

Race Dates Working Group Meeting

August 5, 2009

Diane Whiteley

The Race Dates Working Group met again on Wednesday, August 5 at the Texas Racing Commission. In attendance were Sammy Jackson and Chuck Trout of the Texas Racing Commission, Andrea Young of Valley Race Park, Sally Briggs of Gulf Greyhound Park and Gulf Coast Racing and TGA Board Members Harlyn Goebel, Tuddy Dietz , James Brymer and Ed Gardner. Also in attendance were Fred and Heather Currid, Ken Turner, Don Burke, Garret Burke, Jay Childs, Kenneth Biehle and Joe Frey.

Sammy Jackson opened the meeting with a summary of the prior Working Group meeting and announced that the Commission meeting set for August 18 has been rescheduled for September 15.

Diane Whiteley of the TGA then read a statement on the history and current status of the race dates applications. The TGA statement responded to the allegations on the various greyhound "chat boards" and the NGA Position Statement and reaffirmed the TGA position on race dates.

Sally Briggs gave a status on Gulf Greyhound Park and talked about its 3 performance request, with the hope that they could increase the days, dependent upon purse values, fees and greyhound inventory. Sally then said she would be unable to contact the current owner of Gulf Coast Racing about a 2 month circuit between Valley and Gulf Coast until next week, since he was out of the country.

Andrea Young gave a summary of the financial position of Valley Race Park, which is losing at least \$1 million each year.

Questions were asked and answered on marketing efforts, simulcasting, the Global Cross-species Simulcasting Agreement, the TGA Cross-species allocation, and several other items. Diane Whiteley was asked to mail and/or e-mail a summary of the race dates application process to TGA members.

The Commission set a date of August 26 at 12:30 for a follow up meeting.