

LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION

MINUTES – April 23, 2012 Meeting

As transcribed by Mary E. Lee DiLeo, Certified Court Reporter

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry F. Meaux, *Chairman*

Payton R. Covington, *First Vice Chairman*

Bob F. Wright, *Second Vice Chairman*

Keith W. Babb

Kevin S. Delahoussaye

Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.

Richard M. "Dick" Hollier, Jr.

Kenneth "Kenu" Romero

Judy W. Wagner

Dion Young

ABSENT

William A. Robinson

APPROVED

At the Commission Meeting of

6-18-12

(Date)



Executive Director

Louisiana State Racing Commission

The meeting of the Louisiana State Racing Commission was called to order by the Chairman on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the La Nouvelle Room of the Monteleone Hotel, 214 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present.

Mr. Wright motions to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting; Mr. Guilbeau 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 Delta Downs 2011-2012 thoroughbred meet ended on March 17th. He informs total handle was up 6%, live handle was down 8% and bet-in was up 6.5%. Total handle for the meet was \$126 million which averages to a daily handle of \$1.4 million per day. He informs the new ADW sites assisted in growth to Delta Downs overall simulcast markets. He informs the overall starts averaged to 9.21 per race, which was the best in 5 years. He informs there were a total of 904 races with over 8,000 starters for the meet. Delta Downs gave away approximately \$22 million in purses for the meet which averages to \$240,000 per day. He informs Sabercat was the Jackpot winner and will run in the upcoming Kentucky Derby. He informs the quarter horse meet begins on April 27th. The 46-day meet will have a total projected purse amount of \$8.5 million or \$190,000 per day. He mentions there has been some work done on the racetrack between meets and the horsemen seem to be appreciative so far. He informs Delta Downs has met with the LQHBA and they are doing a joint marketing initiative with stallionsearch.com which will bring more public awareness to the 2012 quarter horse meet.

2012 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. RACES

a. Approval of first condition book for 2012 quarter horse meet.

b. Approval of designated races for 2012 quarter horse meet:

4/27/12	John Alleman Memorial RG-3
5/19/12	Alabama Futurity
5/19/12	Delta 550 Championship
5/25/12	Develop a Plan Grade III
5/26/12	Laddie Futurity RG-2
5/26/12	Lassie Futurity RG2
5/26/12	Louisiana Purchase
6/2/12	Delta Downs Derby RG-2
6/9/12	Vals Fortune RG-3
6/30/12	Miss Polly Classic
7/7/12	Firecracker Derby
7/7/12	Firecracker Futurity Grade II
7/14/12	Lee Berwick Futurity RG-1
7/14/12	Louisiana Juvenile
7/14/12	Louisiana Starter
7/14/12	Vinton RG3
7/14/12	Flashy Hemp
7/14/12	Louisiana Classic RG-2
7/14/12	Live Oak

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

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2012 quarter horse meet (4/27/12 - 7/14/12):

- Chris Warren – Director of Racing
- John Simon – Racing Secretary
- Michael Smith – Asst. Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator
- *Galen Boutte and Steve Ruff – Association Stewards
- Duane Domingue – Paddock Judge/Alternate Association Steward
- Janet Morton & Hayward Stewart – Outriders
- Darald Wilfer – Track Superintendent
- Dennis Schmidt – Starter
- Jason Grudzien – Head Clocker
- Phillip Walker – Clerk of Scales
- Cynthia Smith – Horse Identifier
- Leonard (Gene) Wasson – Stall Superintendent
- Michael Bennett – Jocks Room Custodian/Assistant Clerk of Scales
- Steve Nick, Mohamed Ali Khan, Charles Sonnier & Rose Caster – Placing Judges/Racing Office Staff
- *new official*

Mr. Meaux states there is a new steward (Galen Boutte) and his approval is conditioned upon passing the steward's test.

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

2012/2013 THOROUGHBRED MEET

4. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. **Approval** for 2012-2013 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. Babb motions to approve; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

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

a. **Approval** for 2012-2013 Thoroughbred meet:

- (1) Thoroughbred racing on the flat
- (2) 88 Thoroughbred race dates (10/19/12 through 3/23/13)
 - October 19,20,24,25,26,27,31
 - November 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,23,24,28,29,30
 - December 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20,21,22,26,27,28,29
 - January 2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31
 - February 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,28
 - March 1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,21,22,23
- (3) Hold minimum of 9 live Thoroughbred races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
- (4) Dark – no live racing on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 2012 and Wednesday, March 20, 2013.
- (5) Daily post time 5:45 PM except for Jackpot Day November 17, 2012, 1:15 PM post time.

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

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

a. **Approval** for wagering format for 2012-2013 Thoroughbred race meet:

- (1) \$1 WPS & exacta on all races
- (2) 50¢ Trifecta on all races with 6 or more entries
- (3) 10¢ Superfecta on selected races with 8 or more entries
- (4) \$1 Pick 3 on 2nd thru last race
- (5) 50¢ Pick 4 on first 4 & last 4 races
- (6) \$1 Daily Double on first 2 & last 2 live races

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

B. EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

- 1. **PROGRESS REPORT**, by Mr. Steve Darbonne. Mr. Darbonne informs the thoroughbred meet began on April 18th along with the launch of the newly licensed Evangeline Down's ADW. He reports the results of the first four nights, the handle was up 14.25%; the on-track handle was up 5.71% this year over last year and they averaged a little over 11 entries per race. He informs the ADW, betlouisiana.com, started off a little slow with

60 members. He informs Evangeline Downs is promoting the ADW through radio and television advertisements. Mr. Darbonne informs he has provided copies of Dr. Peterson's dirt and turf track reports to the commissioners. He informs there are no problems with the track surfaces. Mr. Covington asks Mr. Matt Yount (Evangeline Downs track superintendent) to comment further on the track surfaces. Mr. Yount informs Evangeline Downs has been very proactive to Dr. Peterson's recommendations. He informs most of the changes and adjustments have been material related based on the suggestions of Dr. Peterson. Mr. Covington asks how many racing days have they had since the adjustments. Mr. Yount responds other than workouts, 4 days of racing, but so far, the jockeys and horsemen are very satisfied with the overall condition of the track.

2012 QUARTER HORSE MEET

2. LICENSE APPROVALS

a. Approval for 2012 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. Hollier motions to approve; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

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

a. Approval for 2012 Quarter Horse meet:

- (1) Quarter Horse racing on the flat
- (2) 46 Quarter Horse dates (10/3/12 through 12/20/12)
 - October 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19,20,24,25,26,27,31
 - November 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,20,21,23,24,28,29,30
 - December 1,5,6,7,8,12,13,14,15,19,20
- (3) Hold minimum of 9 live Quarter Horse races daily (Wednesday through Saturday)
- (4) Daily post time 5:40 PM

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

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

a. Approval for wagering format for 2012 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. Hollier motions to approve; Mr. Guilbeau 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 the Fair Grounds completed the 2011-2012 thoroughbred meet on April 1st. He informs the handle was flat due mostly to increased competition in December. He informs Fair Grounds will request to backload dates at the end of the 2012-2013 thoroughbred meet (next year) to avoid conflicts and competition issues. He informs the end of the meet was great. Mr. Halstrom informs they had some challenges with the weather. He thanks the horsemen, Mr. Stanley Seelig and the stewards for working with Fair Grounds on finishing the meet and running all of the races that were offered. He informs due to a carryover situation with purse money, one Friday there was a card with 18 races which has never been done before. He informs the closing weekend was spectacular especially since the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky were in the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament in New Orleans. He informs the Fair Grounds ended the season up 5% on-track. He informs the total purses per day were around \$350,000, (up from last year) and the average field size was 8.6 runners per race. He informs the 12-day quarter horse meet will begin on August 15th and there will be a sales futurity and trials day. He informs the Fair Grounds is refurbishing the turf course during the summer and there were no turf course complaints from the riders during the thoroughbred meet.

Discussion to open off-track wagering facility located at 800 Westbank Expressway in Westwego (Jefferson Parish). Mr. Tim Bryant informs the Westwego (Jefferson Parish) OTB location has been approved by local officials. He asks the commission if they have any questions regarding the matter before Fair Grounds requests permission for an OTB license. No questions were asked. Mr. Gardiner informs the application process will be completed by the next commission meeting and will be on the next agenda for formal approval.

2012-2013 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. LICENSE APPROVALS

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- (3) To serve as concessionaire

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

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

a. **Approval** for 2012-2013 Thoroughbred race meet:

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

(3) Hold up to 13 live Thoroughbred races daily

(4) Daily post time TBA

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

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

a. Approval for wagering format for 2012-2013 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 5 – on races 5 thru 9

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

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

- 1. PROGRESS REPORT**, by *Mr. David Heitzmann*. Mr. Heitzmann informs the 84-day 2012 thoroughbred meet will begin on May 4th. He informs the stables are currently 80% full and should be 100% full by early next week. He informs daily purses will be \$160,000 per day. He informs horses have been training since April 1st and the feedback on the racetrack has been excellent. Mr. Romero asks Mr. Heitzmann about the progress of the repairs on the backside including the barns. Mr. Heitzmann responds there were new awnings installed last year and he thought some drainage work was being done along with daily maintenance of the barns.

2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. RACES

a. Approval for the first condition book for 2012 Thoroughbred race meet.

b. Approval for designated races for the 2012 Thoroughbred race meet:

8/4/12	Sunny's Halo
8/4/12	Donnie Wilhite Memorial
8/4/12	Barksdale
8/4/12	Super Derby Prelude
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Juvenile
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Juvenile Fillies
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Oaks
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Filly & Mare Sprint
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Sprint
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Turf Classic
8/18/12	Louisiana Cup Distaff
9/8/12	Temperence Hill
9/8/12	Unbridled
9/8/12	River Cities
9/8/12	Happy Ticket
9/8/12	Sunday Silence
9/8/12	Super Derby (G2)

- 9/22/12 Lady Razorback Futurity
- 9/22/12 Razorback Futurity
- 9/22/12 LA Stallion Stakes
- 9/22/12 Elge Raspberry Sales Stakes
- 9/22/12 A.L. "Red" Erwin Sales Stakes

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

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval for officials for 2012 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
- TBA – Stakes Coordinator
- Ronald Ramstad – Placing Judge
- *Koleen Karlin – Placing Judge
- *Brooke Darbonne – Placing Judge
- Joseph Peluso – Paddock Judge
- Tammy Peck – Horse Identifier
- Charlotte Miles – Program Coordinator/Claims
- Betty Fetters – Clocker
- Herbert Lambert – Clocker
- Kristina Strickland – Clocker
- Laura Hollowoa – Outrider
- Juan Roman - Outrider
- *new official

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

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Payton R. Covington*
No report.
- B. RULES COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Keith W. Babb*
No report.
- C. LEGAL COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Bob F. Wright*
No report.
- D. SECURITY COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Kenneth "Kenu" Romero*

Mr. Romero reports the State Police are working with the Racing Commission and all of the feedback so far has been positive.

E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE

No report.

F. COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

III. OTHER

A. Training Tracks:

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

Ms. Loney informs the training track rules formally adopted at the February 27, 2012 meeting requires that training tracks must submit yearly applications for their licenses and it requires them to be submitted by April 15th for the commission's review on or before May 1st. She states the Training Center at Copper Crowne and Evangeline Training Center have submitted full applications that comply with the new rules. She informs Folsom Training Center and Benton Training Center submitted partial applications.

Mr. Hollier motions to approve the Training Center at Copper Crowne and Evangeline Training Center's applications and then discuss further the other two training centers. Mr. Guilbeau and Ms. Wagner second.

Mr. Romero states the Training Center at Copper Crowne did not provide the proper staffing requirements necessary for training centers. He states this should be discussed further before approving their license. Mr. Meaux informs the matter was discussed in a committee meeting and it was agreed upon that Mr. Gardiner or Mr. Munster would inspect all training centers before the next meeting.

Mr. Merlin Marechal, of Folsom Training Center, states it was his belief that his application was received in the mail by the deadline, but apparently it was not delivered on time. He asks the commission for a conditional license since it would put a burden on many people at his facility. Several commissioners expressed their concern that Mr. Marechal had ample time to submit a full application by mail and due to the importance, the application should have been hand delivered to the commission office. Ms. Loney states there are several items which are incomplete on the Folsom Training Center's application. She identifies some of the incomplete items and mentions the sections of the application which are improperly filled-out. Several commissioners expressed their concern over Folsom Training Center's lack of proof of insurance for their facility.

Mr. Meaux states there is a motion to approve the Evangeline Training Center and the Training Center at Copper Crowne's applications; motion carries.

Mr. Wright asks Ms. Loney about the status of Benton Training Center's application. Ms. Loney states that Benton has not submitted anything at this point. Mr. Wright motions to not grant Benton Training Center their approval since they did not submit their application; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Hollier motions to give a conditional license to Folsom Training Center if they meet the application requirements within a designated time frame (along with Mr. Gardiner's and Ms. Loney's review and approval). Mr. Young states that he thinks the Commission is authorized to approve the license, but not the staff. Mr. Wright adds to the motion a deadline of 5 p.m. on Wednesday April 25th. Mr. Babb seconds.

Mr. Seelig asks the commission to add Benton Training Center to the motion since it is a renewal and not a new application. Mr. Gardiner states that Benton Training Center was working with the commission staff late Friday (April 20, 2012) on their application. Mr. Wright motions to accept Mr. Seelig's recommendation and add Benton Training Center to the original motion. Mr. Gardiner asks the Commission to empower the Racing Commission staff and State Police to do regular inspections of the training centers.

Mr. Young states that Mr. Marechal's owner's list is illegible and unacceptable. Mr. Wright asks Mr. Marechal if Acadian Ambulance is actually providing standby service as required. He responds yes.

Mr. Meaux states there is a motion by Mr. Wright that both applications need to be submitted completely by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25th. He states this would give both training centers a conditional approval; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries. Mr. Meaux states each of these training centers will be inspected randomly at least once a year.

Mr. Delahoussaye asks if the commission has procedures set in place for monitoring the insurance policies for the training tracks. Mr. Gardiner responds they are being tracked internally.

Mr. Meaux asks for a poll vote. The motion is restated by Mr. Wright for conditional approval of Folsom Training Center and Benton Training Center provided that all necessary requirements for licensure are submitted to the Racing Commission by Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 5 p.m. and are reviewed and approved by Mr. Gardiner and Ms. Loney. A poll vote was taken with the following results: 7-yes; 2-no; motion carries.

IV. RULES

A. Formal Adoption:

Ms. Loney briefly explains each rule scheduled for formal adoption.

Mr. Guilbeau states, for the record, the commission invited any and all interested parties to submit whatever additional information, documentation, statistics, petitions, et cetera to the commission for consideration regarding the Permitted Medication Rule. He states nothing has been submitted to his knowledge. Ms. Loney confirms that nothing has been submitted to the Racing Commission.

1. LAC 35:I.Chapter 13 – Health Rules §1304. Mandatory Health Screening

Mr. Guilbeau motions to formally adopt LAC 35:I.1304 "Mandatory Health Screening"; Mr. Babb seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Seelig states he is happy that one piroplasmosis test has been eliminated, but asks the commission to consider putting a timetable on eliminating the second test. Dr. Cooley states the second test (for Theileria equi) is absolutely necessary due to the rapid transportation coming from the border. He states the commission should continue this one piroplasmosis test for at least one more year because of the potential severity of danger involved. Mr. Covington asks about the cost. Mr. Seelig states it is \$80 for two and \$40 for one test. Mr. Wright asks Dr. Cooley if the rule which is about to be formally adopted is to decrease from testing two strains down to one strain. Dr. Cooley responds yes. Mr. Seelig asks the commission to consider rescinding the rule before one year if no positives occur. Ms. Wagner disagrees with Mr. Seelig. Mr. Seelig states

Oklahoma and Arkansas have already eliminated the rule. Dr. Cooley informs Louisiana is considered a barrier state and strongly states the rule needs to stay in place for at least one year.

Mr. Romero motions to follow Dr. Cooley's recommendation that the commission continue testing for one year and after the one-year period to reevaluate the situation; Mr. Guilbeau and Ms. Wagner second; motion carries. Mr. Guilbeau motions, once again, to formally adopt LAC 35:I.1304 "Mandatory Health Screening"; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

2. LAC 35: I. Chapter 15 – Permitted Medication

§1505. Nonsteroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory Medication

Mr. Covington motions to formally adopt LAC 35: I. 1505 "Nonsteroidal and/or Anti-Inflammatory Medication"; Mr. Guilbeau seconds; motion carries.

3. LAC 35: XIII. Chapter 105 – Daily Double

§10501. Maximum Daily Doubles per Race Card

Mr. Hollier motions to formally adopt LAC 35: XIII.10501 "Maximum Daily Doubles per Race Card"; Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

4. LAC 35: XIII. Chapter 109 – Super Six

§10901. Super Six

Mr. Hollier motions to formally adopt LAC 35: XIII. 10901 "Super Six"; Mr. Delahoussaye seconds; motion carries.

5. LAC 35: XIII. Chapter 110 – Pick Five

§11001. Pick Five

Mr. Guilbeau motions to formally adopt LAC 35: XIII.11001 "Pick Five"; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

B. Discussion and/or Notice of Intent:

Mr. Gardiner briefly explains each rule scheduled for Discussion/Notice of Intent.

Mr. Halstrom informs the Superfecta and Trifecta changes will bring Louisiana in-line with other jurisdictions in the industry. He informs the changes will allow for a lower base to start on the Superfecta and Trifecta so Fair Grounds can offer more wagers which will benefit all parties.

1. LAC 35: XIII. Chapter 117 - Superfecta

§ 11701. Superfecta (*number of betting interests required reduced from eight to six*)

2. LAC 35: XIII. Chapter 111 - Trifecta

§11115. Field Less Than Five (*number of betting interests required reduced from six to five*)

Mr. Wright motions to approve both LAC 35: XIII.11115 "Field Less Than Five" and LAC 35: XIII.11701 "Superfecta" as Notices of Intent, Ms. Wagner seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Halstrom informs the racetracks and horsemen support these proposed wagering changes.

C. Discussion:

1. LAC 35:V. Chapter 63 - Entries

§6335. Owner's Entry of More Than One Horse (*potential uncoupling of betting interests in stakes races with purse minimum requirements.*)

Mr. Halstrom informs the original proposal included all races, but now has been revised to include stakes races only. He provides examples as well as the benefits of changing this rule.

Mr. Wright asks Mr. Halstrom how this change would affect the other tracks that have stakes races. Mr. Halstrom responds it would put Louisiana more in-line with other jurisdictions. Ms. Loney informs Kentucky, Iowa, Minnesota and Arkansas allow uncoupling. She informs California allows uncoupling when one member of a partnership is also a member of another partnership.

Mr. Guilbeau motions to follow the Rules Committee's recommendation and allow further discussion and to potentially formally vote on the measure at the June meeting; Mr. Wright seconds; motion carries.

Mr. Laverne Perry, several Commissioners, Mr. Halstrom, Mr. Chris Warren and Mr. Seelig have a further discussion regarding the history of coupling and the potential pros and cons of changing the rules and how it would impact business at each of the four Louisiana racetracks.

A recess was taken.

V. ADJUDICATIONS

(In order presented)

A. Appeals (La.R.S.4:154)

John A. Jacinto, Jockey. Ruling#FG19299 of 3/10/12 – *Careless Riding*. (Appeal Withdrawn.) & Ruling#FG19302 of 3/11/12 – *Careless Riding*. (Appeal Withdrawn.) Mr. Delahoussaye motions to uphold the stewards' rulings; suspend 14 calendar days total; from 5/10/12 through 5/16/12 and 5/17/12 through 5/23/12; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

Paul M. Pembo, Jockey Agent. Determination of eligibility of license & Ruling#FG19298 of 3/10/12 – *Financial Obligation*. Licensee voluntarily admitted being ineligible for licensing pursuant to La. R.S. 4:150(B)(2). Mr. Romero motions to suspend license; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

Appeal of Ruling#FG19298 withdrawn on record. Mr. Wright motions to uphold the stewards' ruling. Denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

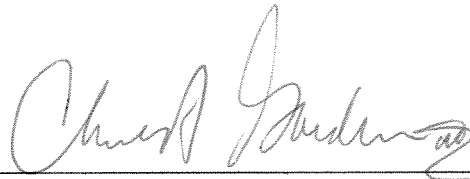
B. Adjudication Referred (La. R. S. 4:172)

Clyde E. McKean, Jr., Trainer. Ruling#DD19262 of 2/25/12 - 12 - *Triamcinolone Acetonide (ARCI Category IV, Severity Level I) (3rd offense in a 12-month period.)* Mr. Covington motions to uphold the stewards' ruling; suspend 60 days effective 4/24/12 thru 6/22/12; fine an additional \$500 (\$1,500 total); purse redistributed. Denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Mr. Romero seconds; motion carries.

Trevino Clark, Jockey. Ruling#LD19321 of 3/20/12 - *Impermissible Conduct.* (Attorney Present, Mr. Harry E. Cantrell, Jr.) Mr. Guilbeau motions to defer action on Ruling#LD19321 of 3/20/12 until decision on Ruling#LD18558 of 3/8/11 is rendered by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. Remains suspended and denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and recognized training tracks under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Racing Commission; Mr. Hollier seconds; motion carries.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meaux adjourns the meeting.



Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director