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MEETING NOTICE

THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 AT 9:00 AM IN THE QUEEN ANNE BALLROOM OF THE MONTELEONE HOTEL, 214 ROYAL STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

I. ASSOCIATION REQUESTS

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

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2015-2016 THOROUGHBRED MEET

2. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Ratification of officials for 2015-2016 thoroughbred race meet.

Chris Warren - Director of Racing

Matthew Crawford - Racing Secretary

Mohamed Alikhan - Asst. Racing Secretary/Stakes Coordinator

Steve Ruff and Galen Boutte - Association Stewards

Duane Domingue - Paddock Judge/Alternate Steward

Mark Gilbert, Jeff Jerman, & *Michael Phillips - Outriders

*Aaron Pelt - Trackman Supervisor

Dennis Schmidt - Starter

Michael Bennett - Clerk of Scales

Oscar Lopez - Head Clocker

Susan Berard - Horse Identifier

Tami Meyers - Stall Superintendent

TBA - Jocks Room Custodian/Assistant Clerk of Scales

Steve Nick, Phillip Walker, Charles Sonnier & Rose Caster – Placing Judges/Racing Office Staff

**new official*

B. THE OLD EVANGELINE DOWNS, LLC

d/b/a EVANGELINE DOWNS RACETRACK & CASINO

1. PROGRESS REPORT

2. REQUEST BY LAHBPA

a. Discussion/Update of adding stalls at Evangeline Downs.

2015 QUARTER HORSE MEET**3. RACES**

- a. **Ratification** of first condition book for 2015 quarter horse meet.
- b. **Ratification** of designated races for the 2015 quarter horse meet.
 - 11/6/15 Trials/LQHBA Breeders' Futurity
 - 11/7/15 Trials/LQHBA Breeders' Derby
 - 11/14/15 OPELOUSAS
 - 11/27/15 Trials for the EVD Futurity
 - 11/28/15 LQHBA Breeders' Derby
 - 11/28/15 Trials for the EVD Derby
 - 11/28/15 LQHBA Breeders' Futurity, La. Bred (RG1)
 - 11/28/15 LQHBA Invitational Breeders' Stakes
 - 12/19/15 EVD Derby
 - 12/19/15 EVD Futurity

**C. CHURCHILL DOWNS LOUISIANA HORSERACING COMPANY, LLC
d/b/a FAIR GROUNDS RACE COURSE & SLOTS****1. PROGRESS REPORT****2015-2016 THOROUGHBRED MEET****2. RACES**

- a. **Approval** of first condition book for 2015-2016 thoroughbred meet.
- b. **Approval** of designated races for the 2015-2016 thoroughbred meet:
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Handicap Stakes
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day QH Juvenile
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day QH Derby
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day QH Classic
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Ladies
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Sprint
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Lassie
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Classic
 - 12/12/15 Louisiana Champions Day Turf
 - 12/26/15 Pan Zareta Stakes
 - 12/26/15 Woodchopper Stakes
 - 12/26/15 Pago Hop Stakes
 - 12/31/15 Louisiana Futurity – Colts & Gelding Division
 - 12/31/15 Louisiana Futurity – Filly Division
 - 1/16/16 Lecomte Stakes (Gr. III)
 - 1/16/16 Silverbulletday Stakes
 - 1/16/16 Louisiana Stakes
 - 1/16/16 Col. E.R. Bradley Handicap (Gr. III)
 - 1/16/16 Marie G. Krantz Memorial Stakes
 - 2/20/16 Mineshaft Handicap (Gr. III)
 - 2/20/16 Risen Star Stakes (Gr. II)
 - 2/20/16 Rachel Alexandra Stakes (Gr. III)
 - 2/20/16 Duncan F. Kenner Stakes
 - 2/20/16 Fair Grounds Handicap (Gr. III)
 - 2/20/16 Daisy Devine Stakes
 - 3/26/16 New Orleans Handicap (Gr. II)
 - 3/26/16 Fair Grounds Oaks (Gr. II)
 - 3/26/16 Louisiana Derby (Gr. II)
 - 3/26/16 Crescent City Oaks

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- 3/26/16 Star Guitar Stakes
- 3/26/16 Muniz Memorial Handicap (Gr. II)
- 3/26/16 Costa Rising Stakes

3. STEWARDS, OFFICIALS & MANAGEMENT

a. Approval of officials for 2015-2016 thoroughbred race meet.

- Jason M. Boulet - Racing Secretary
- David Wedlake - Association Steward
- Hal Wiggins - Association Steward
- Scott Jones – Assistant Racing Secretary
- Amber Fontenot – Stakes Coordinator
- Glen Miller - Starter
- Meagan Davis – Program Director
- Gary Palmisano, Sr. – Paddock Judge
- Stephanie Cooley, Joe Peluso, Cynthia Smith, Baley Hare, & TBA – Placing Judge/Entry Clerk
- Kerry Dubuc, Mike Diliberto, Billy Pettingill & TBA - Clockers
- Nelson Menard - Clerk of Scales
- Larry Fontenot, Jr. - Horse Identifier
- Mario Torres - Stall Superintendent
- Craig Daligian - Jockey Room Custodian
- *Jordan Gatlin – Claims Clerk/Entry Clerk
- Darrin Cain, Casey Lovell, Alan Love, Jr., & Scott Cole (Alternate) – Outriders
- Jacquelyn Herbstreit – Silks Coordinator
- *new official*

D. HARRAH'S BOSSIER CITY INVESTMENT COMPANY, LLC

d/b/a HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS

1. PROGRESS REPORT

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. MEDICATION COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D.*
- B. RULES COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Keith W. Babb*
- C. LEGAL COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Benjamin J. Guilbeau, Jr.*
- D. SECURITY COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Kenneth "Kenu" Romero*
- E. RACETRACK/HBPA LIAISON COMMITTEE**, by *Committee Chairman Kevin S. Delahoussaye*

III. OTHER

- A. Discussion of Mandatory Necropsy** – Request by Mr. Robert Meche to speak to the LSRC.
- B. Ratification of Approval of Extension of Apprentice Allowance for Ms. Erica Murray.**

IV. RULES

A. DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT:

1. Associations' Duties and Obligations

LAC 35: III Chapter 57 – Associations' Duties and Obligations

§5704. *Public Address System* [**new**]

§5706. *Barns on Backside of Racetrack* [**new**]

§5707. *Fire Prevention Security* [*amend*]

§5709. *Housing of Stable Employees* [*amend*]

§5713. *Ambulance* [*amend*]

§5714. *Equine Ambulance* [**new**]

§5723. *Lighting* [*amend*]

§5724. *Rails* [**new**]

§5747. *Cleanliness and Inspection* [*amend*]

§5764. *Surface of Race Course* [**new**]

V. LICENSE APPROVALS

A. REQUEST FOR LICENSE APPROVAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:150)

1. **Joey D. Fusilier, Groom.** Convicted felon.

B. REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

1. **Dustin B. Romero, Groom.** Seeking reduction of suspension.

VI. ADJUDICATIONS

A. APPEAL (LA. REV. STAT. 4:154)

1. **John E. Hamilton, Jockey.** Ruling#ED21355 of 10/9/15 – *Careless Riding*.

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

1. **Paul H. Johnson, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling#ED21342 of 9/22/15 – *Phenylbutazone & Flunixin (ARCI Category IV, Severity Level I)*
(*3rd offense within a 12-month period*)
2. **Justin J. Haug, Owner/Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling#FG21314 of 9/4/15 – *Phenylbutazone & Flunixin (ARCI Category IV, Severity Level III)*
3. **Justin A. Dehart, Owner/Trainer** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling#ED21356 of 10/9/15 – *Triamcinolone Acetonide (ARCI Category IV, Severity Level I)*
(*3rd offense within a 12-month period*)
4. **Alan J. Klanfer, Trainer.** (*Adjudication Referred*)
Ruling#ED21353 of 10/7/15 – *Mitragynine & 7-Hydroxymitragynine (ARCI Category I)*

VII. REMANDS

A. REMANDS FROM DISTRICT COURT:

1. **Soileau et al. v. LSRC; Docket No. 2012-4442 c/w 2012-4443; c/w 2012-4444; c/w 2012-4445; Div. "E"**

Violations of LAC 35.I.1797 (Equine Positives)

- a. **Michael Heath Taylor, Trainer.**

Ruling#DD19515 of 7/7/12 – *Dermorphin (ARCI Category I)*

Remand to Address Fine Only

- b. **Alonzo Loya, Trainer.**

Ruling#DD19464 of 6/20/12 – *Dermorphin (ARCI Category I)*

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- c. **John Darrel Soileau, Trainer.**

1. Ruling#DD19516 of 7/7/12 – *Dermorphin (ARCI Category I)*

2. Ruling#DD19517 of 7/7/12 – *Dermorphin (ARCI Category I)*

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- d. **Alvin Smith, Jr., Trainer.**

Ruling#DD19461 of 6/16/12 – *Dermorphin (ARCI Category I)*

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2. **Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey v. LSRC; 26th JDC; Docket No. C-145973**

Appeal of Stewards' decision to *disqualify Coalport*, from 1st place to 2nd place in the Unbridled Stakes, the 10th race on September 6, 2014 at Louisiana Downs.

In accordance with: The Judgment signed on March 27, 2015 by Judge Cox; Granting the Application for Leave to Present Additional Evidence at the Trial of this Matter, the matter is remanded to the Louisiana State Racing Commission for further proceeding consisting of: 1) taking the testimony of Mr. David Hooper; and 2) consideration of deposition testimony of Ms. Napravnik.

Attorneys -

Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey, owner of horse, *Coalport*, official 2nd place finisher.
-Represented by William S. Marshall, Jr., Esq.

OakLeaf T.C. L.P. (Royce Roberts) - owner of horse, *Benwill*, official 1st place finisher.
-Represented by Daniel G. Guidry, Esq.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles A. Gardiner III", is written over a horizontal line.

Charles A. Gardiner III
Executive Director

This notice was posted by the entrance of the Louisiana State Racing Commission, Friday, October 16, 2015 at 4:00PM.

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RULES FOR DISCUSSION/NOTICES OF INTENT
AT OCTOBER 26, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING

LAC 35: III Chapter 57 – Associations’ Duties and Obligations

§5704. Public Address System [new]

§5706. Barns on Backside of Racetrack [new]

§5707. Fire Prevention Security [amend]

§5709. Housing of Stable Employees [amend]

§5713. Ambulance [amend]

§5714. Equine Ambulance [new]

§5723. Lighting [amend]

§5724. Rails [new]

§5747. Cleanliness and Inspection [amend]

§5764. Surface of Race Course [new]

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§5704. Public Address System

A. An association shall provide and maintain a public address system capable of clearly transmitting announcements to the patrons and to the stable area.

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§5706. Barns on Backside of Racetrack

A. An association shall ensure that the barns are kept clean and in good repair. Each barn, including the receiving barn, must have a hot and cold water supply available, be well-ventilated, have proper drainage and be constructed to be comfortable in all seasons.

B. An association shall ensure that each horse is stabled in an individual box stall with minimum dimensions of 10 feet by 10 feet. If constructed of concrete walls, they must be woodlined on the interior up a minimum of four feet from the ground or otherwise be insulated for the protection of the housed horse.

C. An association shall provide an adequate area for the placement of manure removed from the stalls. All manure must be removed from the stable area daily. The association shall ensure that refuse from the stalls and other refuse are kept separate.

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§5707. Fire Prevention Security

A. A round-the-clock patrol of the fenced area shall be maintained by security officers, who shall pay special attention to the presence of unauthorized personnel, to the enforcement of fire prevention measures and to the inspection of tack rooms and living quarters for fire hazards.

B. Not later than 15 days before the first day of a race meeting, an association shall deliver to the Commission a copy of the state or local fire marshal's certification regarding the association's compliance with fire safety regulations or the fire marshal's plan of corrections. The certification or plan must be based on an inspection of the association grounds conducted by the fire marshal not more than 30 days before the first day of a race meeting.

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§5709. Housing of Stable Employees

A. Each association shall provide adequate and sanitary living quarters with proper sanitary arrangements, and ample and convenient toilet and heating facilities for stable employees, and shall provide in its stable area at least one tack room of a minimum area of 100 square feet for every six horses stabled, with adequate facilities for housing personnel therein. All sleeping rooms must have an exterior window, contain a working smoke detector, and proper heating and air conditioning unit.

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§5713. Ambulance

A. Each association shall provide one ambulance during its training and racing hours. During such time, the ambulance shall be ready for duty, properly equipped to provide emergency medical services, including equipment and a registered paramedic and a certified emergency medical technician personnel, and shall have immediate access to the racing strip. If the ambulance is being used to transport an individual, the association may not conduct a race, or allow horses with riders on the racetrack, until the ambulance is replaced.

B. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission or the stewards, an ambulance shall follow the field at a safe distance during the running of races.

C. The ambulance shall be parked at an entrance to the racing strip except when the ambulance is being used to transport an individual or when it is following the field during the running of a race.

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§5714. Equine Ambulance

A. An association shall provide an equine ambulance staffed by trained personnel on association grounds on each day that the racetrack is open for racing or training.

B. The ambulance must be properly ventilated and kept at an entrance to the racing strip when not in use.

C. The ambulance must be a covered vehicle that is low to the ground and large enough to accommodate a horse in distress and transport a horse off of the racetrack and association grounds.

D. The ambulance must be equipped with:

1. large, portable screens to shield a horse from public view;

2. ramps to facilitate loading a horse;

3. adequate means of loading a horse that is down;

4. a padded interior;

5. a movable partition to initially provide more room to load a horse and to later restrict a horse's movement;

E. An association may not conduct a race unless an equine ambulance or an official state veterinarian-approved substitute is readily available.

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§5723. Lighting

A. The stable area must be properly lighted, so that it will be entirely void of darkness in any section. Lights will be turned on at dusk and they shall remain on until one hour after the last race. Lights shall not be turned on or off while the horses are on the track.

~~B. The parking area must be properly lighted, so that it will be entirely void of darkness in any section. Lights will be turned on at dusk and they shall remain on until one hour after the last race, or until all cars have departed, whichever may first occur.~~

B. An association shall provide lighting for the racetrack and the patron facilities that is adequate to ensure the safety and security of the patrons, licensees and horses.

C. If an association conducts racing at night, the association shall maintain a back-up lighting system that is sufficient to ensure the safety of race participants and patrons.

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§5724. Rails

A. Racetracks, including turf tracks, shall have inside and outside rails, including gap rails, designed, constructed and maintained to provide for the safety of jockeys and horses. The design and construction of rails must be approved by the Commission prior to the first race meeting at the track.

B. The top of the rail must be at least 38 inches but not more than 42 inches above the top of the cushion.

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§5747. Cleanliness and Inspection

A. The premises shall be kept in a clean condition, in good repair, well lighted and ventilated. The quality, quantity and price of all items of food, liquor, beer and other items sold shall be subject to the commission's inspection.

B. Not later than 15 days before the first day of a race meeting, the Commission or a designated representative shall conduct an inspection of the backside facilities of the racetrack, including the barns, surface of the racetrack, any housing facilities inside barns and on backside of racetrack, and bathroom facilities to ensure compliance with Chapter 57.

C. Not later than 15 days before the first day of a race meeting the Commission or a designated representative shall inspect the grandstand and betting areas of the licensed racetrack to ensure compliance with Chapter 57.

D. The Association shall be notified of any finding of non-compliance and have 10 days to bring such violation into compliance. Thereafter, if the finding of non-compliance still exists, it shall be sent to the Commission for review.

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§5764. Surface of Race Course

A. The surface of a racetrack, including the cushion, subsurface and base, must be designed, constructed and maintained to provide for the safety of the jockeys and horses.

B. An association shall provide an adequate drainage system for the racetrack and turf course.

C. An association shall maintain the track surface in a safe training and racing condition.

D. An association that conducts races on a turf track shall provide a system capable of adequately watering the entire turf course evenly.