  
Executive Director