

Committee on Horse Race Dates

September 1, 2010, Meeting

Agenda Packet Material

Section V. Stakeholder Comments.

From:

To:

Cc:

Date: Monday, August 23, 2010 06:59 am

Subject: Race Dates

Ron Allen

21256 FM 2393
Wichita Falls
TX
76310

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Submitted
August 23, 2010
07:59 AM

Fewer race dates means less promotion of Texas Racing. We are going in the wrong direction with the proposed schedule shifts. We need more race dates not less. The Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and Arabian race horse industry in Texas is just about gone and this will be the final bell.

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3612440048
562 Horseshoe Bnd
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Bill Backus
 512-392-3780
 310 Backus Rd
 San Marcos
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Simply put. If the tracks can't honor the contract that they signed for "x" amount of racing days take the license a way from them!

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903-882-1359

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Kim Abernathey

9033637031
2863 So. fm 2869
Hawkins
TX
75765

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I've been a fan of Texas racing since moving from Chicago, and am saddened by the reduction of racing dates. I love to going to the live races and our family has made a monthly outing whenever possible.

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Gerry Burch

9408724932

1401 jackson st.

Bowie

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874 CR 4741
Cumby
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Date Thu 8/26/2010 8:33 PM

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From:

To:

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 4:28 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Victoria Hammond

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> 512-259-5807

> 203 County Glen

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> TX

> 78641

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> I am a past member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership or HBPA

> Submitted

> August 20, 2010

> 05:28 PM

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> The argument being made by some Texas race tracks and so called industry

> leaders that less is more is clearly bogus. Texas horses need to be able

> to live and run in Texas.

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Fw: Race Dates

To

Date Thu 8/26/2010 8:39 PM

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From:

To:

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 7:41 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Jazette Backus Hudson

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> 512-665-0665

> 310 Backus Rd

> San Marcos

> TX

> 78666

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> August 20, 2010

> 08:41 PM

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> It is a travesty what the tracks and associations are doing to the Texas
> Racing Industry. I come from a long line of thoroughbred breeders. My
> grandfather L.O. Backus was "one of the founders and a charter member of
> the Texas Thoroughbred Breeders Association" (front page and second page
> of June 1960 Texas Thoroughbred - I have a copy if anyone would like to
> see it. He would be rolling over in his grave if he knew that the very
> people that are suppose to protect the horsemen/breeders/trainers and fans
> are selling us out for 48% less racing opportunities! We still breed and
> raise thoroughbred homebreds at L.O. Backus' Ranch and we are continually
> striving for better stock, however, with less opportunities (racing days)
> you are putting me and many others in a quandary of what to do. In my
> opinion, anyone that voted for a 48% in racing opportunities should be
> fired and their position should be filled with individuals that believe in
> the Texas Racing Industry! Regards, Jazette Backus Hudson

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 8:40 PM

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From:

To:

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 9:31 PM

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> Joanne Hammond

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> 9408724932

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> Carl Davis

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> 512-75376311

> 400 Blanco River Ranch Rd

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To:
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> Joe Kerby

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> 1849 Lindemann Rd

> Salado

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> 76571

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> The consequences of this action will be felt for many years at many

> levels. The parties involved in this unconscionable act should resign from

> their positions on the horsemen's boards.

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> Wife of veterinarian with an predominantly equine practice in Hopkins

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> Donna Slade

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> 512-261-3915

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:12 PM

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From:

To: >

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 6:34 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Steve Ross

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> 903-952-2010

> 1623 Cattle Baron Drive

> Lindale

> TX

> 75771

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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> Forward my message to the Texas Thoroughbred Association

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

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Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 10:31 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

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To:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:33 AM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Linda K Rasor

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> 8306935688

> 1825 CR 403

> Marble Falls

> TX

> 78654

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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> I am a member of the Texas Quarter Horse Association

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

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From:
To:
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:37 AM
Subject: Race Dates

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> Wayne Pike
> None
> 5127561886
> 318 Whispering Oaks Dr.
> Burnet
> TX
> 78611

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.
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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

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From: _____
To:
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 8:21 AM
Subject: Race Dates

> *****
> Sandra Spears
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> 117 Bufflehead Cove
> San Marcos
> Texas
> 78666
> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.
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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:19 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:16 AM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Sandy Kosarek

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> 512-398-7148

> 300 S. Commerce

> Lockhart

> Tx

> 78644

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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> I am a past member of the Texas Quarter Horse Association

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us]

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:19 PM

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From:

To:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 11:26 AM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Frank Schweidhart

>

> 817-832-8889

> P.O. Box 6

> Cumby

> Tx

> 75420

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

> Forward my message to the Texas Racing Commission

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> I am a professional farrier and work on many of these horses. I depend on

> them for my living and a reduction of horse racing dates will have a

> serious snowball effect on all of us engaged in the horse industry in

> Texas.

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];'

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:20 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 12:36 PM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Cesar Parra

>

> 281-961-5945

> 6 Farrell Ridge Dr

> Sugar Land

> tx

> 77479

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

> Forward my message to the Texas Racing Commission

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> I am a current member of the TTA.

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> I am a member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership

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> Submitted

> August 24, 2010

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> If we get a reduction on racing dates for Texas, we will have to move our

> breeding stock to other state, most likely Louisiana.

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:21 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 9:18 AM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Kevin Gray, DVM

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> 2596 FM 275 South

> Cumby

> Texas

> 75433

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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> August 25, 2010

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> As an equine veterinarian who works on several race horses, I feel this

> would be a bad move. This would hurt the small trainers, breeders, and

> the veterinarians who treat these animals.

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:22 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:03 AM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Chris

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> 931 809 7153

> 1202 thorpe lane

> san marcos

> tx

> 78666

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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> Racing is a Texas pastime!!!

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:23 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:39 AM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Peggy Hammond

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> 817-243-9986

> P.O. Box 1575

> Azle

> TX

> 76098

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

> Forward my message to the Texas Racing Commission

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> I am a member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership

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> August 25, 2010

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us]'

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:24 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:
To:
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 12:13 PM
Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Theophilus Scales, Jr.

> :
> 512-529-3417
> 320-B High Grove Road
> Cedar Creek
> Tx
> 78612

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.
> Forward my message to the Texas Racing Commission
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> I am a current member of the TTA.

> I am a past member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership or HBPA
> Submitted
> August 25, 2010
> 01:13 PM

> Good Afternoon,

> I am writing this letter to you guys to express 2 short points.

> 1. I appreciate the TXRC, and believe that they are trying to help the
> horsemen and horsewomen of the state of Texas.

> 2. I am deeply saddened, and angry with the blatant disregard by the
> tracks and the track association that support this reduction of race
> dates idea.

> It's my belief that the race date cuts will put many of us in deep, or in
> my case deeper financial peril.

> There is seemingly no regards for the horse people of this state, and what
> this will do to us. There are no sincere attempts by the tracks or the
> track associations to meet the needs of the horsemen.

> I will continue to fight for the change in the leadership in Texas Racing
> that supports Texas racing first and foremost.

> Theophilus Scales, Jr.

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:25 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 1:35 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Tracey Ross

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> 310 Backus Rd

> San Marcos

> TX

> 78666

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:27 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 3:40 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Theresa Dwver, DVM

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> 2540947-1292

> 586 Lonesome Dove Lane

> Salado

> Texas

> 76571

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];'

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:28 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 6:04 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Bob Pickard

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> 972-483-6973

> 1821 Derrs Chapel Rd

> Italy

> Texas

> 76651

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

> Forward my message to the Texas Racing Commission

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> Forward my message to the Texas Horsemen's Partnership

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> I am a member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership

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> Submitted

> August 25, 2010

> 07:04 PM

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> Let me introduce myself. My wife Carla and I own and operate a small
> training center in south Ellis County, outside of Italy, Texas. We have
> been here since before racing came to Texas. My TXRC # is 300, which means
> I have been here since day one.

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> I am flabbergasted by the proposals to reduce racing dates by about 50%
> and that this proposal has been put forth and backed by the very people
> who are suppose to represent me and all horsemen and women in Texas.

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> I attended the meeting at Lone Star Park for discussion of race dates and
> was shocked when after Joe Kerby made his presentation and the President
> of the Texas Horsemans partnership questioned him about his presentation.
> Had I not known that she was the president of the THP I would have thought
> she worked for one of the racing associations. I don't understand this. I
> am sure that the board of directors of the TTHBPA and Ms. Haynes would
> say I simple don't understand the complexities of horse racing. I am of
> average intelligence, even though I train race horses for a living. But I
> am unable to understand a horsemans organization that feels it must save a
> race track and thereby sacrifice the very people they are supposed to be
> representing. I am convinced that many of the so called smaller horseman
> who have invested many years and much of their resources in the racing
> industry will be put out of business, I am one of those. There are those
> who will say as one individual at the THP meeting at Lone Star Park that
> perhaps many of us should not be in the race horse business. My soul
> income for the past 30 years has been from horse racing. I say this to
> demonstrate that I am somewhat successful in this business.

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> When you are making your decision on whether to allow SHRP to continue
> simulcasting and not run live race dates please take in to consideration
> the effect this will have on us 'little people'. Thank you

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:29 PM

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From:

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Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 6:06 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Carla Pickard

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> 972-483-6973

> 1821 Derrs Chapel Rd

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:29 PM

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From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 6:42 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Sylvia Ingalsbe

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> 22180 FM 2115

> Salado

> TX

> 76571

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:33 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 7:40 PM

Subject: Race Dates

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> Diane Hodyniak

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> 254-947-8577

> 10151 Rocking H Road

> Salado

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> 76571

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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:34 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 3:24 PM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Tim Ervin

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> 1260 FM 1863

> New Braunsfels

> TX

> 78132

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.

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> I am a current member of the TTA.

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> I am a member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership

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> Submitted

> August 26, 2010

> 04:24 PM

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> I am firmly against any reduction in racing dates! I believe that if SHRP

> is not going to run its' days then Retama should be allowed to have an

> extened race meet along with SHRP monies being sent to Retama.

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Fw: Race Dates

To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us];

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:39 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:
To:
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 3:56 PM
Subject: Race Dates

> *****
> Rov Ragland
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> 912 E. Cedar
> Comanche
> TX
> 7644
> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.
> Forward my message to the Texas Racing Commission
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> I am a past member of the TTA.
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> I am a past member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership or HBPA
> Submitted
> August 26, 2010
> 04:56 PM
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To Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us]:

Date Thu 8/26/2010 9:51 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:
To:
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2010 3:37 PM
Subject: Race Dates

> *****
> Kelly Bulter
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> 3140 Sparrow
> New Braunfels
> TX
> 78130
> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.
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Fw: Race Dates

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To Texas Horsemen's Partnership [redacted]; Texas Racing Commission [info@txrc.state.tx.us]

Date Mon 8/30/2010 1:08 PM

----- Original Message -----

From:

To:

Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:50 PM

Subject: Race Dates

> *****

> Roger Williams

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> 822b Pk. Rd. 28b
> Mexia
> Texas
> 75557

> I am against a reduction in Texas horse racing dates.
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> I am a member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership

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> Submitted
> August 24, 2010
> 03:50 PM

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> I've been thinking about a comment that Ms Roundtree made. Something like
> this "I am going to do what I think is best for the owners" As an owner,
> I want you to do what the majority of your owners want done. You have not
> taken a formal survey on the issue of transfer of purse accounts from one
> track to another so that LS can have a mega meet. Most of your owners
> want an opportunity to run year round. Check it out before you use send
> my purse money to LS. After all the purse accounts really do belong to
> the owners.

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August 17, 2010

**Charla Ann King
Executive Director
Texas Racing Commission
P.O. Box 12080
Austin, TX 78711**

Dear Ms. King,

As per Commissioner Ederer's request, I am submitting a 2011 race date calendar that I feel will work for racetracks as well as Quarter Horse breeders, owners and trainers in Texas.

Proposed 2011 Quarter Horse Race Date Calendar:

Retama Park- 23 days, mixed format (7-8 QH, 2-3 TB), March 11- May 7

Sam Houston Race Park- 38 Days, mixed format (8-9 QH, 2-3 TB) May 20- Aug. 13

Lone Star Park- 26 days, September 16- November 12

I plan to attend the Race Dates committee meeting on September 1, and will be able to answer any questions at that time.

Sincerely,


**Rob Werstler
Director of Racing**

Cc: Barbara Linke, Dr. Tommy Hays, Tooter Jordan, Marsha Rountree

2011 Race Dates

To info@txrc.state.tx.us

Date Tue 8/17/2010 11:25 AM

Victoria Hammond
203 County Glen
Leander, TX 78641

August 17, 2010

Mr. Sammie Jackson
Texas Racing Commission

SUBJECT: Objection to Reduction in Racing Dates for Texas Racetracks

I am the owner of Hatter's Cove Horse Ranch, a small business that has employed myself and two family members for over 15 years. We have raced, bred, boarded, and trained Thoroughbred horses for years. In this time, my business has expended over \$ 500,000 on trucks, trailers, barns, fences, equipment, hay, feed, vet services, farrier services , stallion fees, and other items associated with such a business. We have survived the drought , along with high hay and gas prices to continue doing something that we love in the state of Texas. I am writing this letter today to tell you that we will not survive the projected cut in racing opportunities for our Texas bred horses. It is that simple. The proposal from the race tracks to cut race days will put us out of business.

I appeal to the members of the Texas Racing Commission to do what is best for the people and state of Texas. Do not rule just for the benefit of the race tracks and their casino agenda. The result will hurt many other people like myself, and cause even more of our horses and talent to move out of state.

Sincerely,

Victoria Hammond

The Texas Racing Industry as Partners

[...]

To info@txrc.state.tx.us

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Date Thu 8/12/2010 2:49 PM

I had planned to close my comments at the July 17 meeting with this idea, but Mr. Shubeck used up all my time without really saying much except that the stakes account would end up around 18-19 percent of the total purse account. It ended up at 25%. I would have thought that he would be on top of a number like that.

My idea was and is " the Texas Racing Industry should be like a partnership. When one segment hurts the whole hurts, when one segment prospers, the whole should prosper" Idealistic? Yes. Fair Yes. Does Mr. Shubeck's mega encourage fairness to Industry or is it Greed? I'm going to take a cheap shot. I don't want to hurt to build resumes of people who can't emphasise (sp) with me.

Are the tracks really in dire shape?

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When we look at the racing industry as whole, everyone is hurting, but the tracks haven't presented any numbers that make them hurt more than the rest of the Texas Racing Industry. It seems that it is ok with the tracks, TTA, and THP for a large part of the industry to disappear as long as they are OK. I feel that they are not being fully truthful when they spent the owners purse accounts for big days like the LS millions day when they knew that there was no way that they were going to make it through the meet with the existing purse accounts. Terry Stanton said that LS had to loan the purse account \$400,000 to finish the meet and that it would take 20 days to pay it back. It looks like the owners were taken so that Mr. Shubeck could sale more hot dogs. The LS millions day attracted 11,000 more people than the average day, but the total handle was only \$2,000,000. Compare that to SH's last monday night's total handle of \$1,500,000 with total purses in the range of \$100,000. Something stinks when the tracks say they can't money. I read a study and I can't remember where, it proved that increasing purses only increased handle 6%. Bettors want full competitive fields and LS can achieve that with a realistic %of stakes money and an increase of the overnight money. These two issues could get LS through 2011 and they could make a profit. If you then race a night you can increase handle even more. They have all the tools they need to get though 2011, but a large part of the Texas Racing Industry are lacking in tools and they will go away if the megameet happens.

LS's proposed mega meet

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I am against Mr. Shubeck's plan because only a small amount of the proposed \$230,000 per day will stay in Texas to support the Texas Racing Industry.

Looking at the 2010 meet we see that two basic everyday kinds of races were run in open company. Those with an average purse in the neighborhood of \$8,000 and those with an average purse of close to \$20,000. These races were split almost evenly 3.5 low races to 3.5 high races. Mr Dave Hooper said that ATB's won 31% of all open races, but if you look at what races they won, you will see that most of them were in \$8,000 purse range. My data is limited, but I am sure I'm not far off. Lone Star ran 60 days and if we assume that there were 3.5 cheap races per day that would equal total purses of \$28,000 for cheap horses and if ATB's won only 31% of that, they won \$8,600 per day or \$516,000 for the meet that had a total of \$9,000,000 in purses. I'm working through this as I go so if I make a mistake, I'll try to correct later. This is what ATB's did at a meet that is considered to have had the worse fields in the history of LS. Now bring in the better regional horses and the percent of ATB's winners will dip considerably. This is only one reason that I feel strongly that the mega meet will set the Texas Racing Industry back for several years. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Roger Williams

Reduction of TB Racing dates/Mixed Meets

Vince Rinaldi

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Attachments Texas Racing Commission.doc

Texas Racing Commission,

Please see my attached letter regarding Texas TB racing, which I will also be mailing to my Dallas area state representatives.

Sincerely,
Heather Rinaldi

To: August 9, 2010
Texas Racing Commission Members
Texas State Representatives: Will Harnett/Allen Vaught/Carol Kent

Re: Proposal to cut Texas Horse Racing Dates, a Fan's Perspective

My childhood time was divided between being on the back of a horse and reading books about our greatest equine athletes. As a farm and ranch girl, horses were both a useful tool and trusted companion. I have been a lifelong fan of Thoroughbred Horse Racing and devoted to the Texas horses since moving to Texas in 1993. I have been to every Class 1 track in Texas, multiple times. My husband and I had our wedding reception in a Suite at Lone Star Park, and our first date out after our second child was born was to the 2004 Breeder's Cup at Lone Star Park. We have seen Eclipse Award Champions and Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes winners compete at our Texas tracks. Over the last few years, I have been active in finding safe homes for retired racehorses, including Texas Champion, Lights on Broadway, who was nearly shipped to slaughter.

As a supporter of our Texas Racing heritage and the fine horsemen and women of Texas, it is of great concern to me that the Tracks and Texas Thoroughbred Association seem to be in collusion to undermine racing in Texas with serious impact to the horses, horsemen and women, our state's overall agricultural industry and the citizens who voted in trust that the tracks would provide the best possible venue for tax relief for our state, while supporting the livelihood of Texas agriculturists.

Please consider these issues:

State's Economic Factor: Reduction of race dates and combining breeds for 'Mixed Meets' instead of breed specific race meets

- Lost tax revenue beyond the 48% of race date reduction
I will not attend a mixed meet. Race fans cherish the breed they support and want to see a quality race card. I do not care to go see 2 races of lower level Thoroughbred claimers amidst other breeds. Big deal, Joe Trackman and state legislators might say. Well, I'm not a \$2 bettor on dollar day. I am a box buying, take friends, eat the nice buffet, buy alcohol, bet allowance and stakes races kind of track goer. I am a special occasion suite buyer. The dollar day/simulcast crowd might not care or change, but the big spenders are going to find less pathetic entertainment. They might as well close the upper levels at LSP and any other Track that runs a mixed meet, it will be desperate gambling addicts on the first floor and that is all the customers they will have left. Across the board, major revenue will be drastically down from all taxable areas.
- Simulcasts—with a mixed meet format, simulcast signals will not be marketable as race fans across the country are not interested in paying attention for the few

low level races of their preferred breed to run. Texas racing will lose all National appeal. Tax revenue from simulcast will be marginalized. If race dates are reduced 48%, our best Texas horses, owners, and trainers will have to leave the state and Texas racing's marketability will be further impacted as competitive fields are reduced.

- Job Loss--By reducing the racing dates by 48%, the impact will be to not just lose 48% of racing revenue, but also putting many owners, breeders, farm workers, trainers, track help, feed stores, hay farmers, farriers and vets in jeopardy of bankruptcy.
- Humane Factor—What will happen to the horses of our state if the racing dates are cut by 48%? Texas horses will have fewer races to run in and this will leave many small owners in a bind. They will not be able to afford shipping their horses to other regions to compete. This will leave many horses with smaller opportunities to find a race in Texas that fits their competition level, as all the horses will be fighting to enter 48% less races. Without wins and earnings, horses are much less valuable as bloodstock and the Texas horse market will be in a deeper decline than it already is with the current economic conditions. Owners will not be able to upkeep horses that can't find races to run in, and that is going to lead owners to dire financial situations and horses to potentially dire humane situations.

The Texas Class I tracks and financial interests are willing to marginalize Texas horse racing for one reason: **In truth, they are only concerned with bringing slots and casino style gambling to the tracks.** If they create a dire situation in racing, it is of no concern, because they only see the need for the horses to legalize the other gambling interests. I am not opposed to slots, but prefer advanced wagering and/or instant race machines—which are at least related to our fine Texas racing product and agricultural heritage. While slots and casino style gambling might bring in more jobs, my thought is that it will be low paying and part time jobs, versus the potential bankruptcy of hundreds of Texas farms and agriculturists dependent on full year racing in Texas.

Please consider these thoughts from a Texas Horse supporter, horseracing fan, and supporter of our state's agricultural interests. While the tracks and the slots campaign have spent an average of nearly \$23k per legislator in campaign donations (http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/politics/state/stories/DN-gamblebucks_28tex.ART.State.Edition2.4d607dd.html), most of us Texans are just looking for a few honest representatives to do the right thing this year and maintain year round racing in the state to keep our state's horsemen and subsidiary agricultural businesses working.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Rinaldi
Dallas, TX

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Dear Chairman Pablos:

As you know, the Texas racing industry is in decline. The current situation is far-reaching and has only perpetuated itself over the past few years.

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I ask that you support the plan presented by the Class 1 tracks to run a 60-day Thoroughbred race meet at Lone Star Park in 2011 and allow Sam Houston to transfer purse money in order to make Lone Star's purses more competitive with other tracks in our surrounding states.

Failure to support such a plan will cause further deterioration in our racing industry. Without this change, it is likely that one or more tracks will be unable to host a meet at all; therefore, shutting them down. Others will be forced to run fewer days in order to enhance their purses; however, this option will not necessarily improve the long-term racing product in Texas, or increase the overall handle.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. King

I am one of the many who has been involved in thoroughbred racing since early 80's. As a group we invested millions in our farms, our horses. People moved here to take part in the growing program

No more...most of the big farms are gone,all the good brood mares are gone, the top trainers now race elsewhere.

What a shame, because We have one of the top race tracks in the country...Lone Star Park. I have raced all the major tracks, run the Derby, and our track in Grand Prairie is one of the finest for people to enjoy and trainers love to be there.

Help us save racing here by funding purses at Lone Star to insure quality racing comes back. And we can only hope that our gambling dollar will stay in Texas.

Thank you for the attention to this matter.


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