



TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

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Texas Racing Commission
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
10:30 a.m.
John H. Reagan Building
105 W. 15th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion and consideration of the following matters:

A. Reports by the Executive Director and Staff regarding Administrative Matters

- 1) Budget and Finance Update
- 2) Report on Wagering Statistics
- 3) Inspection and Enforcement Reports

Discussion, consideration and possible action on the following matter:

B. Approval of the Commission's Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2018-2019 and Operating Budget for FY 2017

IV. PROCEEDINGS ON RACETRACKS

Discussion, consideration and possible action on the following matters:

A. Voluntary Surrender under Commission Rule 309.1 of Racetrack License held by Saddle Brook Park

- B. Action on Applications by Inactive Racetrack License Holders for License Renewal under Commission Rule 309.52
 - 1) Laredo Race Park
 - 2) Laredo Downs
 - 3) Valle de los Tesoros
- C. Ownership and Management Reviews of Active Racetrack Licenses under Commission Rule 309.53
 - 1) Lone Star Park
 - 2) Sam Houston Race Park
 - 3) Valley Race Park
- D. Allocation of Live Race Dates for Horse Racetracks under Commission Rule 303.41 for the Period beginning January 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2018
- E. Allocation of Live Race Dates for Greyhound Racetracks under Commission Rule 303.41 for the Period beginning January 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2018

V. PROCEEDINGS ON RULEMAKING

Discussion, consideration and possible action on the following matters:

Rule Proposal. If approved by the Commission, this proposal will be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

- A. Proposal to Amend Rule 303.102, Greyhound Rules.

Rule Adoption. This proposal was published in the July 1, 2016, edition of the Texas Register and is eligible for adoption.

- B. Adoption of Amendment to Rule 319.110, Health Certificate

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following items may be discussed and considered in executive session or open meeting and have action taken in the open meeting:

- A. Under Government Code Sec. 551.071(1), the Commission may open an executive session to seek the advice of its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, or regarding a settlement offer.
- B. Under Government Code Sec. 551.071(2), the Commission may open an executive session to discuss all matters identified in this agenda where the commission seeks the advice of its attorney as privileged communications under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas. This may include, but is not limited to, legal advice regarding the Open Meetings Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the Texas Racing Act.

- C. Under Texas Racing Act, Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. art. 179e, Sec. 6.03, the Commission may open an executive session to review security plans and management, concession, and totalisator contracts.

VII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

VIII. ADJOURN

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

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FYE 08/31/2016
Operating Budget Status
by LBB Expenditure Object/Codes

Strategy	Program Description	FY 2016 Annual Budget	FY 2016 Expended Thru 06/30/2016	FY 2016 Unexpended Bal 8/31/2016	With 83.3% of Year Lapsed % of Budget Expended
<i>Appropriated</i> A.1.1.	- FTE's = 4.50 <u>Regulate Racetrack Owners</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	360,810.39	300,487.78	60,322.61	83.28%
\$ 359,315.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	9,891.51	8,174.16	1,717.35	82.64%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	110.00	(110.00)	
\$ 8,218.11	2003 Consumables	-	-	-	
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 367,533.11	2005 Travel	9,250.00	3,437.41	5,812.59	37.16%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 387,021.32	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	7,069.42	5,684.85	1,384.57	80.41%
19,488.22	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
5.42%	Total Strategy A.1.1.	387,021.32	317,894.20	69,127.12	82.14%
<i>Appropriated</i> A.2.1.	0 FTE's = 0 <u>Texas Bred Incentive</u>				
	ATB Money Expended	3,475,000.00	2,682,562.93	792,437.07	77.20%
3,475,000.00	Total Strategy A.2.1.	3,475,000.00	2,682,562.93	792,437.07	77.20%
<i>Appropriated</i> A.3.1.	(1.80) FTE's = 7.50 <u>Supervise Racing and Licensees</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	447,802.74	375,769.87	72,032.87	83.91%
\$ 690,724.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	56,923.82	31,713.14	25,210.68	55.71%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	15,000.00	10,454.60	4,545.40	69.70%
\$ 9,178.35	2003 Consumables	-	-	-	
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 699,902.35	2005 Travel	53,000.00	27,384.14	25,615.86	51.67%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 586,489.68	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	13,763.12	3,037.87	10,725.25	22.07%
(113,412.67)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
-16.42%	Total Strategy A.3.1.	586,489.68	448,359.62	138,130.06	76.45%
<i>Appropriated</i> A.3.2.	- FTE's = 3.30 <u>Monitor Occupational Licensee Act.</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	182,183.65	142,907.19	39,276.46	78.44%
\$ 245,602.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	18,218.37	14,290.77	3,927.60	78.44%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	1,000.00	630.00	370.00	63.00%
\$ -	2003 Consumables	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	0.00%
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 245,602.00	2005 Travel	38,199.98	20,346.91	17,853.07	53.26%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 245,602.00	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	3,500.00	595.24	2,904.76	17.01%
\$ (0.00)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
0.00%	Total Strategy A.3.2.	245,602.00	178,770.11	66,831.89	72.79%
<i>Appropriated</i> A.4.1.	0.05 FTE's = 3.15 <u>Inspect and Provide Emerg. Care</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	225,269.80	178,504.19	46,765.61	79.24%
\$ 340,949.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	12,939.49	9,214.88	3,724.61	71.22%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	85,000.00	15,841.48	69,158.52	18.64%
\$ 5,293.32	2003 Consumables	-	-	-	
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 346,242.32	2005 Travel	24,100.00	16,113.82	7,986.18	66.86%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 353,653.59	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	6,344.29	2,282.09	4,062.20	35.97%
\$ 7,411.26	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
2.17%	Total Strategy A.4.1.	353,653.59	221,956.46	131,697.13	62.76%

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<i>Appropriated</i> A.4.2.	(0.55) FTE's = 3.75 <u>Administer Drug Testing</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	205,374.80	166,061.62	39,313.18	80.86%
\$ 283,998.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	21,778.37	21,478.71	299.66	98.62%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	-	-	
\$ 4,917.68	2003 Consumables	-	-	-	
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 288,915.68	2005 Travel	23,500.00	8,364.28	15,135.72	35.59%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 257,369.42	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	6,716.25	1,213.43	5,502.82	18.07%
\$ (31,546.26)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
-11.11%	Total Strategy A.4.2.	257,369.42	197,118.04	60,251.38	76.59%
<i>Appropriated</i> B.1.1.	- FTE's = 7.10 <u>Occupational Licensing</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	259,474.00	205,592.19	53,881.81	79.23%
\$ 512,164.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	9,537.37	20,431.55	(10,894.18)	214.23%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	250.00	(250.00)	
\$ 6,325.58	2003 Consumables	5,000.00	274.56	4,725.44	5.49%
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 518,489.58	2005 Travel	26,954.43	23,030.27	3,924.16	85.44%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 496,884.54	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	4,000.00	2,327.30	1,672.70	58.18%
\$ (21,605.04)	CB Computer Equipment	-	77,453.05	114,465.69	40.36%
-4.22%	Total Strategy B.1.1.	496,884.54	329,358.92	167,525.62	66.28%
<i>Appropriated</i> B.1.2.	- FTE's = 0 <u>Texas OnLine</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	-	-	-	
\$ 22,500.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	-	-	-	
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	-	-	
\$ -	2003 Consumables	-	-	-	
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 22,500.00	2005 Travel	-	-	-	
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 22,500.00	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	22,500.00	12,529.00	9,971.00	55.68%
\$ -	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
0.00%	Total Strategy B.1.2.	22,500.00	12,529.00	9,971.00	55.68%
<i>Appropriated</i> C.1.1.	(0.30) FTE's = 4.50 <u>Monitor Wagering and Audit</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	250,217.94	204,747.05	45,470.89	81.83%
\$ 326,775.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	16,313.26	31,395.92	(15,082.66)	192.46%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	-	-	
\$ 6,102.88	2003 Consumables	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	0.00%
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 332,877.88	2005 Travel	20,000.00	9,531.39	10,468.61	47.66%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 312,387.94	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	24,856.74	9,597.71	15,259.03	38.61%
\$ (20,489.94)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
-6.27%	Total Strategy C.1.1.	312,387.94	255,272.07	57,115.87	81.72%

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<i>Appropriated</i> C.1.2.	- FTE's = 3.00 <u>Wagering & Compliance Inspections</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	146,425.23	102,015.16	44,410.07	69.67%
\$ 167,211.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	3,912.13	2,549.80	1,362.33	65.18%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	-	-	
\$ 3,571.35	2003 Consumables	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	0.00%
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 170,782.35	2005 Travel	16,000.00	6,320.76	9,679.24	39.50%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 169,701.61	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	2,364.25	1,090.25	1,274.00	46.11%
\$ (1,080.74)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
-0.65%	Total Strategy C.1.2.	169,701.61	111,975.97	57,725.64	65.98%
<i>Appropriated</i> D.1.1.	- FTE's = 7.00 <u>Central Administration</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	449,493.94	355,361.58	94,132.36	79.06%
\$ 742,938.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	32,707.47	26,838.14	5,869.33	82.06%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	16,500.00	16,147.66	352.34	97.86%
\$ 9,190.18	2003 Consumables	12,500.00	5,897.89	6,602.11	47.18%
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	58,000.00	35,926.57	22,073.43	61.94%
\$ 752,128.18	2005 Travel	15,500.00	6,344.57	9,155.43	40.93%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	86,250.00	78,983.80	7,266.20	91.58%
\$ 751,128.18	2007 Rent Machine	-	897.74	(897.74)	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	80,176.77	56,965.92	23,210.85	71.05%
\$ (1,000.00)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	0.00%
-0.13%	Total Strategy D.1.1.	751,128.18	583,363.87	167,764.31	77.67%
<i>Appropriated</i> D.1.2.	- FTE's = 4.80 <u>Information Resources</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	320,927.16	259,681.60	61,245.56	80.92%
\$ 514,024.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	12,967.37	22,285.38	(9,318.01)	171.86%
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	56,000.00	25,056.00	30,944.00	44.74%
\$ 6,322.30	2003 Consumables	12,000.00	738.15	11,261.85	6.15%
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	1,200.00	221.93	978.07	18.49%
\$ 520,346.30	2005 Travel	3,500.00	2,586.52	913.48	73.90%
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	2,700.00	370.00	2,330.00	13.70%
\$ 521,346.29	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	112,051.76	71,108.59	40,943.17	63.46%
\$ 1,000.00	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
0.19%	Total Strategy D.1.2.	521,346.29	382,048.17	139,298.12	73.28%
<i>Appropriated</i> D.1.3.	(2.60) FTE's = 48.60 <u>Other Support Services</u>				
Base Appr =	1001 Salaries and Wages	-	-	-	
\$ 7,681,200.00	1002 Other Personnel Cost	-	-	-	
Sup Appr =	2001 Prof Fees and Services	-	-	-	
\$ 59,119.74	2003 Consumables	-	-	-	
Total Appr =	2004 Utilities	-	-	-	
\$ 7,740,319.74	2005 Travel	-	-	-	
Budgeted =	2006 Rent Building	-	-	-	
\$ 7,579,084.56	2007 Rent Machine	-	-	-	
Difference	2009 Other Operating Cost	-	-	-	
\$ (161,235.18)	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	
-2.10%	Total Strategy D.1.3.	-	-	-	
\$ 4,265,320	Regulatory Program Operating Budget	4,104,084.56	3,038,646.43	1,065,438.13	74.04%
\$ 3,475,000	TX Bred Program Operating Budget	3,475,000.00	2,682,562.93	792,437.07	77.20%
\$ 7,740,320	Total M.O.F. (TXRC Acct. 597 & GR)	7,579,084.56	5,721,209.36	1,857,875.20	75.49%
	Total All Programs Operating Budget	7,579,084.56	5,721,209.36	1,857,875.20	75.49%

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\$ -	(2.60) FTE's = 48.60				
<i>Appropriated</i>	<u>Direct Expense of Regulatory Programs</u>				
	1001 Salaries and Wages	2,847,979.64	2,291,128.23	556,851.41	80.45%
	1002 Other Personnel Cost	195,189.16	188,372.45	6,816.71	96.51%
	2001 Prof Fees and Services	173,500.00	68,489.74	105,010.26	39.48%
	2003 Consumables	34,000.00	6,910.60	27,089.40	20.33%
	2004 Utilities	59,200.00	36,148.50	23,051.50	61.06%
	2005 Travel	230,004.41	123,460.07	106,544.34	53.68%
	2006 Rent Building	88,950.00	79,353.80	9,596.20	89.21%
	2007 Rent Machine	4,000.00	3,225.04	774.96	80.63%
	2009 Other Operating Cost	471,261.35	241,558.00	229,703.35	51.26%
	CB Computer Equipment	-	-	-	0.00%
\$ 4,265,320	Total Direct Expense of Regulatory Program	4,104,084.56	3,038,646.43	1,065,438.13	74.04%
\$ 3,475,000	FTE's = - Direct Expense of TX Bred Program	3,475,000.00	2,682,562.93	792,437.07	77.20%
\$ 7,740,320	(2.60) FTE's = 48.60 Total Direct Expense of All Programs	7,579,084.56	5,721,209.36	1,857,875.20	75.49%
\$ -	<i>Un-Appropriated</i> Indirect Expense of All Programs				
	OASI Match	218,367.69	181,583.48	36,784.21	83.15%
	Group Insurance	299,720.36	225,552.70	74,167.66	75.25%
	State Retirement	236,222.16	187,813.46	48,408.70	79.51%
	Benefit Replacement	9,700.00	7,154.64	2,545.36	73.76%
	ERS Retiree Insurance	275,000.00	275,659.63	(659.63)	100.24%
	SWCAP GR Reimburse	30,000.00	21,914.00	8,086.00	73.05%
	Unemployment Cost	10,000.00	2,268.00	7,732.00	22.68%
	Other	-	-	-	
\$ 1,079,010	Total Indirect Expense of All Programs	1,079,010.21	901,945.91	177,064.30	83.59%
\$ 8,819,330	Total Direct and Indirect Expense of All Programs	8,658,094.77	6,623,155.27	2,034,939.50	76.50%

Source Of Funds	Agency Method Of Finance	FY 2016 Projected Revenue	FY 2016 Actual Revenue Thru 06/30/2016	N/A	With 83.3% of Year Lapsed % of Revenue Collected
	Regulatory Program MOF:				
Acct. 597	Cash Balance Carry Forward	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00		n/a
Acct. 597	Live Race Day Fees	\$ -	\$ -		
Acct. 597	Simulcast Race Day Fees	\$ -	\$ -		
Acct. 597	Annual License Fees (Active & Inactive)	\$ 4,183,750.00	\$ 3,371,441.96		80.58%
Acct. 597	Outs	\$ -	\$ -		
Acct. 597	Occupational License Fees and Fines	\$ 747,458.00	\$ 563,219.25		75.35%
Acct. 597	Other Revenue	\$ 23,867.00	\$ 18,875.99		79.09%
Acct. 1	GR Funds	\$ -	\$ -		
	Sub-Total Regulatory Prgm. MOF	\$ 5,705,075.00	\$ 4,703,537.20		82.44%
	Texas Bred Program MOF:				
Acct. 597	Cash Balance Carry Forward	\$ -	\$ -		
Acct. 597	Breakage and 1% Exotic	\$ 3,475,000.00	\$ 2,682,562.93		77.20%
Acct. 597	Other	\$ -	\$ -		
	Sub-Total Texas Bred Prgm. MOF	\$ 3,475,000.00	\$ 2,682,562.93		77.20%
All Sources	Total MOF	\$ 9,180,075.00	\$ 7,386,100.13		80.46%
	MOF Estimated to Exceed or (Fall-Short of Covering) Direct & Indirect Expenses of Operating Budget	\$ 521,980.23	\$ 762,944.86		



Fiscal Year 2016 Operational Budget

Updated: July 12, 2016

Thru: June 30, 2016

Summary of Operating Revenue

By Revenue Type:	Budget	Collected	Suspended	Uncollected Balance	%
Account 597 - Racing Commission - GRD	\$ 9,180,075	\$ 7,386,100	\$ -	\$ 1,793,975	20%
Account 1 - State of Texas - GR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL - ALL REVENUES	\$ 9,180,075	\$ 7,386,100	\$ -	\$ 1,793,975	20%

Summary of Appropriated Operating Expenses

	Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Unexpended Balance	%
1001 - Salaries and Wages:	\$ 2,847,980	\$ 2,291,128	\$ -	\$ 556,851	20%
1002 - Other Personnel Cost:	\$ 195,189	\$ 188,372	\$ -	\$ 6,817	3%
2001 - Professional Fees and Services:	\$ 173,500	\$ 68,490	\$ -	\$ 105,010	61%
2003 - Consumable Supplies:	\$ 34,000	\$ 6,911	\$ -	\$ 27,089	80%
2004 - Utilities:	\$ 59,200	\$ 36,149	\$ -	\$ 23,052	39%
2005 - Travel:	\$ 230,004	\$ 123,460	\$ -	\$ 106,544	46%
2006 - Rent Building:	\$ 88,950	\$ 79,354	\$ -	\$ 9,596	11%
2007 - Rent Machine and Other:	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,225	\$ -	\$ 775	19%
2009 - Other Operating Expense:	\$ 471,261	\$ 241,558	\$ -	\$ 229,703	49%
4000 - Grants	\$ 3,475,000	\$ 2,682,563	\$ -	\$ 792,437	23%
5000 - Capital Expenditures:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
TOTAL - ALL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,579,085	\$ 5,721,209	\$ -	\$ 1,857,874	25%

Unappropriated Operating Expenses

Type:	Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Unexpended Balance	%
TOTAL - ALL UNAPPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,079,010	\$ 901,946	\$ -	\$ 177,064	16%
TOTAL - ALL EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,658,095	\$ 6,623,155	\$ -	\$ 2,034,939	24%

OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)

	\$ 521,980	\$ 762,945			
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Summary of FTE's

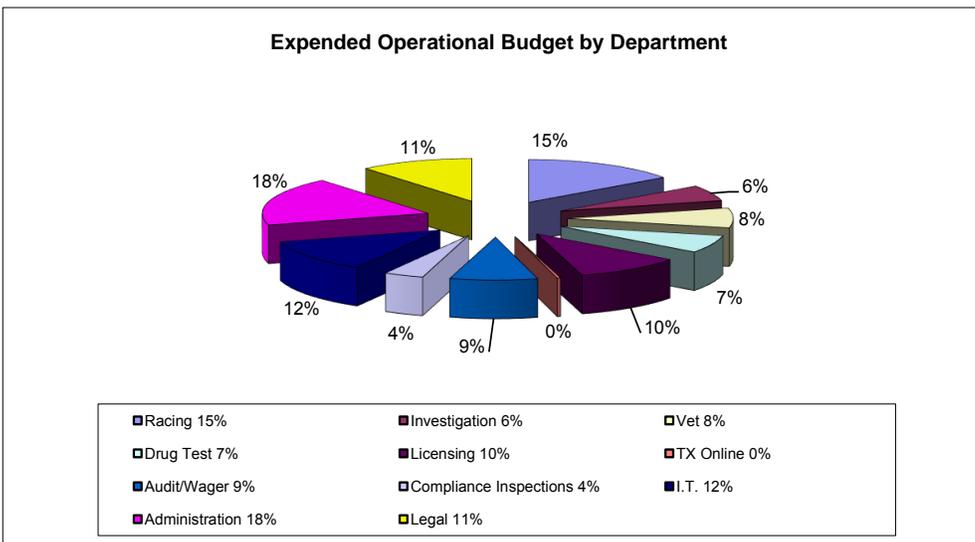
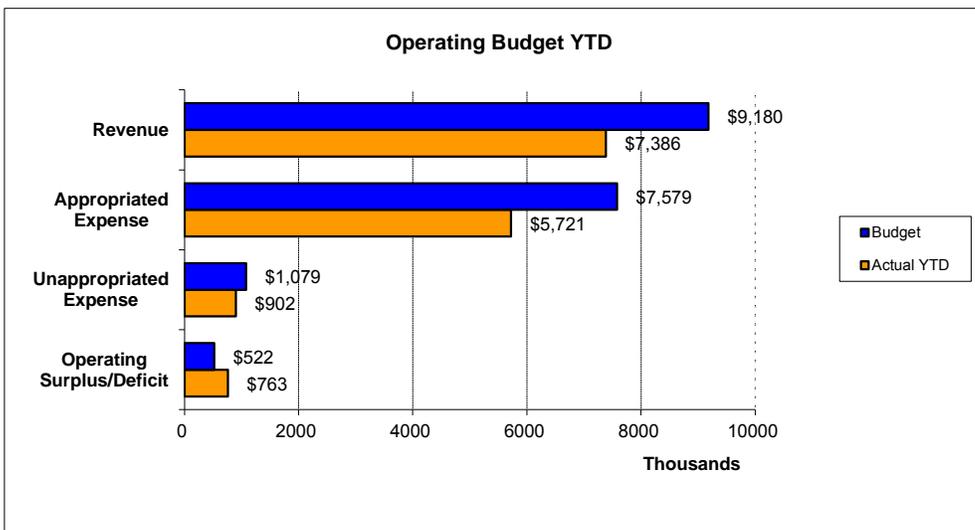
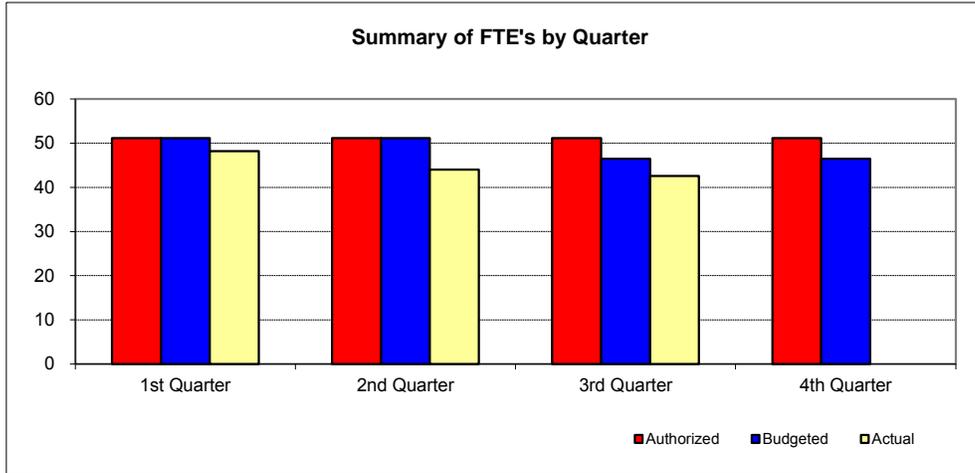
By Fiscal Quarter:	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Authorized FTE's	51.20	51.20	51.20	51.20
Budgeted FTE's	51.20	51.20	46.50	46.50
Actual FTE's	48.20	44.00	42.60	0.00
Actual FTE's Over / (Under) Budget	(3.00)	(7.20)	(3.90)	n/a
Actual FTE's Over / (Under) Authorization	(3.00)	(7.20)	(8.60)	n/a



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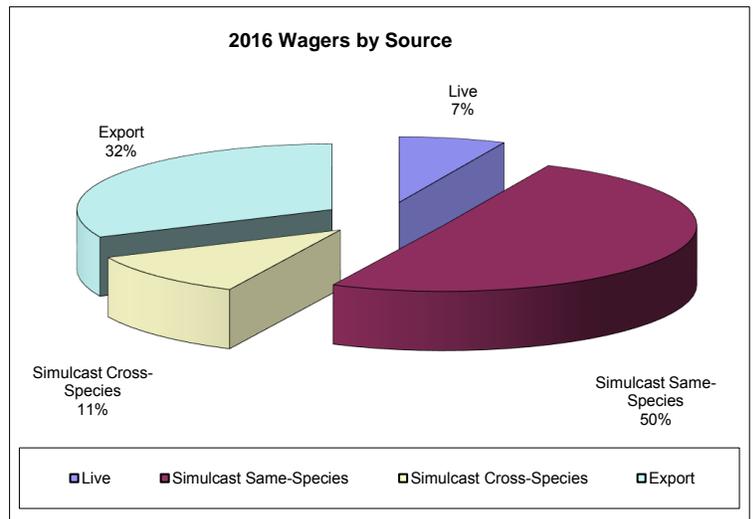
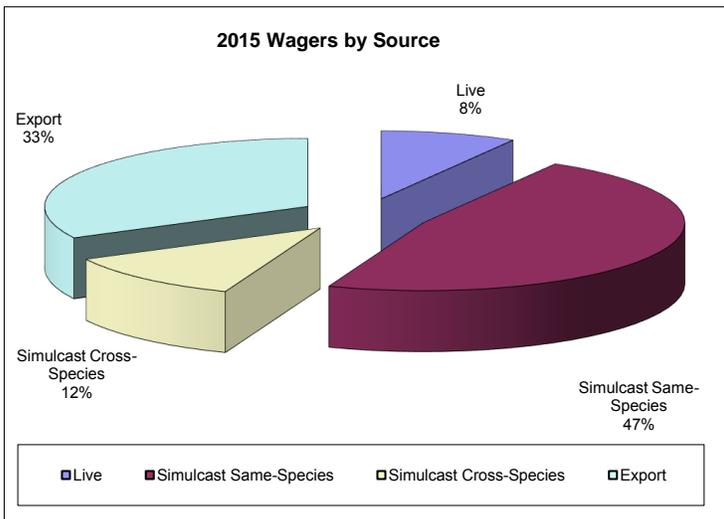
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Texas Pari-Mutuel Racetracks Wagering Statistics Comparison Report on Total Wagers Placed in Texas & on Texas Races For the Period of January 1 through July 24

	Year 2015			Year 2016			Percentage Change	
	<u>Wagers (Handle)</u>			<u>Wagers (Handle)</u>			<u>Wagers (Handle)</u>	
	# Days	Total	Average per day	# Days	Total	Average per day	Total	Average per day
Greyhound Racetracks								
Live	142	\$ 3,871,471	\$ 27,264	0	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%	-100.00%
Simulcast Same-Species	528	\$ 16,154,012	\$ 30,595	533	\$ 13,969,372	\$ 26,209	-13.52%	-14.34%
Simulcast Cross-Species	528	\$ 12,684,830	\$ 24,024	533	\$ 12,439,520	\$ 23,339	-1.93%	-2.85%
Export	142	\$ 6,373,861	\$ 44,886	0	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total Wagers		\$ 39,084,175			\$ 26,408,891		-32.43%	
Horse Racetracks								
Live	126	\$ 20,133,557	\$ 159,790	124	\$ 18,507,968	\$ 149,258	-8.07%	-6.59%
Simulcast Same-Species	733	\$ 120,042,037	\$ 163,768	736	\$ 123,985,272	\$ 168,458	3.28%	2.86%
Simulcast Cross-Species	733	\$ 20,411,726	\$ 27,847	737	\$ 17,758,786	\$ 24,096	-13.00%	-13.47%
Export	122	\$ 87,210,569	\$ 714,841	120	\$ 87,284,738	\$ 727,373	0.09%	1.75%
Total Wagers		\$ 247,797,888			\$ 247,536,764		-0.11%	
All Racetracks								
Live	268	\$ 24,005,028	\$ 89,571	124	\$ 18,507,968	\$ 149,258	-22.90%	66.64%
Simulcast Same-Species	1,261	\$ 136,196,049	\$ 108,006	1,269	\$ 137,954,644	\$ 108,711	1.29%	0.65%
Simulcast Cross-Species	1,261	\$ 33,096,556	\$ 26,246	1,270	\$ 30,198,306	\$ 23,778	-8.76%	-9.40%
Export	264	\$ 93,584,431	\$ 354,486	120	\$ 87,284,738	\$ 727,373	-6.73%	105.19%
Total Wagers		\$ 286,882,063			\$ 273,945,655		-4.51%	
Total Wagers Placed in Texas		\$ 193,297,632			\$ 186,660,917		-3.43%	
Total Wagers Placed on Texas Races		\$ 117,589,458			\$ 105,792,705		-10.03%	

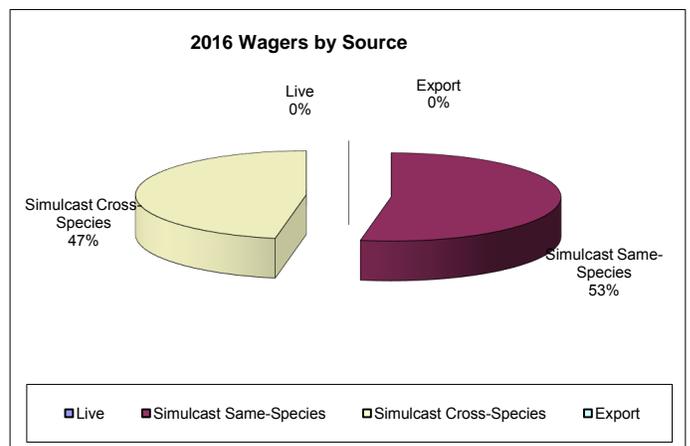
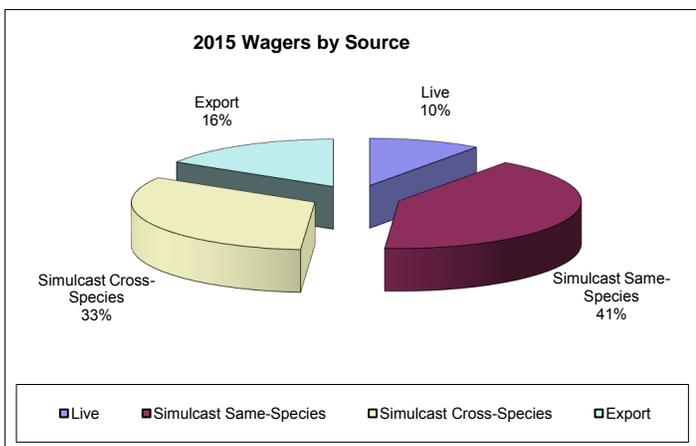




Greyhound Racetrack Wagering Statistics Comparison Report on Total Wagers Placed in Texas & on Texas Races

For the Period of January 1 through July 24

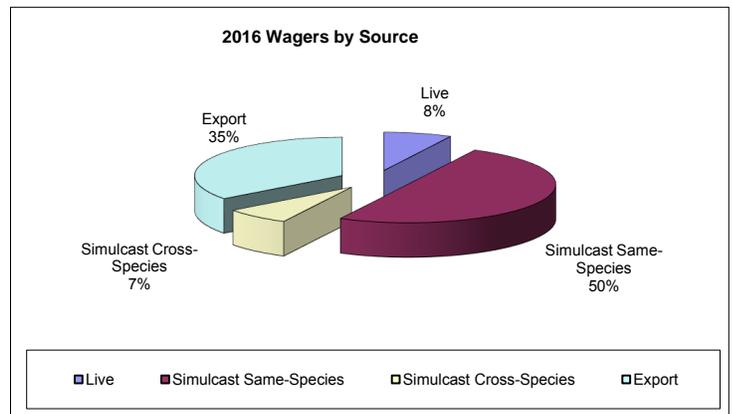
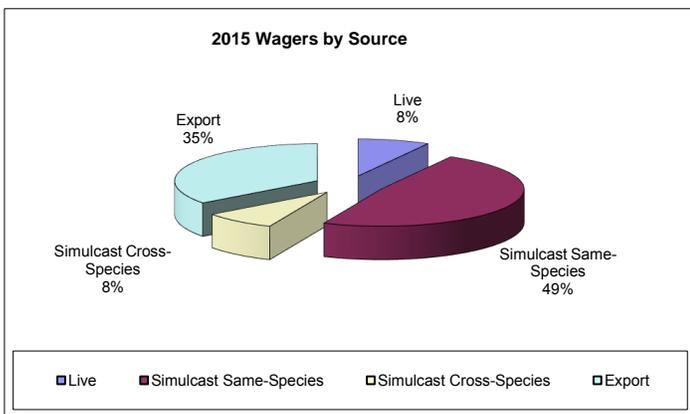
	Year 2015			Year 2016			Percentage Change	
	# Days	Wagers (Handle)		# Days	Wagers (Handle)		Wagers (Handle)	
		Total	Average per day		Total	Average per day	Total	Average per day
<u>Gulf Coast Racing</u>								
Live	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Simulcast Same-Species	147	\$ 4,997,620	\$ 33,997	150	\$ 4,060,427	\$ 27,070	-18.75%	-20.38%
Simulcast Cross-Species	147	\$ 2,624,733	\$ 17,855	150	\$ 2,367,591	\$ 15,784	-9.80%	-11.60%
Export	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Total Wagers		\$ 7,622,353			\$ 6,428,018		-15.67%	
<u>Gulf Greyhound Park</u>								
Live	142	\$ 3,871,471	\$ 27,264	0	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%	-100.00%
Simulcast Same-Species	205	\$ 6,602,185	\$ 32,206	206	\$ 6,168,239	\$ 29,943	-6.57%	-7.03%
Simulcast Cross-Species	205	\$ 6,584,442	\$ 32,119	206	\$ 6,368,629	\$ 30,916	-3.28%	-3.75%
Export	142	\$ 6,373,861	\$ 44,886	0	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total Wagers		\$ 23,431,959			\$ 12,536,868		-46.50%	
<u>Valley Race Park</u>								
Live	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Simulcast Same-Species	176	\$ 4,554,208	\$ 25,876	177	\$ 3,740,706	\$ 21,134	-17.86%	-18.33%
Simulcast Cross-Species	176	\$ 3,475,655	\$ 19,748	177	\$ 3,703,299	\$ 20,923	6.55%	5.95%
Export	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Total Wagers		\$ 8,029,863			\$ 7,444,006		-7.30%	
<u>All Greyhound Tracks</u>								
Live	142	\$ 3,871,471	\$ 27,264	0	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%	-100.00%
Simulcast Same-Species	528	\$ 16,154,012	\$ 30,595	533	\$ 13,969,372	\$ 26,209	-13.52%	-14.34%
Simulcast Cross-Species	528	\$ 12,684,830	\$ 24,024	533	\$ 12,439,520	\$ 23,339	-1.93%	-2.85%
Export	142	\$ 6,373,861	\$ 44,886	0	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total Wagers		\$ 39,084,175			\$ 26,408,891		-32.43%	
Total Wagers Placed in Texas		\$ 32,710,313			\$ 26,408,891		-19.26%	
Total Wagers Placed on Texas Races		\$ 10,245,332			\$ -		-100.00%	





Horse Racetrack Wagering Statistics Comparison Report on Total Wagers Placed in Texas & on Texas Races For the Period of January 1 through July 24

	Year 2015			Year 2016			Percentage Change	
	# Days	Wagers (Handle)		# Days	Wagers (Handle)		Wagers (Handle)	
		Total	Average per day		Total	Average per day	Total	Average per day
Gillespie County Fair								
Live	4	\$ 561,877	\$ 140,469	4	\$ 491,057	\$ 122,764	-12.60%	-12.60%
Simulcast Same-Species	118	\$ 2,316,860	\$ 19,634	120	\$ 1,759,531	\$ 14,663	-24.06%	-25.32%
Simulcast Cross-Species	118	\$ 271,417	\$ 2,300	120	\$ 220,483	\$ 1,837	-18.77%	-20.12%
Export	0	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	0.00%
Total Wagers		\$ 3,150,153			\$ 2,471,071		-21.56%	
Lone Star Park								
Live	50	\$ 12,176,605	\$ 243,532	50	\$ 11,218,349	\$ 224,367	-7.87%	-7.87%
Simulcast Same-Species	205	\$ 59,918,940	\$ 292,288	206	\$ 60,305,890	\$ 292,747	0.65%	0.16%
Simulcast Cross-Species	205	\$ 3,529,906	\$ 17,219	206	\$ 3,453,200	\$ 16,763	-2.17%	-2.65%
Export	50	\$ 28,861,770	\$ 577,235	50	\$ 30,403,800	\$ 608,076	5.34%	5.34%
Total Wagers		\$ 104,487,220			\$ 105,381,238		0.86%	
Retama Park								
Live	15	\$ 1,594,592	\$ 106,306	14	\$ 1,336,798	\$ 95,486	-16.17%	-10.18%
Simulcast Same-Species	205	\$ 21,212,226	\$ 103,474	206	\$ 22,400,006	\$ 108,738	5.60%	5.09%
Simulcast Cross-Species	205	\$ 5,272,844	\$ 25,721	206	\$ 4,303,855	\$ 20,893	-18.38%	-18.77%
Export	15	\$ 3,217,023	\$ 214,468	14	\$ 2,682,517	\$ 191,608	-16.61%	-10.66%
Total Wagers		\$ 31,296,685			\$ 30,723,176		-1.83%	
Sam Houston Race Park								
Live	57	\$ 5,800,483	\$ 101,763	56	\$ 5,461,764	\$ 97,532	-5.84%	-4.16%
Simulcast Same-Species	205	\$ 36,594,011	\$ 178,507	204	\$ 39,519,845	\$ 193,725	8.00%	8.52%
Simulcast Cross-Species	205	\$ 11,337,559	\$ 55,305	205	\$ 9,781,248	\$ 47,713	-13.73%	-13.73%
Export	57	\$ 55,131,777	\$ 967,224	56	\$ 54,198,421	\$ 967,829	-1.69%	0.06%
Total Wagers		\$ 108,863,830			\$ 108,961,278		0.09%	
All Horse Tracks								
Live	126	\$ 20,133,557	\$ 159,790	124	\$ 18,507,968	\$ 149,258	-8.07%	-6.59%
Simulcast Same-Species	733	\$ 120,042,037	\$ 163,768	736	\$ 123,985,272	\$ 168,458	3.28%	2.86%
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Total Wagers Placed in Texas		\$ 160,587,319			\$ 160,252,026		-0.21%	
Total Wagers Placed on Texas Races		\$ 107,344,126			\$ 105,792,705		-1.45%	



INSPECTION REPORT

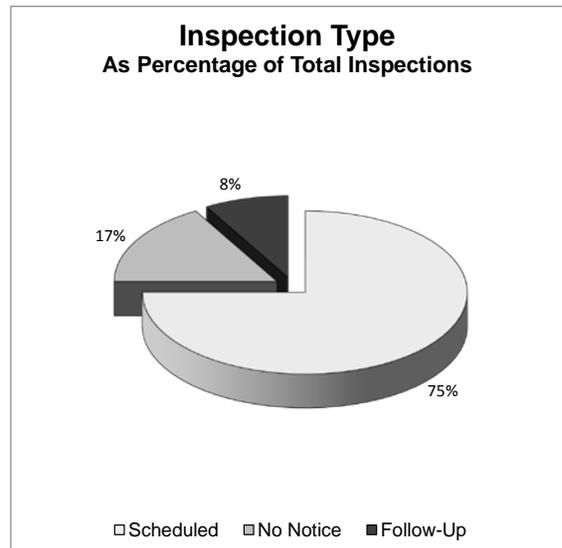
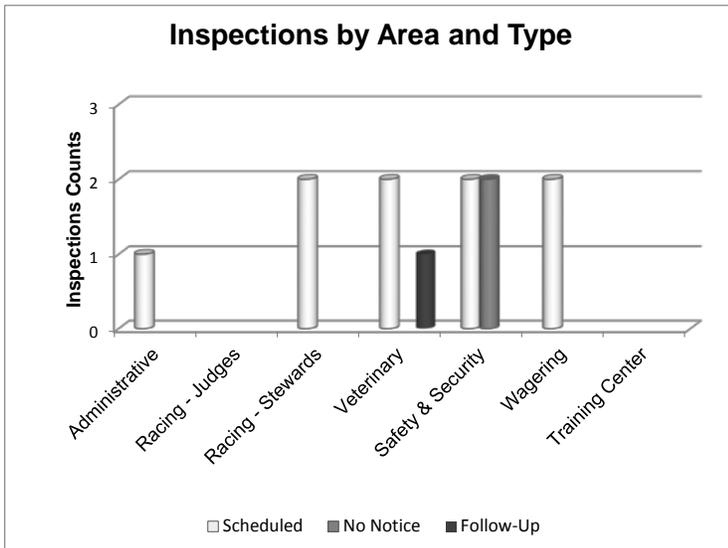
Summary of Inspections Performed For the Period of June 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016					
Track	Area of Inspection	Date of Inspection	Number of Unsatisfactory Items	Track Remediation	Remaining Unsatisfactory Items
Retama Park	Wagering	6/2/2016	0		
	Veterinary	6/2/2016	2*		
	Veterinary	6/10/2016	0	2 (Follow-up from 6/2/16)	0
	Security	6/9/2016	0		
	Racing	6/10/2016	0		
Diamond D Training	Security	6/15/2016	0		
Oak Leaf Training	Security	6/15/2016	0		
Gillespie County Fair	Veterinary	6/20/2016	0		
	Administrative	6/24/2016	0		
	Wagering	6/24/2016	0		
	Security	6/30/2016	0		
	Racing	7/1/2016	0		

* The two veterinary items at Retama Park relate to minor repairs in the Barns and the Test Barn.

Inspection Counts by Area and Type				
Area of Inspection	Scheduled	No Notice	Follow-Up	Totals
Administrative	1			1
Racing - Judges				
Racing - Stewards	2			2
Veterinary	2		1	3
Safety & Security	2	2		4
Wagering	2			2
Training Center				
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	9	2	1	12

Important Notes Regarding Inspections at Racetracks:

- 1) Scheduled inspections typically occur before the beginning of each race meet. No Notice inspections typically are planned to occur during the middle of a meet, but may occur at any time.
- 2) Follow-Up inspections are performed when a Scheduled or No Notice inspection identifies an unsatisfactory item. The Follow-Up inspection is performed after the association has had an opportunity to remedy any unsatisfactory item.



ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Lone Star Park concluded its Thoroughbred meet on July 17; Retama Park's Quarter Horse meet ends on August 13; and Gillespie County Fair has four days of racing remaining in August: August 13, 14, 27 and 28.

Sam Houston Race Park, Lone Star Park, Gulf Greyhound Park., Valley Race Park, Gulf Coast Racing and the Race Barn in Fredericksburg are conducting simulcast operations.

Lone Star Park

Rulings Activity – Thoroughbred Race Meet – April 7, 2016 – July 17, 2016
Rulings reported as of August 1, 2016

Human Alcohol Violations	10
Conduct Violations	2
Jockey – Non-Riding Infractions	2
Medication Violations	3
Human Drug Violations	7
Licensing Violations	1
Reciprocity Rulings	2
Failure to Pay Fine	4
Financial Obligations	3
Jockey – Riding Infractions	7
Miscellaneous	1
Total # of Rulings	42

Outstanding Inspection Item: No unresolved inspection issues at Lone Star Park.

- B. Approval of the Commission's Legislative Appropriations Request for FY 2018-2019 and Operating Budget for FY 2017
(Provided as separate document.)

IV. PROCEEDINGS ON RACETRACKS

Discussion and consideration on the following matter:

- A. Voluntary Surrender under Commission Rule 309.1 of Racetrack License held by Saddle Brook Park

IN THE MATTER OF
SADDLE BROOK PARK, INC.

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT is entered into on this 12 day of July, 2016, to memorialize and approve a settlement by and between Saddle Brook Park, Inc., ("Saddle Brook Park") and the Texas Racing Commission ("Commission").

WHEREAS, Saddle Brook Park has been licensed by the Commission as a Class 2 horse racing association since 1989;

WHEREAS, on or about December 8, 2015, Saddle Brook Park notified the Commission that it would make no further license fee payments;

WHEREAS, Commission staff initiated a contested case before the State Office of Administrative Hearings to revoke Saddle Brook Park's horse racing association license;

WHEREAS, Saddle Brook Park and the Commission desire to avoid the time and expense of further litigation and to settle this matter;

NOW THEREFORE, Saddle Brook Park and the Commission, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and consideration herein described, and in full and final settlement of this case, agree as follows:

1. Saddle Brook Park surrenders its license for revocation pursuant to 16 T.A.C. Section 309.1(b). *SEE FOOTNOTE 1* 
2. The Commission shall file a motion to dismiss the case pending before the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
3. This Settlement Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Applicant and the Commission and any previous negotiations, arrangements, understandings, and representations are superseded. No oral understandings, statements, promises, or inducements contrary to the terms of the Settlement Agreement exist. By their signatures below, Saddle Brook

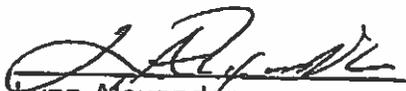
Park and the Commission waive their rights to further findings, conclusions, orders, administrative proceedings, or litigation in this matter, except as is necessary to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

4. This settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Texas.
5. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts without the necessity of all parties signing the same counterpart.

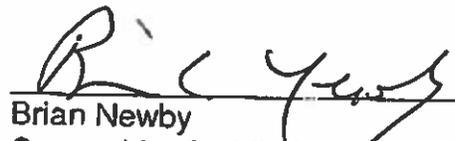
IN WITNESS WHEREOF Saddle Brook Park and the Commission have executed this Settlement Agreement.

Signed and Agreed to this 7th day of July 2016.

For Saddle Brook Park, Inc.



Lynn Alexander
CEO
Saddle Brook Park, Inc.



Brian Newby
Counsel for Saddle Brook Park, Inc.
State Bar No. 14947320

For the Texas Racing Commission:



Chuck Trout
Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission



Mark Fenner
General Counsel
Texas Racing Commission
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Footnote 1

This Agreement does not constitute an admission of fault or liability by Saddle Brook Park, its agents and attorneys, nor does it constitute evidence of any liability or unlawful conduct on the part of Saddle Brook Park, its agent and attorneys, and the Texas Racing Commission will not urge or seek to admit this Agreement as evidence of any fault or liability of Saddle Brook Park, its agents and attorneys, in any investigation, administrative proceeding or federal or state court or arbitration proceeding. In consideration for the voluntary surrender of its license for revocation, the Texas Racing Commission agrees to refrain from instituting, recommending, directing, maintaining or participating in any administrative claim or any action against Saddle Brook Park, its agents and attorneys, except the ministerial revocation of a voluntarily surrendered license by Saddle Brook Park under Section 309.1(d).



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IN THE MATTER OF

SADDLE BROOK PARK, INC.

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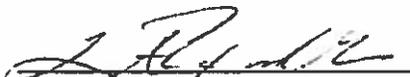
BEFORE THE

TEXAS RACING COMMISSION

AGREED ORDER

On August 9, 2016, the Texas Racing Commission ("Commission") considered the matter of the racing association license of Saddle Brook Park, Inc. ("Saddle Brook Park"). Pursuant to 16 T.A.C. Section 309.1(b) and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement dated 7/7/16, the Commission hereby accepts the surrender of Saddle Brook Park's racing association license for revocation.

For Saddle Brook Park, Inc.:



Lynn Alexander
CEO
Saddle Brook Park, Inc.

For the Texas Racing Commission Staff:



Chuck Trout
Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission

ISSUED AND ENTERED the _____ day of August, 2016.

Rolando Pablos, Chair

Ronald F. Ederer, Vice Chair

Gary P. Aber, DVM

Gloria Hicks

A. Cynthia Leon

Margaret Martin

Victoria North

Robert Schmidt, M.D.

John T. Steen III

B. Action on Applications by Inactive Racetrack License Holders for License Renewal under Commission Rule 309.52

- 1) Laredo Race Park
- 2) Laredo Downs
- 3) Valle de los Tesoros



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Date: August 1, 2016

To: Texas Racing Commissioners

From: Chuck Trout, Executive Director

Re: Action on Applications by Inactive Racetrack License Holders for License
Renewal under Commission Rule 309.52

At its meeting on August 9, 2016, the Commission will review and potentially renew each racetrack license that is currently designated as inactive under §6.0602 of the Texas Racing Act and that the Commission has not already referred to the State Office for Administrative Hearings for non-renewal proceedings.

The relevant inactive licenses are:

Laredo Race Park
Laredo Downs
Valle de los Tesoros

In preparation for this review, staff prepared an application form that addresses each of the renewal criteria established under Commission Rule 309.52. Each inactive license holder then completed the application form and submitted the required fee. The completed applications are attached for your use.

At the conclusion of its review of each license, the Commission may:

- (1) designate the license as Active-Operating;
- (2) designate the license as Active-Other;
- (3) renew the license as Inactive; or
- (4) refer the inactive racetrack license to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for an evidentiary hearing and a Proposal for Decision as to whether the Commission should refuse to renew the license.

While the Commission has established the factors that it will consider in deciding whether to renew a license, the presence of any particular factor or factors does not require the Commission to either renew or refuse to renew an inactive racetrack license.

Renewal Criteria

Renewal criteria are established in TRA §6.0602 and Commission Rule 309.52. The following chart summarizes each track's response in relation to each of the criteria.

	Laredo Race Park	Laredo Downs	Valle de los Tsoros
In determining whether to renew an inactive racetrack license, the Commission shall consider:			
the inactive racetrack license holder's financial stability;	Financially stable	Financially stable	Financially stable
the inactive racetrack license holder's ability to conduct live racing;	No racetrack facilities	No racetrack facilities	No racetrack facilities
ability to construct and maintain a racetrack facility;	Possesses finances, has option on land, and has technical capability.	Possesses finances and technical capability. Does not own or lease the designated property.	Possesses finances, owns land, and has technical capability.
other good faith efforts to conduct live racing; and	See next page.	See next page.	See next page.
other necessary factors considered in the issuance of the original license.	No change from original licensure	Other than lack of property, no change from original licensure	No change from original licensure
Actions that demonstrate good faith efforts towards conducting live racing, although live racing is not imminent. Actions the Commission may consider include, but are not limited to:			
securing sufficient financial commitments to fund construction of the racetrack facility;	Financially capable	Financially capable	Financially capable
securing the real property of the designated location for which the racetrack license was granted, either by purchase or through a long-term lease of 20 years or more;	Has option to purchase property	No property	Owns property
entering into contracts for the construction of the simulcasting and racetrack facilities;	None	None	None
securing Commission approval of the racing facility's construction plans;	None	None	None
securing permits and utilities necessary for the construction of the racing facilities; and	None	None	None
beginning and sustaining construction of the simulcasting or live racing facilities.	None	None	None
Other good faith actions.	See next page.		

License holders may report additional actions that they have undertaken as evidence of good faith efforts towards conducting live racing. The following statements are taken verbatim from the license holders' applications.

Laredo Race Park

- Making regular and timely payments to the TRC to support the horse racing industry totaling \$230,000 annually;
- Pursuing regulatory changes at the Commission to improve the economics of Texas tracks and improve the Texas horse industry;
- Pursuing legislative changes to improve the economics of Texas tracks and improve the Texas horse industry;
- Maintaining rights to the Mines Road location for the LRP facility at substantial and increasing cost to LRP;
- Examining the potential for a temporary simulcast location and pursuing regulatory changes to increase opportunities for live racing through simulcast expansion;
- Examining the potential for other modifications to the original racetrack plans to improve the economics of a new track and mitigate changes in circumstances since the license was originally issued; and
- Participating in TRC working group meetings and making regular reports to the Commission.

Laredo Downs

Since the Commission issued the license, LRP's principals and representatives have been heavily involved in the racing industry, including attending Commission public meetings, work-sessions, and rulemaking committee sessions. The principals are very interested and involved in any and all activities that could improve the condition of the Texas racing industry. LRP is well-known by the horseman and the owners of the other tracks as a key and responsible player in the industry. LRP has, on more than one occasion, presented innovative ideas to the Commission and staff in support of the growth of the industry as a whole. LRP's continued support of and interest in the Industry supports a finding that it is making good-faith efforts.

Further, LRP incurred significant costs in its efforts to move forward to a live racing facility, including filing a comprehensive application to relocate Laredo Downs from Laredo, Texas to Tarrant County, Texas, and is now pursuing a site in Webb County. While LRP eventually withdrew its application for relocation to Tarrant County after extensive discussions with the TRC staff, LRP continues to expend funds and effort to move forward toward live racing.

Valle de los Tesoros

Since the Commission issued the license, VDLT's principals and representatives have been heavily involved in the racing industry, including attending Commission public meetings, work-sessions, and rulemaking committee sessions. The principals are very interested and involved in any and all activities that could improve the condition of the Texas racing industry. VDLT is well-known by the horseman and the owners of the other tracks as a key and responsible player in the industry. VDLT has, on more than one occasion, presented innovative ideas to the Commission and staff in support of the growth of the industry as a whole. VDLT's continued support of and interest in the industry supports a finding that it is making good-faith efforts.

Further, VDLT incurred significant costs in its efforts to move forward to a live racing facility, and continues to expend funds and effort to begin simulcasting and eventually live racing.

Factors supporting Nonrenewal

	Laredo Race Park	Laredo Downs	Valle de los Tsoros
The Commission has established the following factors as evidence that renewal of a license is not in the best interests of the racing industry or the public:			
the presence of any ground for denial, revocation, or suspension of a license under §6.06 or §6.0603 of the Act;	N/A	N/A	N/A
forfeiture of any bond by an inactive racetrack license holder that was required by the Commission;	N/A	N/A	N/A
failure by an inactive racetrack license holder to comply with any condition or order placed on the license by the Commission;	N/A	N/A	N/A
failure to maintain the ownership or leasehold interest in the real property constituting the designated location; or	N/A	Applicable, Laredo Downs does not maintain an ownership or leasehold interest in the designated property	N/A
any factor identified in §6.04(a) of the Act	N/A	N/A	N/A

Nonrenewal

The Commission may refuse to renew an inactive racetrack license if, after notice and a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings, the Commission determines that:

- (1) renewal of the license is not in the best interests of the racing industry or the public; or
- (2) the license holder has failed to make a good faith effort to conduct live racing.

If you have any questions, please let me or Mark Fenner know. Representatives of each inactive racetrack license holder will be present at the Commission meeting to answer your questions.



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APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL

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ASSOCIATION NAME			
Laredo Race Park, LLC.			
ADDRESS OF DESIGNATED RACETRACK LOCATION	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
See Attached Description	Laredo	TX	
CONTACT PERSON'S FIRST NAME	CONTACT PERSON'S LAST NAME		
Andrea	Young		
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CONTACT PERSON'S BUSINESS PHONE #	CONTACT PERSON'S FAX #		
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As required by Commission Rule 309.52(c)(3), I swear that the information in this application and its supplemental documents is true and valid.

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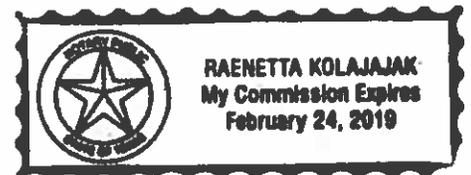
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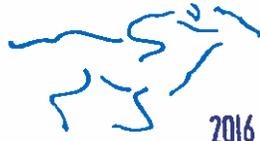
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TEXAS RACING
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June 30, 2016

Texas Racing Commission
8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 110
Austin, Texas 78754

Re: *License Renewal Application for Laredo Race Park*

Dear Commissioners:

Laredo Race Park (LRP) appreciates the opportunity to provide information demonstrating that it meets the criteria for license renewal under Texas Racing Act § 6.0602 and TRC Rule 309.52. This letter addresses the criteria under Texas Racing Act § 6.0602(b), as well as the criteria for other “good faith efforts” to conduct live racing under TRC Rule 309.52(d)(3) and other applicable criteria.

Background of Laredo License and the LRP Group

LRP holds a Class II horse racing license. LRP is under the same ownership and management as Sam Houston Race Park (SHRP) in Houston, an active Class I license in continuous operation since 1994, and Valley Race Park (VRP) in Harlingen, an active greyhound track in continuous operation since 2000. As the Commission is aware, the circumstances surrounding constructing and operating a racetrack in Texas and Laredo have substantially changed since the award of the LRP license in 2007. Most recently, I had the opportunity to testify before you to these challenges at your April 2016 meeting when the LRP license was last renewed.

As you are aware since 2007, Texas horsemen and breeding operations have increasingly relocated to neighboring states due to more lucrative state-bred purse awards and state breeding incentives funded by expanded gaming options in neighboring states’ racetracks. This has produced an unforeseen decline in market dynamics for all Texas tracks. Over the past several years, LRP leadership has played a central role in driving industry efforts, along with the horsemen and other tracks, to find new ways to make racing in Texas more viable for projects like LRP. While some of those efforts have failed, including most recently historical racing, we remain committed to pursuing similar projects that can help LRP and the industry obtain a more favorable economic outlook.

Despite the industry’s many challenges, LRP remains committed to constructing a racetrack and conducting live racing under the LRP license. Our group has extensive time and capital invested in this project and will continue to make good faith efforts to pursue this end goal.

LAREDO RACE PARK

5847 SAN FELIPE, SUITE 2600, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77057, (713) 975-7600

Renewal Criteria

A. Texas Racing Act § 6.0602 Renewal Criteria

Texas Racing Act § 6.0602(b) requires the Commission to consider the following factors to determine whether to renew an inactive license: (1) financial stability, (2) ability to conduct live racing, and (3) ability to construct and maintain a racetrack facility. LRP clearly satisfies these criteria and the LRP license should be renewed.

The proven track records of SHRP and VRP demonstrate that the LRP ownership and management team have the financial stability and resources required to construct, maintain, and operate successful racetracks with live racing under suitable circumstances. The LRP group has solid financial metrics, as demonstrated by the financial reports that SHRP and VRP are required to regularly submit to the Commission. The 2011 joint venture between LRP's parent companies – MAXXAM and Penn National Gaming, Inc. - has supplemented the LRP's resources and expertise by providing additional national experience, increased access to capital, and other valuable contributions.

SHRP and VRP have consistently held live race meets, demonstrating that the ownership and management of the LRP license have the experience and resources needed to construct a racetrack and conduct live racing. VRP held successful live meets in 2011 and 2013, and recently led an industry effort to bring live greyhound racing back to Texas, which will begin this November with our 36-day meet. SHRP held successful Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse live race meets in 2016. In a challenging economic environment, and despite tough competition from other states for breeders and horsemen, both SHRP and VRP have been able to generate improved operating income over the past five years. Pending resolution of the other issues surrounding the LRP license, this expertise and these resources would be applied in the same way to the LRP license.

B. "Good Faith Efforts" and Other Applicable Criteria

TRC Rule 309.52(d)(3) also requires the Commission to consider other "good faith efforts" to conduct live racing, even if live racing is not "imminent," in deciding whether to renew an existing license. LRP has taken the following actions in "good faith" pursuit of constructing a racetrack and conducting live racing in Laredo:

- Making regular and timely payments to the TRC to support the horse racing industry totaling \$230,000 annually;
- Pursuing regulatory changes at the Commission to improve the economics of Texas tracks and improve the Texas horse industry;
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- Maintaining rights to the Mines Road location for the LRP facility at substantial and increasing cost to LRP;
- Examining the potential for a temporary simulcast location and pursuing regulatory changes to increase opportunities for live racing through simulcast expansion;

- Examining the potential for other modifications to the original racetrack plans to improve the economics of a new track and mitigate changes in circumstances since the license was originally issued; and
- Participating in TRC working group meetings and making regular reports to the Commission.

TRC Rule 309.52(e)(1) also requires the Commission to consider whether renewing a license is in the “best interests” of the racing industry. LRP’s activities substantially support and improve the racing industry in this state. LRP is an active and significant contributor at the Racing Commission from both a financial and regulatory perspective. LRP is highly motivated to maximize live racing opportunities in the state, and is committed improving the conditions for Texas racetracks, breeders, and horsemen.

Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, LRP satisfies the statutory and rule criteria for license renewal. LRP appreciates the opportunity to submit this information to the Commission and would be happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information the Commission requires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. B. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Andrea B. Young
President

SITE LOCATION DESCRIPTION

The currently licensed and proposed site for the Laredo Race Park development is on Mines Road, a four lane divided highway approximately 11 miles from Loop 20 near the World Trade Center Bridge in Laredo and five miles from the Camino Columbia Toll Road and Bridge.

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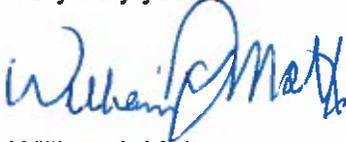
**Re: Application for Renewal
Laredo Downs / LRP Group, Ltd.**

Dear Mr. Trout:

Enclosed please find an Application for Renewal of LRP Group, Ltd. together with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the review fee.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



William J. Moltz
Enclosures



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ZIP CODE

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LRP has been exploring potential new sites in Webb County. LRP intends to submit an application to the TRC seeking approval of the site and work with the TRC staff, horsemen's representatives, and others in the industry with respect to the timing and other details of such plan.

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B. Securing the real property of the designated racetrack location for which the racetrack license was granted, either by purchase or through a long-term lease of 20 years or more.

LRP is exploring various options with respect to securing a location for a racetrack in Webb County, Texas. LRP will contact the Commission with respect to this site at the appropriate time. If necessary this renewal application will be modified at that time.

C. Entering into contracts for the construction of simulcasting and racetrack facilities.

Although LRP has not yet entered into any contracts for construction, LRP is dedicated to moving forward toward live racing. Obviously, construction contracts cannot be entered into prior to approval of the new site. LRP will enter into construction contracts at the appropriate time.

D. Securing Commission approval of the racing facility's construction plans?

It would premature to seek Commission approval of construction plans at this time. LRP is committed to moving forward with construction at a site in Webb County. The timing of these activities however, is dependent on many factors.

E. Securing permits and utilities necessary for the construction of the racing facility.

LRP has not yet secured permits and utilities. As noted above, LRP intends to seek Commission approval of a new Webb County site. Necessary permits and utilities will be obtained at the appropriate time.

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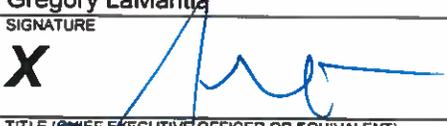
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Further, LRP incurred significant costs in its efforts to move forward to a live racing facility, including filing a comprehensive application to relocate Laredo Downs from Laredo, Texas to Tarrant County, Texas, and is now pursuing a site in Webb County. While LRP eventually withdrew its application for relocation to Tarrant County after extensive discussions with the TRC staff, LRP continues to expend funds and effort to move forward toward live racing.

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As required by Commission Rule 309.52(c)(3), I swear that the information in this application and its supplemental documents is true and valid.

PRINT NAME Gregory LaMantia	
SIGNATURE X 	DATE 6/28/16
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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 28 day of June, 2016.

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VDLT owns the approximately 200 acre race track site in McAllen, Texas. Information on this property has been previously provided to the Commission. Should the Commission require that information again, VDLT would be happy to provide it upon request.

C. Entering into contracts for the construction of simulcasting and racetrack facilities.

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VDLT has not yet secured permits and utilities, but will do so as appropriate.

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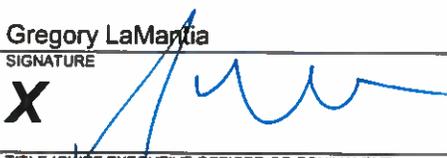
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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President	

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 28 day of June, 2016.

My commission expires:

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Notary Public, State of Texas

C. Ownership and Management Reviews of
Active Racetrack Licenses under
Commission Rule 309.53

- 1) Lone Star Park
- 2) Sam Houston Race Park
- 3) Valley Race Park



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Texas Racing Commissioners
FROM: Chuck Trout, Executive Director
DATE: August 3, 2016
SUBJECT: Ownership and Management Review of Active Racetrack Licenses

Pursuant to Section 6.06(k) of the Racing Act, the Commission must review the ownership and management of active racetrack licenses every five years. In accordance with Section 309.53 of the Rules of Racing, which established the schedule and components of such reviews, the license holders of Lone Star Park, Sam Houston Race Park and Valley Race Park are subject to review this year.

The review process is as follows:

Submission Requirements:

Not later than June 30 of the year in which an association is subject to review, the association shall submit to the Commission:

- (1) copies of its current management, concession, and totalisator contracts;
- (2) a copy of its current security plan;
- (3) for each person owning an interest of at least five percent of the association and for each officer, director, or management committee member who is not currently licensed as an Association Officer or Director by the Commission:
 - (A) a completed background information form and written authorization for the Commission and the Department of Public Safety to conduct any investigation deemed necessary; and

(B) a set of fingerprints on a form prescribed by the Department of Public Safety, or if the person already has a set of fingerprints classified and on file with the Department of Public Safety, authorization to resubmit those fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Public Safety for investigation;

(4) a review fee of \$5,000, to be held by the Commission in the state treasury in a suspense account until the review is complete or transferred to the Texas Racing Commission Fund as costs are incurred; and

(5) any other information required by the Commission.

Commission Review

(1) The executive secretary shall prepare a report for the Commission's review summarizing:

(A) the information provided by the association under this section or under Rule 309.152, Records;

(B) the Commission's inspection reports from the prior five years; the results of any inspections or investigations conducted by the Commission as part of the review; and

(C) any other information relevant to the ownership or management of the association.

(2) The executive secretary will separately provide to the Commission the results of any background investigations conducted by the Department of Public Safety.

(3) At the conclusion of each review, the Commission:

(A) may take any action authorized under the Act or the Rules; and

(B) shall schedule the next ownership and management review of the association's license.

The three racetracks submitted all of the required information and the review fees. Staff has reviewed the submissions and relevant information. Following is a summary of staff's findings for each track.

LONE STAR PARK

Current Ownership and Management

Lone Star Park's license is held by Global Gaming LSP, LLC (GG-LSP), a Texas limited liability company. The Commission approved GG-LSP's interest in the license on May 13, 2011. The property and physical facilities of Lone Star Park are owned by the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corporation and are leased to GG-LSP.

GG-LSP is comprised of the following two members: Racing Partners of Texas, LLC – 51%, and Global Gaming Solutions, LLC – 49%

The owner of Racing Partners of Texas, LLC is Ricky Knox, who meets the Texas residency requirements found in the Act. The owner of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC is the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. The Chickasaw Nation is a sovereign federally recognized Indian tribe based in Oklahoma.

GG-LSP has a five member management committee, with Ricky Knox holding the three votes of Racing Partners of Texas and Skip Seeley and Robert Lannert holding the two votes of Global Gaming Solutions.

The President and General Manager of Lone Star Park is Scott Wells.

Background Investigations

Each person owning an interest of at least five percent in the association and each officer, director, or management committee member is currently licensed by the Commission and, as part of the licensing process, has undergone a background check within the past three years. The background checks have not revealed any disqualifying information.

Security Plan

GG-LSP submitted a copy of its current security plan. This security plan has been reviewed and approved by the Commission's investigative staff.

Totalisator, Management and Concession Contracts

GG-LSP currently contracts with Sportech Racing, LLC, for totalisator services. This contract was last reviewed and approved by the Commission at its December 15, 2015, meeting. It runs through December 2025.

GG-LSP does not have a management contract nor a concession contract as both functions are handled internally.

Financial Review

Copies of GCR'S most recent financial statements have been provided to the Commissioners separately.

Commission Inspections and Investigations

Over the past five years, Commission staff has identified the following violations during routine administrative, racing, veterinary, safety and security, and wagering inspections at Lone Star Park:

- 2016 309.118, ^{facilities} Regulatory Office Space and Equipment – repair restroom
- 309.241, Barns – minor wash rack issues
- 309.250, Test Barn –leaking faucets
- 2015 309.241, Barns – replace fire extinguishers
- 309.126-127, Video Equipment – repair backstretch camera
- 309.166, Race Information – tote board malfunction
- 309.114, Restrooms – repair restrooms
- 309.210, Lighting – lighting issues in stable area
- 309.118, Regulatory Office Space and Equipment – repair restrooms
- 2014 309.250, Test Barn - repair wall next to wash rack
- 2013 None
- 2012 309.112, Maintenance and 309.114, Restrooms – repair restrooms

Management addressed these inspection issues in a timely fashion. Other than a \$250 penalty in 2012 for wagering on a simulcast signal without approval, there have been no other investigations or administrative penalties involving Lone Star Park.

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK AND VALLEY RACE PARK Current Ownership and Management

The licenses of Sam Houston Race Park and Valley Race Park are held by PM Texas LLC (PM Texas), a Texas limited liability company. The Commission approved PM Texas' interest in the licenses on April 1, 2011. The property and physical facilities of both racetracks are owned by PM Texas.

PM Texas is comprised of the following two members, each of which owns 50% of the company: PM Texas Holdings LLC and Houston Gaming Ventures, Inc., which is a subsidiary of Penn National Gaming, Inc. PM Texas Holdings LLC is a subsidiary of MAXXAM Inc. Houston Gaming Ventures, Inc., is a subsidiary of Delvest Corp., which itself is a subsidiary of Penn National Gaming, Inc.

MAXXAM Inc. is owned primarily by Charles Hurwitz of Houston, Texas. Penn National is a publicly traded corporation formed and incorporated in Delaware.

PM Texas has a board of directors, with each member appointing two representatives to the board. MAXXAM has appointed Charles Hurwitz and J. Kent Friedman as its representatives, and Penn National Gaming has appointed William Fair and D. Eric Schippers as its two representatives.

The President of both Sam Houston Race Park and Valley Race Park is Andrea Young.

Background Investigations

Each person owning an interest of at least five percent in the association and each officer, director, or management committee member is currently licensed by the Commission and, as part of the licensing process, has undergone a background check within the past three years. The background checks have not revealed any disqualifying information.

Security Plan

Both Sam Houston Race Park and Valley Race Park have submitted copies of their current security plans. The security plans have been reviewed and approved by the Commission's investigative staff.

Totalisator, Management and Concession Contracts

Both Sam Houston Race Park and Valley Race Park conduct wagering under a master totalisator contract between Sportech Racing, LLC, and Penn National Gaming. This contract was reviewed and approved by the Commission at its August 13, 2013, meeting. It runs through December 2019.

There is no management contract for Sam Houston Race Park or Valley Race Park as this function is handled internally.

Sam Houston Race Park has an alcoholic beverage concession agreement dated September 19, 1996, and amended April 26, 2010, with 97, Inc. Valley Race Park has an alcoholic beverage concession agreement with VG Beverage, Inc., dated May 1, 2013. Neither the 2010 amendment nor the 2013 agreement have been approved by the Commission in accordance with Rule 309.162; however, PM Texas has agreed to request approval of both contracts at the Commission's meeting in October.

Financial Review

Copies of PM Texas' most recent financial statements have been provided to the Commissioners separately.

Commission Inspections and Investigations

Over the past five years, Commission staff has identified the following violations during routine administrative, racing, veterinary, safety and security, and wagering inspections at Sam Houston Race Park:

- 2016 321.13, Pari-mutuel Track Report – monthly report was late
- 2015 309.123, Internal Communication System – phone system problems
- 309.281, Jockeys – water problems in showers
- 309.129, Automatic Banking Machines – cash advances on credit cards
- 309.118, Regulatory Office Space and Eqpt – inadequate television
- 309.248, Pre-race Holding Area – broken light
- 309.250, Test Barn – repair faucet pipe clamps and water cooler
- 321.101, Totalisator Requirements – expired license on tote room list
- 2014 321.35, Claim for Payment – wrong claim form available to public
- 321.41/42, Cashing Outstanding Tickets/Vouchers – missing outs tickets

- 321.13, Pari-mutuel Track Report – using wrong report form
- 321.23, Wagering Explanations – missing explanation for Super Hi Five
- 321.23, Wagering Explanations – program missing general explanations
- 321.37, Cashed Tickets and Vouchers – area not secured

2013 309.250, Test Barn – repair wash rack

- 319.248, Pre-race Holding Area – bathroom needs repairs
- 321.12, Time Synchronization – two security devices not synchronized
- 321.37, Cashed Tickets and Vouchers – area not secured
- 321.23, Wagering Explanations – kiosk not printing properly

2012 309.151, Change of Ownership – ownership form incomplete

Management addressed these issues in a timely fashion. There have been no other investigations or administrative penalties involving Sam Houston Race Park.

Over the past five years, Commission staff has identified the following violations during routine administrative, racing, veterinary, safety and security, and wagering inspections at Valley Race Park:

- 2016 315.36, Mutuel Manager – mutuel employees with expired licenses
- 321.101, Totalisator Requirements – expired license on tote room list
- 2015 321.29/31, Mutuel Tickets/Vouchers – missing expiration language
- 323.2, Complaints – outdated public notice signs
- 321.39, Altering Cashed Tickets/Vouchers – self service machines not properly marking tickets/vouchers as cashed
- 321.43, Cancellation of Win Wagers – video recording of one unmanned terminal not kept 30 days
- 321.13, Pari-mutuel Track Report – monthly report was late
- 309.113, Accessibility by Disabled Person – repair handicapped facilities
- 309.118, Regulatory Office Space and Equipment – outdated public notices
- 309.129, Automatic Banking Machines – expired ATM contract
- 309.153, General Security – expired liability insurance
- 309.167, Organizational Chart – out of date organizational chart

- 2014 321.43, Cancellation of Win Wagers – video recordings of two unmanned terminals not kept 30 days
- 321.13, Pari-mutuel Track Report – monthly report on wrong form
- 321.101, Totalisator Requirements – expired license on tote room list
- 2013 321.12, Time Synchronization, two security recording devices not synchronized
- 321.41, Cashing Outstanding Tickets – outs ticket report not maintained
- 321.46, Payment on No Ticket Issue – outs tickets paid without required documentation

Management addressed these issues in a timely fashion. There have been no other investigations or administrative penalties involving Valley Race Park.

D. Allocation of Live Race Dates for Horse
Racetracks under Commission Rule 303.41
for the Period beginning January 1, 2017,
and ending August 31, 2018



TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
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April 20, 2016

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Valle de los Tesoros Race Park
Greg LaMantia, President
3900 N. McColl Road
McAllen, TX 78501

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the April 12, 2016, Commission meeting, the Commission established the following time period for which it will consider granting race dates: January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

In accordance with §303.41 *Allocation of Race Dates*, the application period for requesting race dates for the above periods of time will start on May 1, 2016 and will close June 30, 2016. The request must be made on the prescribed application form and must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. For your convenience, the prescribed application forms are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Ricky Walker at (512) 490-4024 or me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Speight".

Joel Speight
Deputy Executive Director

Enclosure: January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 Request for Live Race Dates Horse Racetracks applications

cc: Chuck Trout, Executive Director
Mark Fenner, General Counsel
Adrienne Courtney, Chief Financial Officer
Ricky Walker, Chief Steward
William Moltz, Attorney for Greg LaMantia

Ed Wilson, Texas Arabian Breeders' Association
Lex Smurthwaite, Texas Paint Horse Association
Marsha Rountree, Texas Horsemen's Partnership
Rob Werstler, Texas Quarter Horse Association
Mary Ruyle, Texas Thoroughbred Association



LONE STAR PARK
at Grand Prairie®

Our Mission:
Create Winning Experiences.

August 3, 2016

Mr. Joel Speight
Deputy Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 110
Austin, TX 78754

Via Email

Dear Joel:

Enclosed you will find Lone Star Park's completed race date application for the Commission's review and consideration.

In summary, we respectfully request the following dates for 2017:

Thoroughbred Meet – April 20 through July 30 (50 days)

Most Fridays, every Saturday & Sunday, plus three Thursdays & three Holidays

- 6:35 pm post time on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays
- 2:05 pm post time on Sundays
- 2:05 pm post time on Memorial Day & Triple Crown Saturdays (5/6, 5/20 & 6/10)
- 5:00 pm post time on July 3 & 4

Quarter Horse Meet – September 15 through November 11 (26 days)

Every Thursday through Saturday

- 6:35 pm post times on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Bart Lang
Director of Racing

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R E Q U E S T F O R L I V E R A C E D A T E S
H O R S E R A C E T R A C K S

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents and additional sheets if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete request. The request must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

I. Schedule Requested

Name of Racetrack: Lone Star Park

<u>First Meet</u>	Opening Day: <u>04/20/17</u>	Closing Day: <u>07/30/17</u>
Meet Type: X TB <input type="checkbox"/> QH <input type="checkbox"/> MX		Total Number of Race Days <u>50</u>
X Thoroughbred	# of Races Per Day <u>9</u>	Projected Purse Per Day <u>\$150,000</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Horse	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Arabian	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint Horse	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____
Totals	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

<u>Second Meet</u>	Opening Day: <u>09/15/17</u>	Closing Day: <u>11/11/17</u>
Meet Type: <input type="checkbox"/> TB X QH <input type="checkbox"/> MX		Total Number of Race Days <u>26</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Thoroughbred	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____
X Quarter Horse	# of Races Per Day <u>9</u>	Projected Purse Per Day <u>\$125,000</u>
X Arabian	# of Races Per Day <u><1</u>	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____
X Paint Horse	# of Races Per Day <u><1</u>	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____
Totals	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Third Meet

Opening Day: ___/___/___

Closing Day: ___/___/___

Meet Type: TB QH MX

Total Number of Race Days _____

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Totals # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

II. Negotiation with Breed Registries

Specify how the total races requested will be allocated among the various breeds:

Appaloosa	___%	Arabian	<u>1.7</u> %	Paint	<u>.7</u> %
Quarter Horse	<u>33</u> %	Thoroughbred	<u>64.5</u> %		

Check all that apply:

Attached are letters from the affected breed registries that have agreed to this allocation.

The _____ breed registry(ies) has not agreed to this allocation, but negotiations with the breed registry(ies) occurred as described below:

Participants in Negotiations

___/___/___ Texas Horsemen's Partnership

___/___/___ Texas Thoroughbred Association

___/___/___ Texas Quarter Horse Association

___/___/___ _____

___/___/___ _____

III. Dates Requested

Indicate on the attached calendar each live race date requested with a "T" (Thoroughbred), "QH" (Quarter Horse), or "M" (Mixed). Include standard post time in space provided on calendar. Any exceptions, such as holidays, should be noted.

IV. Charity Days

A Class 1 or Class 2 racetrack shall conduct at least two and not more than five charity race days each year. The association shall pay to the charity at least 2% of the total pari-mutuel handle generated at the racetrack on the charity race day. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that directly benefits the persons who work in the stable or kennel area of the racetrack. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals.

Indicate which days are designated as charity days:

Day 1: 10/12/17

Day 2: 10/19/17

Day 3 (Optional): 10/26/17

Day 4 (Optional): _____

Day 5 (Optional): _____

Identify the charities:

REQUIRED BY RULE

(1) A charity that directly benefits the persons who work on the backside:

Day 1 Charity: Race Track Chaplaincy of Texas
(Name of Charity)

(2) A charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals:

Day 2 Charity: Texas A&M Equine
(Name of Charity)

OPTIONAL CHARITY DAYS

Day 3 Charity: Grand Prairie ISD Education Foundation
(Name of Charity)

Day 4 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 5 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

For each charity listed, attach the following information:

1. The name of the charity;
2. the name and address of each individual who serves as an officer or director of the charity or who owns an interest in the charity of 5.0% or more;
3. a brief description of the activities or purposes of the charity; and
4. a copy of an Internal Revenue Service letter of determination that qualifies the charity as an exempt organization for purposes of federal income tax.

V. Coordination of Request

To facilitate the Commission's consideration of each association's request, please indicate below the association's coordination efforts and the letters of support as appropriate.

	Affected?		Letter of Support Attached?		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A
<u>Racetrack</u>					
KTAGS/Longhorn Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lone Star Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manor Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retama Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saddle Brook Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Houston Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valle de los Tesoros	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Letter of Support Attached?		
	Yes	No	N/A
<u>Horsemen's Organization</u>			
Texas Horsemen's Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LONE STAR PARK

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 M. L. King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

LONE STAR PARK

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 T-6:35 PM	21 T-6:35 PM	22 T-6:35 PM
Easter 23 T-2:05 PM	24	25	26	27	28 T-6:35 PM	29 T-6:35 PM
30 T-2:05 PM						

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 T-6:35 PM	6 T-1:35 PM
7 T-2:05 PM	8	9	10	11	12 T-6:35 PM	13 T-6:35 PM
14 T-2:05 PM	15	16	17	18	19 T-6:35 PM	20 T-1:35 PM
21 T-2:05 PM	22	23	24	25	26 T-6:35 PM	27 T-6:35 PM
28 T-2:05 PM	29 T-2:05 PM Memorial Day	30	31			

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 T-6:35 PM	3 T-6:35 PM
4 T-2:05 PM	5	6	7	8	9 T-6:35 PM	10 T-1:35 PM
11 T-2:05 PM	12	13	14	15 T-6:35 PM	16 T-6:35 PM	17 T-6:35 PM
18 T-2:05 PM	19	20	21	22	23 T-6:35 PM	24 T-6:35 PM
25 T-2:05 PM	26	27	28	29	30	

LONE STAR PARK

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 T-6:35 PM
2 T-2:05 PM	3 T-5:00 PM	4 T-5:00 PM Independence Day	5	6	7 T-6:35 PM	8 T-6:35 PM
9 T-2:05 PM	10	11	12	13	14 T-6:35 PM	15 T-6:35 PM
16 T-2:05 PM	17	18	19	20	21 T-6:35 PM	22 T-6:35 PM
23 T-2:05 PM	24	25	26	27 T-6:35 PM	28 T-6:35 PM	29 T-6:35 PM
30 T-2:05 PM	31					

August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Q-6:35 PM	16 Q-6:35 PM
17	18	19	20	21 Q-6:35 PM	22 Q-6:35 PM	23 Q-6:35 PM
24	25	26	27	28 Q-6:35 PM	29 Q-6:35 PM	30 Q-6:35 PM

LONE STAR PARK

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Q-6:35 PM	6 Q-6:35 PM	7 Q-6:35 PM
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12 Q-6:35 PM	13 Q-6:35 PM	14 Q-6:35 PM
15	16	17	18	19 Q-6:35 PM	20 Q-6:35 PM	21 Q-6:35 PM
22	23	24	25	26 Q-6:35 PM	27 Q-6:35 PM	28 Q-6:35 PM
29	30	31				

November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Q-6:35 PM	3 Q-6:35 PM	4 Q-6:35 PM
5	6	7	8	9 Q-6:35 PM	10 Q-6:35 PM	11 Q-6:35 PM Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Thanksgiving		

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						



June 30, 2016

Bart Lang
Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie
1000 Lone Star Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Dear Bart,

Written on behalf of the board of directors of the Texas Thoroughbred Association, this letter is to convey support for Lone Star Park's requested race dates for 2017, with a Thoroughbred meet comprising 50 days from April 13 – July 23, 2017..

We look forward to working with you to ensure successful Thoroughbred meets for all participants.

Sincerely,

Mary Ruyle
Executive Director



RETAMA PARK

June 29, 2016

Mr. Joel Speight
Deputy Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 110
Austin, TX 78754

Dear Mr. Speight:

Pinnacle Retama Partners LLC, license holder on behalf of Retama Park Race Track, respectively requests a 20-date Quarter Horse race meet for 2017, beginning on Friday, June 9, 2017 and ending on Saturday, August 12, 2017. Post time will be 6:45 p.m.

Furthermore, Pinnacle Retama Partners LLC, license holder on behalf of Retama Park Race Track, respectively requests a 26-date Thoroughbred race meet for 2017, beginning on Friday, September 1, 2017 and ending on Saturday, November 25, 2017. Post time will be 6:45 p.m.

<u>Quarter Horse Meet</u>		<u>Thoroughbred Meet</u>	
Week 1	June 9, 10	Week 1	September 1, 2
Week 2	June 16, 17	Week 2	September 8, 9
Week 3	June 23, 24	Week 3	September 15, 16
Week 4	June 30, July 1	Week 4	September 22, 23
Week 5	July 7, 8	Week 5	September 29, 30
Week 6	July 14, 15	Week 6	October 6, 7
Week 7	July 21, 22	Week 7	October 13, 14
Week 8	July 28, 29	Week 8	October 20, 21
Week 9	August 4, 5	Week 9	October 27, 28
Week 10	August 11, 12	Week 10	November 3, 4
		Week 11	November 10, 11
		Week 12	November 17, 18
		Week 13	November 24, 25

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Kevin Whalen, Vice President and General Manager

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H O R S E R A C E T R A C K S

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents and additional sheets if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete request. The request must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

I. Schedule Requested

Retama Park

Name of Racetrack: _____

First Meet

Opening Day: 6 / 9 / 2017 Closing Day: 8 / 12 / 2017

Meet Type: TB QH MX

Total Number of Race Days 20

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day 9.9

Projected Purse Per Day \$ 50,000

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day 0.1

Projected Purse Per Day \$ 12,500 *

Totals # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

* Minor - Two Paint Stakes races during the meet.

Second Meet

Opening Day: 9 / 1 / 2017 Closing Day: 11 / 25 / 2017

Meet Type: TB QH MX

Total Number of Race Days 26

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day 8.5

Projected Purse Per Day \$ 85,000

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Arabian # of Races Per Day 0.5

Projected Purse Per Day \$ 5,000 *

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Totals # of Races Per Day _____

Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

* Minor - 8 to 10 Arabian races during the meet. Average purse \$5,000 per race.

Third Meet Opening Day: ___/___/___ Closing Day: ___/___/___

Meet Type: TB QH MX Total Number of Race Days _____

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

 Totals # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

II. Negotiation with Breed Registries

Specify how the total races requested will be allocated among the various breeds:

Appaloosa	<u>0.0</u> %	Arabian	<u>1.5</u> %	Paint	<u>0.8</u> %
Quarter Horse	<u>30.4</u> %	Thoroughbred	<u>67.3</u> %		

Based on projections from Page 1.

Check all that apply:

- Attached are letters from the affected breed registries that have agreed to this allocation.
- The _____ breed registry(ies) has not agreed to this allocation, but negotiations with the breed registry(ies) occurred as described below:

Participants in Negotiations

Marsha Rountree - Texas Horsemen's Partnership
 Mary Ruyle - Texas Thoroughbred Association
 Rob Werstler - Texas Quarter Horse Association
 Tommy Hays - Texas HBPA
 Jan Haynes - Texas Thoroughbred HBPA
 Ed Wilson - Texas Arabian Breeders Association
 Lex Smurthwaite, Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association

III. Dates Requested

Indicate on the attached calendar each live race date requested with a "T" (Thoroughbred), "QH" (Quarter Horse), or "M" (Mixed). Include standard post time in space provided on calendar. Any exceptions, such as holidays, should be noted.

IV. Charity Days

A Class 1 or Class 2 racetrack shall conduct at least two and not more than five charity race days each year. The association shall pay to the charity at least 2% of the total pari-mutuel handle generated at the racetrack on the charity race day. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that directly benefits the persons who work in the stable or kennel area of the racetrack. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals.

Indicate which days are designated as charity days:

Day 1: September 15, 2017

Day 2: September 22, 2017

Day 3 (Optional): _____

Day 4 (Optional): _____

Day 5 (Optional): _____

Identify the charities:

REQUIRED BY RULE

(1) A charity that directly benefits the persons who work on the backside:

Day 1 Charity: RTCA - South Texas Chapter
(Name of Charity)

(2) A charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals:

Day 2 Charity: Texas A&M University Equine Research
(Name of Charity)

OPTIONAL CHARITY DAYS

Day 3 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 4 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 5 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

For each charity listed, attach the following information:

1. The name of the charity;
2. the name and address of each individual who serves as an officer or director of the charity or who owns an interest in the charity of 5.0% or more;
3. a brief description of the activities or purposes of the charity; and
4. a copy of an Internal Revenue Service letter of determination that qualifies the charity as an exempt organization for purposes of federal income tax.

V. Coordination of Request

To facilitate the Commission's consideration of each association's request, please indicate below the association's coordination efforts and the letters of support as appropriate.

	Affected?		Letter of Support Attached?		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A
<u>Racetrack</u>					
KTAGS/Longhorn Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lone Star Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manor Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retama Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saddle Brook Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Houston Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valle de los Tesoros	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Horsemen's Organization

Texas Horsemen's Partnership

Letter of Support Attached?		
Yes	No	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* - Texas HPBA Letter Attached

Awaiting TTHBPA Letter Pending Board Meeting

Retama Park

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 M. L. King Day	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Presidents' Day	28				

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Retama Park

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 QH - 6:45	10 QH - 6:45
11	12	13	14	15	16 QH - 6:45	17 QH - 6:45
18	19	20	21	22	23 QH - 6:45	24 QH - 6:45
25	26	27	28	29	30 QH - 6:45	

Retama Park

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 QH - 6:45
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 QH - 6:45	8 QH - 6:45
9	10	11	12	13	14 QH - 6:45	15 QH - 6:45
16	17	18	19	20	21 QH - 6:45	22 QH - 6:45
23	24	25	26	27	28 QH - 6:45	29 QH - 6:45
30	31					

August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 QH - 6:45	5 QH - 6:45
6	7	8	9	10	11 QH - 6:45	12 QH - 6:45
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 T - 6:45	2 T - 6:45
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8 T - 6:45	9 T - 6:45
10	11	12	13	14	15 T - 6:45	16 T - 6:45
17	18	19	20	21	22 T - 6:45	23 T - 6:45
24	25	26	27	28	29 T - 6:45	30 T - 6:45

Retama Park

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 T - 6:45	7 T - 6:45
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13 T - 6:45	14 T - 6:45
15	16	17	18	19	20 T - 6:45	21 T - 6:45
22	23	24	25	26	27 T - 6:45	28 T - 6:45
29	30	31				

November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 T - 6:45	4 T - 6:45
5	6	7	8	9	10 T - 6:45	11 T - 6:45 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17 T - 6:45	18 T - 6:45
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 T - 6:45	25 T - 6:45
26	27	28	29	30		

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Ricky Walker

From: Joel Speight
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:49 PM
To: Ricky Walker
Subject: FW: Retama Park's 2017 Race Date Application
Attachments: Retama Park 2017 Race Date Application.pdf

From: Steve Ross [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 5:45 PM
To: Joel Speight <joel.speight@txrc.texas.gov>
Cc: Kevin Whalen < >; Nina Sirak < >; Steve Ross < >; Mark Fenner <mark.fenner@txrc.texas.gov>
Subject: Retama Park's 2017 Race Date Application

Hi Joel,

Attached is Retama Park's 2017 Race Date Application. The dates are essentially the same as those approved for 2016.

Included are letters of support and/or Coordination Forms from the following organizations:

1. Texas HBPA, representing quarter horse and paint horse owners and trainers.
2. Texas Thoroughbred Association, contingent upon the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA's support.
3. Texas Quarter Horse Association.
4. Texas Arabian Breeders Association.
5. Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association.
7. Gillespie County Fair.

Marsha Rountree indicated that the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA will consider the dates request at an upcoming board meeting and has no position at this time.

Also attached is material regarding the two charities that will benefit from our Charity Days, the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, inc. and the Equine Initiative at Texas A&M University. Dr. Jim Heird, the Equine Initiative's Executive Professor and Coordinator, is still working on providing some of the information we need but has provided a beautiful brochure describing the work and purpose of the Equine Initiative.

Please acknowledge receipt of this application by sending me a brief email.

Thanks.

Steve

TEXAS HBPA, INC.

P.O. Box 142533
Austin, TX 78714
(512) 467-9799

June 25, 2016

Mr. Kevin Whalen
General Manager
Retama Park
P.O. Box 47535
San Antonio, TX 78265

Dear Mr. Whalen:

The Texas HBPA, which represents the interests of quarter horse and paint horse owners and trainers, would like to offer its support for the Retama Park 2017 Race Dates Application, currently being submitted to the Texas Racing Commission.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marsha Rountree

Marsha Rountree



June 13, 2016

Chuck Trout
Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
PO Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Trout,

The Texas Thoroughbred Association would like to express our support for Retama Park's 2017 Thoroughbred race dates request comprising 26 days during the period from September 1 through November 25, 2017, contingent upon the HBPA's continuing support of those dates.

Thank you,

Mary Ruyle
Executive Director



June 27, 2016

Joel Speight
Deputy Director of Racing
Texas Racing Commission
P.O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711-2080

Dear Joel,

The Texas Quarter Horse Association is in support of the 2017 Retama Park race dates request.

If you have any questions please feel free to call on me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rob Werstler'.

Rob Werstler
Director of Racing



T.A.B.A. Texas Arabian Breeders Association

*Ed Wilson, Treasurer/Accreditation
P.O. Box 215
Forney, Texas 75126
(214) 584-9430
fax (214) 552-3613*

June 22, 2016

Steve Ross
Retama Park
P.O. Box 47535
San Antonio, TX 78265-7535

Dear Mr. Ross,
The Texas Arabian Breeders Association has viewed the requested race dates by Retama Park for 2017 and have no objection to this request.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Wilson".

Ed Wilson
President,
TABA

TEXAS RACING COMMISSION COORDINATION FORM for RACE DATES REQUEST HORSE RACETRACKS

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete form. This form must be submitted to the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

Retama Park

I. Requesting Racetrack: _____

For dates shown on 2017 Requested Race Dates Calendar

Results of negotiations and discussions with breed registries:

Texas Arabian Breeders' Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
 Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
 Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Quarter Horse Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
 Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Thoroughbred Association:

- Supports the requested racedates and their letter of agreement is attached.
 Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

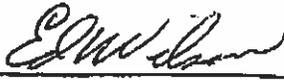
II. Affected Racetracks:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gillespie County Fair & Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Manor Downs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KTAGS | <input type="checkbox"/> Retama Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laredo Downs | <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Brook Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laredo Race Park, LLP | <input type="checkbox"/> Sam Houston Race Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Valle de los Tesoros Race Park |
- No objection to the requested race dates.
 Despite discussions and negotiations with requesting racetrack, can not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

III. Certificate of Service:

I hereby certify that on June 22, 2016, a true and correct copy of this completed form and any attachments was submitted to the persons listed below by:

- Certified Mail
- Regular Mail
- Facsimile
- E-mail
- Hand Delivery



 Signature



 Title

Gillespie County Fair & Festival
 Britton Wallace, President
 P.O. Box 526
 Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Manor Downs
 Howard Phillips, General Manager
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 Austin, TX 78714

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 San Antonio, TX 78265-7535

Retama Park
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 San Antonio, TX 78265-7535

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 1000 Lone Star Parkway
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Valle de los Tesoros Race Park
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**TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
COORDINATION FORM for RACE DATES REQUEST
HORSE RACETRACKS**

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents if necessary. **The Commission will not consider an incomplete form.** This form must be submitted to the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

Retama Park

I. Requesting Racetrack: _____

For dates shown on 2017 Requested Race Dates Calendar

Results of negotiations and discussions with breed registries:

Texas Arabian Breeders' Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Quarter Horse Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Thoroughbred Association:

- Supports the requested racedates and their letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

II. Affected Racetracks:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gillespie County Fair & Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Manor Downs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KTAGS | <input type="checkbox"/> Retama Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laredo Downs | <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Brook Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laredo Race Park, LLP | <input type="checkbox"/> Sam Houston Race Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Valle de los Tesoros Race Park |
-
- No objection to the requested race dates.
 - Despite discussions and negotiations with requesting racetrack, can not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

III. Certificate of Service:

I hereby certify that on 6/24/ 2016, a true and correct copy of this completed form and any attachments was submitted to the persons listed below by:

Certified Mail Regular Mail Facsimile E-mail Hand Delivery

Greg LaMantia
Signature

Executive Director
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T E X A S R A C I N G C O M M I S S I O N
COORDINATION FORM for RACE DATES REQUEST
HORSE RACETRACKS

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete form. This form must be submitted to the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

I. Requesting Racetrack Retama Park

For dates shown on 2017 Requested Race Dates Calendar

Results of negotiations and discussions with breed registries:

Texas Arabian Breeders' Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Quarter Horse Association:

- No objection to the requested racedates and letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

Texas Thoroughbred Association:

- Supports the requested racedates and their letter of agreement is attached.
- Does not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

II. Affected Racetracks:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gillespie County Fair & Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Manor Downs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KTAGS | <input type="checkbox"/> Retama Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laredo Downs | <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle Brook Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laredo Race Park, LLP | <input type="checkbox"/> Sam Houston Race Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Valle de los Tesoros Race Park |

- No objection to the requested race dates.
- Despite discussions and negotiations with requesting racetrack, can not support the requested race dates and letter outlining position is attached.

III. Certificate of Service:

I hereby certify that on June 28, 2016, a true and correct copy of this completed form and any attachments was submitted to the persons listed below by:

Certified Mail Regular Mail Facsimile E-mail Hand Delivery



President, GCFFA

Signature

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RECEIVED
TEXAS RACING
COMMISSION

July 26, 2016

VIA EMAIL joel.speight@txrc.texas.gov and REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Joel Speight
Texas Racing Commission
8505 Cross Park Drive Suite 110
Austin, Texas 78754

Dear Mr. Speight,

Enclosed, please find Sam Houston Race Park's 2017 and 2018 race dates applications for the Commission's consideration. In summary, we are pleased to request the following dates:

- 2017 American Quarter Horse Meet- March 13, 2017 to May 22, 2017 (24 days)
- 2018 Thoroughbred Meet- January 19, 2018 to March 13, 2018 (32 days)

If you should have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrea B. Young
President

Cc: Marsha Rountree, HBPA
Rob Werstler, TQHA

TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR LIVE RACE DATES
2016 JUL 27 PM HORSE RACETRACKS

RECEIVED
 TEXAS RACING
 COMMISSION
 January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents and additional sheets if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete request. The request must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

I. Schedule Requested

Name of Racetrack: Sam Houston Race Park

First Meet Opening Day: ___/___/___ Closing Day: ___/___/___

Meet Type: TB QH MX Total Number of Race Days _____

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

 Totals # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Second Meet Opening Day: 3/31/2017 Closing Day: 5/22/2017

Meet Type: TB QH MX Total Number of Race Days 24

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day 9.67 Projected Purse Per Day \$70,000

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day .33 Projected Purse Per Day \$1,500

 Totals # of Races Per Day 10 Projected Purse Per Day \$71,500

Third Meet Opening Day: ___/___/___ Closing Day: ___/___/___

Meet Type: TB QH MX Total Number of Race Days _____

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

 Totals # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

II. Negotiation with Breed Registries

Specify how the total races requested will be allocated among the various breeds:

Appaloosa	_____%	Arabian	2.9%	Paint	1.5%
Quarter Horse	43%	Thoroughbred	52.6%		

Check all that apply:

- Attached are letters from the affected breed registries that have agreed to this allocation.
- The Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and Arabian breed registry(ies) has not agreed to this allocation, but negotiations with the breed registry(ies) occurred as described below:

Participants in Negotiations

- Various Rob Werstler, TQHA
- Various Mary Ruyle, TTA
- Various Ed Wilson, HBPA
- Various Marsha Rountree, THP
- Various Jan Haynes, TTHBPA

III. Dates Requested

Indicate on the attached calendar each live race date requested with a "T" (Thoroughbred), "QH" (Quarter Horse), or "M" (Mixed). Include standard post time in space provided on calendar. Any exceptions, such as holidays, should be noted.

IV. Charity Days

A Class 1 or Class 2 racetrack shall conduct at least two and not more than five charity race days each year. The association shall pay to the charity at least 2% of the total pari-mutuel handle generated at the racetrack on the charity race day. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that directly benefits the persons who work in the stable or kennel area of the racetrack. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals.

Indicate which days are designated as charity days:

Day 1: TBA

Day 2: TBA

Day 3 (Optional): _____

Day 4 (Optional): _____

Day 5 (Optional): _____

Identify the charities:

REQUIRED BY RULE

(1) A charity that directly benefits the persons who work on the backside:

Day 1 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

(2) A charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals:

Day 2 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

OPTIONAL CHARITY DAYS

Day 3 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 4 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 5 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

For each charity listed, attach the following information:

1. The name of the charity;
2. the name and address of each individual who serves as an officer or director of the charity or who owns an interest in the charity of 5.0% or more;
3. a brief description of the activities or purposes of the charity; and
4. a copy of an Internal Revenue Service letter of determination that qualifies the charity as an exempt organization for purposes of federal income tax.

V. Coordination of Request

To facilitate the Commission's consideration of each association's request, please indicate below the association's coordination efforts and the letters of support as appropriate.

	Affected?		Letter of Support Attached?		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A
<u>Racetrack</u>					
KTAGS/Longhorn Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lone Star Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manor Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retama Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saddle Brook Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Houston Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valle de los Tesoros	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Horsemen's Organization

Texas Horsemen's Partnership

Letter of Support Attached?		
Yes	No	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ricky Walker

From: Berube, Dwight
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2016 3:19 PM
To: Young, Andrea; Ricky Walker
Subject: RE: race dates

Hi Ricky:

The 2017 charity dates for SHRP are:

2/6/17 Race Track Chaplaincy of America

4/17/17 LOPE, Texas

Thanks
Dwight

Sam Houston Race Park
Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 M. L. King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31- QH	

Sam Houston Race Park

Requested Live Race Dates for 2017

April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1- QH
2	3- QH	4	5	6	7- QH	8- QH
9	10- QH	11	12	13	14- QH	15- QH
16	17- QH	18	19	20	21- QH	22- QH
Easter						
23	24- QH	25	26	27	28- QH	29- QH
30						

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1- QH	2	3	4	5- QH	6- QH
7	8- QH	9	10	11	12- QH	13- QH
14	15- QH	16	17	18	19- QH	20- QH
21	22- QH	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

T E X A S R A C I N G C O M M I S S I O N
REQUEST FOR LIVE RACE DATES
HORSE RACETRACKS

January 1, 2018 - August 31, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents and additional sheets if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete request. The request must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

I. Schedule Requested

Name of Racetrack: Sam Houston Race Park

<u>First Meet</u>	Opening Day: 1/19/2018	Closing Day: 3/18/2018
Meet Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TB <input type="checkbox"/> QH <input type="checkbox"/> MX		Total Number of Race Days 32
<input type="checkbox"/> Thoroughbred	# of Races Per Day 9.5	Projected Purse Per Day \$155,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Horse	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Arabian	# of Races Per Day 0.5	Projected Purse Per Day \$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint Horse	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____
Totals	# of Races Per Day 10	Projected Purse Per Day \$160,000

<u>Second Meet</u>	Opening Day: ___/___/___	Closing Day: ___/___/___
Meet Type: <input type="checkbox"/> TB <input type="checkbox"/> QH <input type="checkbox"/> MX		Total Number of Race Days _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thoroughbred	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Horse	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Arabian	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paint Horse	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____
Totals	# of Races Per Day _____	Projected Purse Per Day \$_____

Third Meet Opening Day: ___/___/___ Closing Day: ___/___/___

Meet Type: TB QH MX Total Number of Race Days _____

Thoroughbred # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Quarter Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Arabian # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

Paint Horse # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

 Totals # of Races Per Day _____ Projected Purse Per Day \$ _____

II. Negotiation with Breed Registries

Specify how the total races scheduled for 2018 will be allocated among the various breeds:

Appaloosa ___% Arabian 5% Paint ___%

Quarter Horse ___% Thoroughbred 95%

Check all that apply:

- Attached are letters from the affected breed registries that have agreed to this allocation.
- The Thoroughbred and Arabian breed registry(ies) has not agreed to this allocation, but negotiations with the breed registry(ies) occurred as described below:

Participants in Negotiations

Various Mary Ruyle, TTA

Various Ed Wilson, TABA

Various Marsha Rountree, THBPA

Various Jan Haynes, TTHBPA

III. Dates Requested

Indicate on the attached calendar each live race date requested with a "T" (Thoroughbred), "QH" (Quarter Horse), or "M" (Mixed). Include standard post time in space provided on calendar. Any exceptions, such as holidays, should be noted.

IV. Charity Days

A Class 1 or Class 2 racetrack shall conduct at least two and not more than five charity race days each year. The association shall pay to the charity at least 2% of the total pari-mutuel handle generated at the racetrack on the charity race day. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that directly benefits the persons who work in the stable or kennel area of the racetrack. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals.

Indicate which days are designated as charity days:

Day 1: TBA

Day 2: TBA

Day 3 (Optional): _____

Day 4 (Optional): _____

Day 5 (Optional): _____

Identify the charities:

REQUIRED BY RULE

(1) A charity that directly benefits the persons who work on the backside:

Day 1 Charity: TBA
(Name of Charity)

(2) A charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals:

Day 2 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

OPTIONAL CHARITY DAYS

Day 3 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 4 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

Day 5 Charity: _____
(Name of Charity)

For each charity listed, attach the following information:

1. The name of the charity;
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3. a brief description of the activities or purposes of the charity; and
4. a copy of an Internal Revenue Service letter of determination that qualifies the charity as an exempt organization for purposes of federal income tax.

V. Coordination of Request

To facilitate the Commission's consideration of each association's request, please indicate below the association's coordination efforts and the letters of support as appropriate.

	Affected?		Letter of Support Attached?		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A
<u>Racetrack</u>					
KTAGS/Longhorn Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gillespie County Fair & Festivals Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laredo Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Manor Downs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sam Houston Race Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valle de los Tesoros	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Letter of Support Attached?		
	Yes	No	N/A
<u>Horsemen's Organization</u>			
Texas Horsemen's Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sam Houston Race Park
Requested Live Race Dates for 2018

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 M.L. King Day	16	17	18	19- TB	20- TB
21	22- TB	23- TB	24	25	26- TB	27- TB
28	29- TB	30- TB	31			

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2- TB	3- TB
4	5- TB	6- TB	7	8	9- TB	10- TB
11	12- TB	13- TB	14	15	16- TB	17- TB
18	19- TB Presidents' Day	20- TB	21	22	23- TB	24- TB
25	26- TB	27- TB	28			

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2- TB	3- TB
4	5- TB	6- TB	7	8	9- TB	10- TB
11	12- TB	13- TB	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



June 21, 2016

Andrea Young
President
Sam Houston Race Park
7575 N Sam Houston Pkwy W
Houston, TX 77064

Dear Andrea,

Written on behalf of the board of directors of the Texas Thoroughbred Association, this letter is to convey support for Sam Houston Race Park's requested race dates for 2018, with a Thoroughbred meet comprising 32 days from January 19 – March 18, 2018..

We look forward to working with you to ensure successful Thoroughbred meets for all participants.

Sincerely,

Mary Ruyle
Executive Director

TEXAS THOROUGHBRED HBPA, INC.

Mr. Chuck Trout
Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
P.O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Trout:

The Texas Thoroughbred HBPA is pleased to offer its support of the race dates requested by Sam Houston Race Park for its 2018 Thoroughbred racing season. The requested 32 days of racing, beginning on January 19 and ending March 18, 2018 will be another great opportunity for thoroughbred horses at Sam Houston Race Park.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Marsha Rountree

Marsha Rountree
Executive Director



July 6, 2016

Joel Speight
Deputy Director of Racing
Texas Racing Commission
P.O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711-2080

Dear Joel,

The Texas Quarter Horse Association is in support of the 2017 Sam Houston Race Park race dates request.

If you have any questions please feel free to call on me anytime.

Sincerely,

Rob Werstler
Director of Racing

Cc: Andrea Young

E. Allocation of Live Race Dates for Greyhound Racetracks under Commission Rule 303.41 for the Period beginning January 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2018



TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 12080
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711-2080
(512) 833-6699
FAX (512) 833-6907

April 20, 2016

Gulf Coast Racing
Steve Lamb, General Manager
5302 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Gulf Greyhound Park
Sally Briggs, General Manager
P.O. Box 488
La Marque, TX 77568-0488

Valley Race Park
Andrea Young, President
2601 South Ed Carey Drive
Harlingen, TX 78552

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the April 12, 2016 Commission meeting, the Commission established the following time period for which it will consider granting race dates:

January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018

In accordance with §303.41 Allocation of Race Dates, the application period for requesting race dates for the above periods of time will commence on May 1, 2016, and close on June 30, 2016. The request must be made on the prescribed application form and must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. For your convenience, the prescribed application forms are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Ricky Walker or me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Speight".

Joel Speight
Deputy Executive Director

Enclosure: January 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. Request for Live Race Dates Greyhound Racetracks applications

CC: Chuck Trout, Executive Director
Mark Fenner, General Counsel
Ricky Walker Chief Steward
Adrienne Courtney, Chief Financial Officer
David Peck, President of Texas Greyhound Association



■ GULF GREYHOUND PARK ■

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Sally B. Briggs
General Manager

June 22, 2016

Mr. Joel Speight
Deputy Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
P. O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 76711-2080

Re: Gulf Greyhound Park Live Racing Schedule

Dear Mr. Speight:

Please find enclosed Gulf Greyhound Park's request for Allocation of Race Dates for 2017 and 2018.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Sally B. Briggs
General Manager

C: Eric Wilson, Greene Group, Inc.
David Peck, Texas Greyhound Association

**TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR PERFORMANCES
GREYHOUND RACETRACKS**

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type the information requested in each section and attach all required documents and additional sheets if necessary. The Commission will not consider an incomplete request. The request must be filed at the Commission's Austin office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

I. Schedule Requested

Name of Racetrack: GULF GREYHOUND PARK

Opening Day: 11 / 24 / 2017 Closing Day: 12 / 30 / 2017

Number of Performances per week 4

Projected Number of Races per Performance 10

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES REQUESTED 20

II. Charity Days

A greyhound association shall conduct at least five charity race days each year. The association shall pay to the charity at least 2% of the total pari-mutuel handle generated at the racetrack on the charity race day. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that directly benefits the persons who work in the stable or kennel area of the racetrack. At least one of the charity days must be conducted for a charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals.

Indicate which days are designated as charity days:

Day 1: Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Day 2: Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Day 3: Sunday, December 10, 2017

Day 4: Sunday, December 17, 2017

Day 5: Friday, December 22, 2017

Identify the charities:

REQUIRED BY RULE

(1) A charity that directly benefits the persons who work on the backside:

Day 1 Charity: Texas Greyhound Association
(Name of Charity)

(2) A charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals:

Day 2 Charity: Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund
(Name of Charity)

ADDITIONAL CHARITIES

Day 3 Charity: Texas City/La Marque Chamber of Commerce
(Name of Charity)

Day 4 Charity: Independence Village
(Name of Charity)

Day 5 Charity: Texas City ISD Foundation for the Future
(Name of Charity)

For each charity listed, attach the following information:

- 1. The name of the charity;**
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- 3. a brief description of the activities or purposes of the charity; and**
- 4. a copy of an Internal Revenue Service letter of determination that qualifies the charity as an exempt organization for purposes of federal income tax.**

III. Dates Requested

Indicate on the attached calendar each live race performance requested with an

“M” denoting a Matinee performance

“E” denoting an Evening performance

Include standard post time for each performance in space provided on calendar. Any exceptions, such as holidays, should be noted.

V. Coordination of Request

To facilitate the Commission's consideration of each association's request, please indicate below the association's coordination efforts and the letters of support as appropriate.

<u>Racetrack</u>	Affected?		Letter of Support Attached?		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Gulf Coast Racing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gulf Greyhound Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valley Race Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<u>Greyhound Breed Association</u>	Letter of Support Attached?		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Texas Greyhound Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GULF GREYHOUND PARK

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Performances for 2017

October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24 E	25 E
26 M	27	28	29 E	30		

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 E	2 E
3 M	4	5	6 E	7	8 E	9 E
10 M	11	12	13 E	14	15 E	16 E
17 M	18	19	20 E	21	22 E	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27 E	28	29 E	30 E
31						

TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR PERFORMANCES
GREYHOUND RACETRACKS

January 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018

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I. Schedule Requested

Name of Racetrack: GULF GREYHOUND PARK

Opening Day: 01 / 03 / 2018 Closing Day: 02 / 03 / 2018

Number of Performances per week 4

Projected Number of Races per Performance 10

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES REQUESTED 17

II. Charity Days

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Indicate which days are designated as charity days:

Day 1: Sunday, January 7, 2018

Day 2: Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Day 3: Sunday, January 14, 2018

Day 4: Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Day 5: Friday, January 26, 2018

Identify the charities:

REQUIRED BY RULE

(1) A charity that directly benefits the persons who work on the backside:

Day 1 Charity: Texas Greyhound Association
(Name of Charity)

(2) A charity that primarily benefits research into the health or safety of race animals:

Day 2 Charity: Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund
(Name of Charity)

ADDITIONAL CHARITIES

Day 3 Charity: Texas City/La Marque Chamber of Commerce
(Name of Charity)

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(Name of Charity)

Day 5 Charity: Texas City ISD Foundation for the Future
(Name of Charity)

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“M” denoting a Matinee performance

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V. Coordination of Request

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<u>Racetrack</u>	<u>Affected?</u>		<u>Letter of Support Attached?</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Gulf Coast Racing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<u>Greyhound Breed Association</u>	<u>Letter of Support Attached?</u>		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Texas Greyhound Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Name of Racetrack)

Requested Performances for 2018

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 E	4	5 E	6 E
7 M	8	9	10 E	11	12 E	13 E
14 M	15 M.L. Day King	16	17 E	18	19 E	20 E
21	22	23	24 E	25	26 E	27 E
28	29	30	31 E			

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 E	3 E
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

V. PROCEEDINGS ON RULEMAKING

Discussion, consideration and possible action on the following matters:

Rule Proposal. If approved by the Commission, this proposal will be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

- A. Proposal to Amend Rule 303.102, Greyhound Rules.



texas greyhound association

June 21, 2016

delivered via email:
mark.fenner@txrc.texas.gov

Mark Fenner
Texas Racing Commission
PO Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Fenner,

The Texas Greyhound Association requests the Texas Racing Commission review the two proposed rule changes listed below:

Chapter 303.102 (b)(1)
Chapter 303.102 (b)(2)

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

David Peck
President

TGA Board of Directors

**TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Date of Request: June 9, 2016

***Request for Proposed Change to an Existing Rule or
Addition of a New Rule to the Rules of Racing***

Please submit this information to the attention of the Executive Director *at least 14 days* in advance of the next scheduled Committee on Rules meeting. An electronic form is available to assist in your submission or feel free to add additional pages as necessary in order to provide as much detail as possible. Filing this request does not guarantee that your proposal will be considered by the Committee on Rules.

Texas Racing Commission
8505 Cross Park Drive, Suite 110
Austin, TX 78754-4552
Phone: 512/833-6699 Fax: 512-833-6907
email: info@txrc.texas.gov

Contact Information:

Name:	Laird Morgan	Phone(s):	214-363-0555
E-mail address:	[REDACTED]	Fax number:	214-369-3590
Mailing address:	Suite 230, 850 Central Parkway East, Plano TX 75074		

Check appropriate box(es):

Personal Submission *OR*

Submission on Behalf of Texas Greyhound Association
(Name of Organization)

Proposed Change to (if known): Chapter: 303 ¹⁰² (b)(1) _____

Proposed Addition to (if known): Chapter: _____ Rule: _____

Other Rules Affected by Proposal (if any): _____

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COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Date of Request: June 9, 2016

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(b) Owners' Awards.

Note: The following is a TRC staff-prepared version of the Texas Greyhound Association's proposal developed in consultation with TGA representatives.

1 **Sec. 303.102. Greyhound Rules**

2 (a) (No change.)

3 (b) Owners' Awards.

4 (1) The owner of a registered Texas-bred greyhound is
5 eligible to receive an owner's award if the greyhound is among
6 the first four Texas-bred greyhounds to finish a pari-mutuel
7 race in Texas. ~~that wins a pari-mutuel race in Texas is eligible~~
8 ~~to receive an owner's award.~~ For purposes of this subdivision,
9 each elimination and final in a stakes race competition is
10 considered a pari-mutuel race. A dead heat for any the win
11 position is considered a placement in that position ~~win~~ for each
12 greyhound involved in the dead heat.

13 (2) TGA will pay owners' awards no later than the last
14 business day of each month for the previous month's awards. TGA
15 will issue the check for each award to the person in whose name
16 the Texas-bred greyhound is registered.

17 (3) Determination of Available Award Funds. Available
18 Owners' awards for each month are composed of the sum of the
19 following two amounts:

20 (A) the total amount of money received from the
21 Commission for the Texas Bred Incentive Program for the
22 period between the dates that the last Texas greyhound meet
23 ended and the current Texas greyhound meet began, minus the
24 statutorily permitted amount for administrative expenses,
25 multiplied by the ratio of the live pari-mutuel races
26 proposed for the month to the number of live pari-mutuel
27 races proposed in the current greyhound meet; and

28 (B) ~~To determine the amount of each award,~~ the total
29 amount of money received from the Commission for the Texas
30 Bred Incentive Program during the current greyhound meet

1 for the ~~preceding~~ month, minus the statutorily permitted
2 amount for administrative expenses, ~~shall be divided by~~
3 ~~the number of pari-mutuel races won by registered Texas-~~
4 ~~bred greyhounds during the preceding month, plus five. The~~
5 ~~result is the amount of owner's award to be paid for each~~
6 ~~registered Texas bred greyhound that won a pari mutuel race~~
7 ~~in Texas during the preceding month.~~

8 (4) Owners' awards for each live race during a month shall
9 be paid out as follows:

10 (A) First Texas-bred greyhound - each Texas-bred
11 greyhound finish for first among Texas-bred greyhounds that
12 compete in a Texas pari-mutuel race shall receive an equal
13 share of 50% of the award funds available under paragraph
14 (3) of this subsection.

15 (B) Second Texas-bred greyhound - each Texas-bred
16 greyhound finish for second among Texas-bred greyhounds
17 that compete in a Texas pari-mutuel race shall receive an
18 equal share of 25% of the award funds available under
19 paragraph (3) of this subsection.

20 (C) Third Texas-bred greyhound - each Texas-bred
21 greyhound finish for third among Texas-bred greyhounds that
22 compete in a Texas pari-mutuel race shall receive an equal
23 share of 15% of the award funds available under paragraph
24 (3) of this subsection.

25 (D) Fourth Texas-bred greyhound - each Texas-bred
26 greyhound finish for fourth among Texas-bred greyhounds
27 that compete in a Texas pari-mutuel race shall receive an
28 equal share of 10% of the award funds available under
29 paragraph (3) of this subsection.

1 ~~(5)(3)~~ TGA shall make a reasonable effort to deliver all
2 owners' awards. If after 12 months after issuing a check for an
3 owner's award TGA is unsuccessful in delivering the check to the
4 proper person, TGA shall void the check and add the unclaimed
5 amount to the total amount to be distributed as owners' awards
6 for the next greyhound meet. month.

7 ~~(6)(4)~~ Each month, one ~~five~~ owner's award shares under each
8 subparagraph listed under paragraph (4) of this subsection will
9 be retained to cover errors that may be made by TGA. A person
10 who believes he or she is entitled to an owner's award must file
11 a claim with TGA no later than 90 days after the end of the
12 month during which the race on which the claim is based was
13 conducted. On receipt of a claim for an owner's award, TGA shall
14 determine whether the claim is valid. If the claim is valid, TGA
15 shall immediately pay the owner's award. After the deadline for
16 filing a claim, TGA shall add the remaining retained owner's
17 award shares to the total amount to be distributed in the next
18 greyhound meet. month. If more than one ~~five~~ valid claims ~~are~~ is
19 filed, TGA shall pay the second ~~sixth~~ and subsequent claims from
20 the owner's award shares retained from the next and subsequent
21 months until all valid claims are paid.

22 (7) At the conclusion of the current greyhound meet and
23 after the TGA has distributed all owners' awards under this
24 subsection, the TGA shall add any remaining Accredited Texas
25 Bred Funds to the total amount to be distributed as owners'
26 awards at the next greyhound meet.

27 ~~(8)(5)~~ An owner's award may not be paid for a greyhound
28 that is disqualified from a race due to a positive drug test. On
29 notice to TGA that a race's results are affected by a positive
30 drug test, TGA shall retain any owner's award due to the

1 affected ~~winning~~ greyhound until the Commission's disciplinary
2 proceedings regarding the positive drug test are final and
3 unappealable. If the greyhound's disqualification is overturned,
4 the TGA shall pay the retained owner's award within 30 days of
5 receiving notice of the final disposition of the proceeding. If
6 the greyhound's disqualification is upheld, the amount of the
7 retained owner's award shall be added to the total amount to be
8 distributed as owners' awards for the next greyhound meet ~~month~~
9 after the month in which TGA is notified of the final
10 disposition of the proceeding.
11 (c)-(d) (No change.)

Rule Adoption. This proposal was published in the July 1, 2016, edition of the Texas Register and is eligible for adoption.

B. Adoption of Amendment to Rule 319.110,
Health Certificate

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Proposed Change to (if known): Chapter: 319 Rule: 110

Proposed Addition to (if known): Chapter: _____ Rule: _____

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Chapter: _____ Rule: _____

Chapter: _____ Rule: _____

Statutory Authority for Proposed Change: TRA § 3.02

A. Brief Description of the Issue

Texas Racing Commission (TRC) Rule 319.110, Health Certificate, is inconsistent with Texas Animal Health Commission's (TAHC's) rules regarding the health inspection requirements for a horse to enter a racetrack facility. Also, the present rule-heading "Health Certificate" does not adequately address those additional requirements for horses entering a pari-mutuel track as required by the TAHC.

B. Discussion of the Issue and Problem

TRC Rule 319.110 provides that to be admitted on to an association's grounds, a horse must have:

- (1) a current negative test for equine infectious anemia conducted in accordance with rules of the Texas Animal Health Commission; and
- (2) a health certificate issued in the 45-day period preceding the horse's arrival.

TAHC Rule 49.1 provides that equine entering a pari-mutuel track must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

TAHC Rule 49.5 provides that equine entering a racetrack facility must have a negative Piroplasmosis test (*Theileria equi*) within the past 12 months. (TAHC policy excepts Thoroughbreds.)

TAHC Rule 51.1 provides that a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is valid for 30 days.

TAHC Rule 51.4 provides that horses entering a pari-mutuel track from out-of-state or area of origin must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

TAHC Rule 51.4 provides that horses from in-state origin entering a pari-mutuel track from out-of-state or area of origin must have a negative EIA test within the past 12 months and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

TAHC Rule 58.2 provides that if TAHC's Executive Director determines that livestock have been exposed to or infected with a disease (with limited exceptions) and determines that an animal health emergency exists, then the executive director is authorized to exercise all the necessary authority to respond as expediently as possible, including determining the necessary requirements related to quarantine, disposal, testing, movement, inspection, and treatment.

Specifically, TRC's rule treating 45-day old health certificates as valid is inconsistent with TAHC's 30-day requirement. In addition, TRC's rule does not address piroplasmosis, nor does it address the possibility that TAHC may impose additional requirements in response to an animal health emergency. Also, TRC's rule-heading "Health Certificate" does not address other current TAHC entry requirements such as a current negative test for equine infectious anemia and a negative Piroplasmosis test (*Theileria equi*) within the past 12 months.

C. Possible Solutions and Impact

While the Commission could specifically adopt TAHC's current requirements, this approach would require TRC to amend its rules anytime TAHC amends its rules. Staff recommends instead that the rule be amended to incorporate TAHC's standards by reference. TAHC follows the same rule-making process that TRC does, so the industry will retain the ability to fully participate in the development of those rules.

D. Support or Opposition

The proposal was published in the July 1, 2016, edition of the *Texas Register*. As of August 3, 2016, staff has not received any comments in response to the publication.

E. Proposal

See next page.

§319.110. Requirements to Enter Association Grounds Health Certificate

To be admitted on to an association's grounds, a horse must be accompanied by a current certificate of veterinary inspection and meet any other health inspection requirements established by the Texas Animal Health Commission. ~~have:~~

- ~~(1) a current negative test for equine infectious anemia conducted in accordance with rules of the Texas Animal Health Commission; and~~
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