
TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
GREYHOUND RACE DATE CALENDAR COMMITTEE
Meeting Report

Gulf Greyhound Park
La Marque, TX

July 27, 2010
11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Gloria Hicks chaired the meeting. Representatives from the Texas Greyhound Association, Texas greyhound tracks and staff from the Texas Racing Commission attended. The meeting was an important part of encouraging an open discussion about upcoming greyhound race date requests. The following stakeholders were present:

- Sammy Jackson, Racing Commission Deputy Director for Wagering and Racing Review
- Steve Lamb, General Manager, Gulf Coast Racing
- Sally Briggs, General Manager, Gulf Greyhound Park
- David Jackson, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Valley Race Park
- Diane Whiteley, Executive Director, Texas Greyhound Association
- John Liberatore, Board Member, Texas Greyhound Association
- Nick James, Representing the Texas Greyhound Association

I. Summary of Key Issues

➤ ***Race date calendar request for 2011.***

Gulf Greyhound Park expects to request six performances per week for a year. Gulf Coast Racing and Valley Race Park will run the dates already granted for 2011.

➤ ***Shortage of greyhounds for performances.***

Across the nation, tracks are seeing a shortage of greyhounds. This shortage is affecting racetracks with expanded gaming as well.

➤ ***Impact of race date changes during previous year.***

- Stabilized the decline in breeding.
- Generated increased point value of the purses.
- Because the overall handle was so negatively affected by the economic downturn, the overall financial goal was not met. If the handle had not seen such a decrease, the plan would have met financial projections.