

**LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES – October 28, 2019 Meeting**

As transcribed by Julia D. Harper, Certified Court Reporter

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT

Thomas B. Calvert
R. Hamilton "Hammy" Davis
Eric G. Johnson
Mike Shelton

APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of

1-27-2020

(Date)



Executive Director
Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission (LSRC) was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Queen Anne Ballroom of the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Commissioner Reine motions to approve the meeting minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting, the July 22, 2019 meeting, and the August 19, 2019 meeting; Commissioner Cravins 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, Director of Racing*. Mr. Warren informs that Delta Downs' 84-day 2019-2020 Thoroughbred Meet started on October 8, 2019. He states that handle is up 11%, which is likely due to their post time adjustments. He says that they've received positive feedback on the dirt track since the meet started. He informs that Premier Night featuring Louisiana-bred horses will occur on February 8, 2020 and that the meet will end on February 29, 2020. He says that the barn area is nearly full.

2019-2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

- a. **Ratification** of designated races for 2019-2020 thoroughbred meet as provided in Agenda.

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

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. **Ratification** of officials for 2019-2020 thoroughbred meet as provided in Agenda.

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

2020 QUARTER HORSE MEET

4. STEWARD

- a. **Approval** of Tom Davis to serve as State Steward for 2020 quarter horse meet.

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

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Chris Warren, Director of Racing*. Mr. Warren informs that Evangeline Downs' 46-day 2019 Quarter Horse Meet started on September 7, 2019 and will end on December 14, 2019. He states that, per the request of the breeders, Evangeline Downs will split their stakes schedule between December 7, 2019, featuring the LQHBA Million Futurity, and December 14, 2019, featuring the Evangeline Downs Futurity. He says that handle is up 2% and California OTB dictates a lot of Evangeline Downs' handle. He informs that Evangeline Downs cancelled its races on October 25, 2019 per the request of the jockeys due to the standing rain water that made it dangerous to run on the track.

Commissioner Romero asks what management is doing about a reported problem with cigarette smoke at Evangeline Downs' OTB parlor in St. Martinville. Mr. Warren responds that the Mutuel Manager has been working to accommodate the bettors who reported the problem but that the OTB doesn't have a non-smoking area. He says that he will look into the issue further with the OTB general manager.

Commissioner Wagner asks if the cancelled races will be made up on future race days. Mr. Warren responds that if there is enough purse money and enough horses for fuller field sizes near the end of the meet, they will add races to make up for the cancelled ones.

2019 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACES

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2019 quarter horse meet.
b. **Ratification** of designated races for 2019 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda.

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. **Ratification** of officials for 2019 quarter horse meet as provided in Agenda

Commissioner Cravins motions to approve Items #2 & #3; Commissioner Wagner seconds; motion carries.

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Jason Boulet, Senior Director of Racing*. Mr. Boulet informs that Fair Grounds' 10-day 2019 Quarter Horse Meet ended on September 7, 2019. He states that on-track handle was up 13% but all-source handle was down 7%. He says that thoroughbreds were allowed to move-in starting September 9, 2019 to accommodate the horses displaced by the Evangeline Training Center's closure. He states that there are 600 thoroughbreds on the property with more coming over the next few weeks. He informs that they had over 150 trainers apply for stalls this year and have granted stalls to Fair Grounds regulars as well as 18 new trainers.

Mr. Boulet says that Fair Grounds' 81-day 2019-2020 Thoroughbred Meet will be its 148th season starting on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019 and will have a lot of competition from out-of-state race tracks and Delta Downs. He states that Fair Grounds will have the only thoroughbred meet in Louisiana in March 2020 due to their agreement with Delta Downs and hopes to finish strong. He informs that Churchill Downs has invested in Fair Grounds roof repairs annually and backside repairs to deal with the aging property. He states that the turf course is in great shape. He says that they are continuing work on the EPA issue and are close to being in compliance to satisfy the EPA.

Commissioner Wagner asks how will Churchill Downs purchasing Turfway Park, located in Florence, Kentucky, affect overlapping race days and competition with Fair Grounds. Mr. Boulet responds that Churchill Downs will be assisting Turfway Park with purse supplements until they install their historic racing machines and will build a whole new Turfway Park facility. He says that there is concern that these improvements will draw more out-of-state trainers from Fair Grounds to Turfway Park but that Fair Grounds still has the advantages of a turf course and milder winter weather. He states that Turfway Park will still run the same thoroughbred months as Fair Grounds but that they are not certain if Churchill Downs will change anything for future meets.

Commissioner Reine asks about the unnamed Association Steward on Fair Grounds' Officials application. Mr. Boulet responds that their regular Association Steward, Mr. Brook Hawkins, has taken a position with the New York Racing Association and wishes him luck. He says that Mr. Hawkins decision was announced recently, so Fair Grounds is currently in process of looking at applications for a replacement.

2019-2020 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2019-2020 thoroughbred horse meet.

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

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

- a. **Approval** of officials for 2019-2020 thoroughbred race meet as provided in Agenda.

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

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

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Eric Halstrom, Vice President of Operations*. Mr. Halstrom informs that Louisiana Downs' 84-day 2019 Thoroughbred Meet ended on September 25, 2019. He says that, early in the meet, the handle was down 50% to 60% on some days due to the three week loss of their simulcast signal from multiple sites stemming from a dispute between Churchill Downs Simulcast Network and Monarch Content Management. He states that they didn't have turf races in June because it rained regularly. He informs that handle was down between 15% and 16% for the whole meet. He says that the loyal Louisiana Downs horsemen helped their product and that Louisiana Downs retained some new horsemen due to allowing them to train and stable there outside of the meet. He states that field size was 6.9, down from 7.5 during the prior year.

Mr. Halstrom informs that, this year, Louisiana Downs started its Hall of Fame and started Empire of Hope to raise funds for racehorse retirement. He says that Louisiana Downs' 46-day 2020 Quarter Horse Meet starts in January. He states that the Bossier Parish Police Jury approved an offtrack betting referendum to occur in March 2020 and that Louisiana Downs is pushing a campaign with the horsemen to encourage a positive vote for offtrack betting in Bossier Parish to ultimately supplement their purses. He says that they have some OTB locations picked out. He informs that Louisiana Downs kept its stables open after the quarter horse meet and currently has 150 thoroughbreds stabled and training on the grounds. He states that they have agreed on terms to overhaul and improve their TV graphics package and to go high definition for January.

Mr. Halstrom requests that the Commission arrange more meetings between the associations, breeders, and horsemen groups in order to improve industry cooperation and better the Louisiana racing product. He says that being in a room together with Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of the Louisiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (LaHBPA), led to Louisiana Downs offering to match the horsemen's \$5 per start opt-out donations for racehorse retirement.

2. UPDATE

- a. **Update** on Eldorado Resorts, Inc. Merger Agreement relating to Caesars Entertainment Corporation.

Mr. Halstrom informs that he has limited knowledge on the process of the merger but that Louisiana Downs has conducted business as usual. He says that he or somebody else from Eldorado Resorts, Inc. should have a more thorough update for the next Commission Meeting.

II. BREEDER UPDATES

A. LOUISIANA THOROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LTBA)

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Roger Heitzmann, Secretary-Treasurer*. Mr. Heitzmann informs that LTBA has had meetings over the past month with the associations and the horsemen to discuss how to improve the Louisiana-bred structure for breeders, owners, and trainers of thoroughbreds. He says that LTBA will address some rule changes at a board meeting tomorrow in Lafayette to possibly loosen restrictions on horsemen from out-of-state to attract them back to Louisiana and increase Louisiana foal crops. He states that LTBA is excited to see how the race tracks fare in their upcoming thoroughbred race meets with reduced overlapping dates per their prior negotiations.

B. LOUISIANA QUARTER HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (LQHBA)

1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. Bruce Salard, Executive Director*. Mr. Salard informs that they held drawing for scholarships at Fair Grounds on the night of the \$428,000 LQHBA Sales Futurity. He says that the 10-day 2019 Fair Grounds Quarter Horse Meet had a larger crowd than in prior years. He states that LTBA has exceeded 1,000 accredited foals for 2019 as of mid-October and are expecting to end 2019 with around 1,200 accredited foals. He informs that the \$1,000,000 Louisiana Futurity will be run at Evangeline Downs on December 7, 2019 with the trials coming up on November 15, 2019.

Mr. Salard requests the Commission to ensure that the equine drug tests from the trials are processed prior to the entry for the finals so that also-eligible horses would be able to replace any qualifying horses that may be disqualified due to positive drug tests. Commissioner Cravins responds that they will address the equine drug testing issue later in the meeting to alleviate the horsemen's concerns.

Mr. Salard informs that the LQHBA Mixed Sale will be held on November 16, 2019. He says that the sale will feature 168 horses, down from 228 last year due to fewer buybacks and some breeders keeping their yearlings to run them. He states that LQHBA and Evangeline Downs worked together to increase the purse for the 2020 Lee Berwick Futurity to \$1,000,000, which has garnered a lot of publicity and makes Louisiana's state-bred program the only one in the country with two \$1,000,000 quarter horse races.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairperson Judy W. Wagner*

Commissioner Wagner asks Dr. Levent Dirikolu, Director of Equine Medication Surveillance Laboratory (EMSL) at Louisiana State University (LSU), to give an update about lab accreditation. Dr. Dirikolu informs that A2LA performed a second site visit of the EMSL on October 22 and 23, 2019 and found zero deficiency. He says that EMSL now has A2LA accreditation but will need to have validation of their field confirmation method dealing with determining measurement of uncertainty for threshold compounds for the next annual site visit. Commissioner Wagner asks when the next site visit will be. Dr. Dirikolu responds that an A2LA assessor will perform the next annual inspection visit in October or November of 2020.

Commissioner Wagner asks Dr. Dirikolu to address the issues that have caused the EMSL's slower processing of equine drug tests and what can be done to get equine drug test results back in a more timely manner. Dr. Dirikolu responds that EMSL is understaffed at the moment and are looking to fill three positions. He informs that the preparations for the accreditation took priority and slowed down their test processing. He says that their testing should be done in a more timely manner soon since the accreditation process has passed.

Commissioners Wagner and Reine request that the EMSL prioritize processing equine drug test samples for the upcoming futurity trials so that the horsemen who have also-eligible horses can enter in time for futurity finals if any qualifying horses get disqualified for drug positives. Dr. Dirikolu promises to prioritize processing samples for the upcoming futurity trials.

Commissioner Romero asks how long the EMSL has had its position vacancies. Dr. Dirikolu responds that the positions have been vacant for a while because he has had issues getting qualified personnel who want to stay with EMSL for their career. He says that he has increased the pay for the positions and widely advertised the positions, which has successfully yielded qualified candidates.

Commissioner Romero asks if EMSL has gotten employees to work overtime in order to deal with the delayed test processing. Dr. Dirikolu responds that they have worked weekends and holidays in the past and will do the same to mitigate the processing issues.

Commissioner McHalfey says that the horsemen, regardless of special races or breed, need to get cleared drug tests within ten days in order to get paid in a timely manner. Commissioner Bernard asks how long in its contract with LSRC is EMSL given from receiving samples to produce the final report. Dr. Dirikolu responds that they have ten business days to produce the results and have the ability to request extensions.

Mr. Charles Gardiner, Executive Director of LSRC, asks if A2LA Accreditation mandates that the EMSL take more time with samples than prior to accreditation. Dr. Dirikolu responds that it does not and that EMSL will be able to produce test results more timely since they finished working towards the accreditation.

Commissioner Reine requests that the LSRC communicate upcoming trials races to EMSL so that they can be ready to expedite those samples.

B. RULES COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman R. Hamilton "Hammy" Davis

Commissioner Davis is absent. No Report.

C. LEGAL COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.

No Report.

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

No Report.

E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Donald "Don" Cravins

Commission Cravins informs that he has been in discussions with Mr. Benard Chatters, President of the LaHBPA, about the issue of transfer of purse funds between race tracks. He says that they will meet again within the next month to come up with an actionable plan.

F. FINANCE COMMITTEE, by Committee Chairman Louis Reine

Commission Reine asks about the Legislatively-approved \$5 per start opt-out fee going to race horse retirement. Mr. Ed Fenasci, Executive Director of LaHBPA, states that the \$5 fee is a donation that their members have a right to opt out of, which was the compromise to pass the fee. Commissioner Reine commends the LaHBPA on getting that fee passed.

Commissioner McHalfey asks if the \$5 opt-out fee is designated to a certain group and how is the recipient of the funds decided. Mr. Fenasci responds that the LaHBPA Charitable Foundation consists of the LTBA Executive Director, LQHBA Executive Director, two LaHBPA Board Members, and himself acting as the Foundation's Chairman. He informs that they have been accepting donations since August and Fair Grounds and Louisiana

Downs will match the donation amounts put up by the LaHBPA members at their respective tracks. He states that Boyd Gaming has been making contributions directly to a horse retirement group for over a year and that LaHBPA has asked Boyd Gaming to match the horsemen's donations at Delta Downs and Evangeline Downs. He says that the foundation is in the process of formulating its criteria for grant requests and approval.

IV. OTHER

A. DIGITAL HORSE IDENTIFICATION

1. **Update** of racing associations' preparations for the upcoming conversion to validating horse identity through inspection of digital tattoo/microchip.

Mr. Gardiner informs that the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau has mandated starting on January 1, 2020 that thoroughbred foals of 2018 and after must be implanted with a digital chip for identification purposes. He says that this will start a gradual change in the identification process moving away from lip tattoos to using microchip scanners and tablets with the horses' identification paperwork and pictures. He states that LSRC is in the process of purchasing scanners and tablets and are working with the LSRC veterinarians to get them prepared.

Commissioner Wagner asks if this has already been implemented in other racing jurisdictions or if it is rolling out to all jurisdictions at the same time. Mr. Gardiner responds that all race tracks are starting the digital identification on January 1, 2019. He says that foals of 2017 had the option to be microchipped, so LSRC is anticipating needing the scanners for the Fair Grounds thoroughbred meet.

Mr. Heitzmann informs that there will still be physical horse papers to allow for visual identification in case of issues with any microchips. He states that the digital paperwork will have the LTBA's stamp identifying any accredited Louisiana-breds.

Commissioner Reine asks how the implanted microchips are registered in the digital identification system. Mr. Gardiner responds that the official Jockey Club tattoo person at each track will upload the microchip information into the digital identification system. Mr. Chatters informs that the microchip comes in the mail with the registration information for the horse and that the race tracks will need to provide Internet access on their backsides to facilitate the digital identification process.

Dr. Larry Finley, Member of the Racing Council of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), states that quarter horses will be required to be microchipped by the end of 2020. He says that the AQHA will push for a lip chip, which would be more secure than the current standard of microchipping the back of horses' necks because those can shift to another part of a horse's body.

V. RULES

A. FORMAL ADOPTION

1. Ambulance

LAC 35: III Chapter 57 – Associations' Duties and Obligations
§5713. Ambulance [amend]

Commissioner Reine motions to approve for formal adoption; Commissioner Bernard seconds; motion carries.

2. Pick N Wagering

LAC 35: XIII Chapter 110 – Pick Five or Pick Six

§11001. *Pick Five* [repeal]

§11003. *Pick Six* [repeal]

LAC 35: XIII Chapter 116 – Pick N

§11601. *Description; Selection; Principle* [amend]

§11609. *Procedure* [amend]

§11611. *No Winning Ticket* [repeal]

§11613. *Cancelled Races* [repeal]

§11621. *Scratches and Non-Starters* [repeal]

§11625. *Unforeseen Circumstances* [amend]

Commissioner Cravins motions to approve for formal adoption; Commissioner Wagner seconds; motion carries.

Commissioner Wagner motions to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters; Commissioner McHalfey seconds; motion carries. The Commissioners go into Executive Session.

Commissioner Guilbeau announces that Ms. Rhea Loney, Counsel for LSRC, has taken on another position and that this will be her last Commissioner Meeting. He thanks her and wishes her the best on behalf of the Commission.

VI. ADJUDICATIONS

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

1. Eliseo G. Celestino, Trainer. (*Adjudication Referral*)

Ruling#DD23523 of 07/04/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Continued from August 19, 2019 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, amend Mr. Celestino's suspension from 6 months to 121 days (credit for time served beginning 6/30/19), effective 6/30/19 through 10/28/19, and redistribute the purse; Mr. Celestino will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

- 2. Joseph Rideaux, Trainer.** *(Adjudication Referral)*
Ruling#DD23437 of 05/30/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Continued from August 19, 2019 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, amend Mr. Rideaux's suspension from 6 months to 158 days (credit for time served beginning 5/24/19), effective 5/24/19 through 10/28/19, and redistribute the purse; Mr. Rideaux will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

- 3. Charles P. Hukill, Trainer.** *(Adjudication Referral)*
Ruling#LD23613 of 08/28/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, rescind the \$1,000 fine, and redistribute the purse; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

- 4. Edward R. Gallaway, Jr., Trainer.** *(Adjudication Referral)*
Ruling#ED23617 of 08/28/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, rescind the \$1,000 fine, and redistribute the purse; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

- 5. Joseph P. Smith, Trainer.** *(Adjudication Referral)*
Ruling#ED23636 of 09/25/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold the Stewards' ruling, rescind the \$1,000 fine, and redistribute the purse; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

- 6. Russell Richard, Trainer.** *(Adjudication Referral)*
Ruling#ED23615 of 08/28/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*

Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Ruling ED23615 and Ruling ED23616 consolidated for the purposes of hearing and adjudication.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings ED23615 and ED23616, rescind the \$2,000 total fine (\$1,000 fine for each ruling), and redistribute the purses; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

7. **Russell Richard, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)
Ruling#ED23616 of 08/28/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*
Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Please see Ruling DD23615 case above for consolidated adjudication.

8. **Kathleen Mordenti, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)
Ruling#LD23611 of 08/28/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*
Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Ruling LD23611 and Ruling LD23612 consolidated for the purposes of hearing and adjudication.

Commissioner Romero motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings LD23611 and LD23612, rescind the \$2,000 total fine (\$1,000 fine for each ruling), and redistribute the purses; Commissioner Cravins seconds; motion carries.

9. **Kathleen Mordenti, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)
Ruling#LD23612 of 08/28/19 – *D-Methamphetamine (ARCI Category I)*
Attorney – Louie J. Roussel III, Esq.

Please see Ruling LD23611 case above for consolidated adjudication.

10. **Josue Huitron, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)
Ruling#DD23483 of 06/14/19 – *Ambroxol (ARCI Category IV)*
(*3rd offense of ARCI Cat. IV/V within a 12-month period*)

Mr. Huitron not present for hearing. Ruling DD23483, Ruling DD23484, and Ruling ED23571 consolidated for the purposes of hearing and adjudication. Introduction of Notice of Hearing and Subpoena showing receipt of certified mail to licensee's address.

Commissioner Guilbeau motions to uphold Stewards' Rulings DD23483, DD23484, and ED23571, fine Mr. Huitron \$3,000 total (\$1,000 fine for each ruling), suspend him 3 years to run consecutive to Ruling DD23391, effective 7/6/20 through 7/5/23, and redistribute all purses; Mr. Huitron will be denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Commissioners Bernard and Cravins second; motion carries.

11. **Josue Huitron, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)
Ruling#DD23484 of 06/14/19 – *Ambroxol (ARCI Category IV)*
(*4th offense of ARCI Cat. IV/V within a 12-month period*)

Please see Ruling DD23483 case above for consolidated adjudication.

12. **Josue Huitron, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referral*)
Ruling#ED23571 of 08/01/19 – *Dexamethasone (ARCI Category IV; Gross Violation)*
(*5th offense of ARCI Cat. IV/V within a 12-month period*)

Please see Ruling DD23483 case above for consolidated adjudication.

**B. VIOLATION OF LAC 35:I.1743 (Possession of Drugs, Syringes or Needles)
& USE OF PROGRAM TRAINER**

1. **Aaron Harvey, Owner.** *(Adjudication Appeal/Referral)*
Ruling#DD23464 of 06/07/19 – *Possession of injectable substances, hypodermic needles & syringes
Use of a Program Trainer to race horses*

Stewards' ruling upheld; suspension amended from 6 months to 1 year and 6 months, effective 10/28/19 through 4/27/21. Denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reine motions to adjourn; Commissioner Cravins seconds; Chairman Wright adjourns the meeting.



Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director