

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION APRIL 18, 1996

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. for their regular meeting in Room 120C of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 N. E. Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Stephen Walters, Chair; Laura Fine, Vice Chair; George Rankins, Richard Reid, and Tom Towslee. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Minutes of March 21, 1996 Commission Meeting

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve minutes as submitted.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

2. Designation of Individual to Cast Unit Vote for Oregon at Annual RCI Convention

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Designate Steve Barham as person to cast vote on behalf of Oregon.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

3. Grants Pass Downs 1996 Race Meet Application (6/22 through 7/7)

It was reported that Josephine County Fair and Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association had reached an agreement, which means SOHRA will run this portion of the race meet. Steve Barham recommended approval of their application.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve race meet application and delegate to the executive director the authority to approve any changes in race meet officials.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

4. Lone Oak Racing, Inc. 1996 Salem Race Meet Application (7/27 through 9/30) and Status Report

Lonnie Craig and Glenn Knickerbocker announced Lone Oak had been awarded the bid by Oregon State Fair to run the race meet at Salem. The only concern about starting on July 27th is that OSF had awarded a contract for a RV show July 20-26. Rusty Vernon of OSF said they would work with LOR to relocate the show in order to insure live racing would begin on the 27th. Steve Barham then went through the race meet application. There was discussion regarding licensing of concession employees and the Klamath Falls OTB site. Following discussion, Mr. Barham recommended approval of the application.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve race meet application and delegate to executive director authority to approve OTB sites, LOR and MGP agreement on operation of OTB sites, licensing of concession/security personnel, final approval of simulcast signals, tote arrangements and race meet officials.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

5. New Portland Meadows Update

Mike Dorough reported that, even with the lost days of racing on account of weather, their handle is still as projected. Total handle is down 8.2%, with live down 14.9%, horse simulcast down 4.2%, and greyhound simulcast down 10.8%. There has been an upward trend over the last couple of weeks, and they are hopeful it will continue through the end of the meet. The Oregon Derby will be run this coming Saturday, April 20th.

6. Arabian Horse Registry and Their Competition Visa

It was reported the Board of Stewards would not have a problem with the request regarding foreign Arabians being able to race in Oregon except that horses being entered could not be entered in claiming races. All other races would be okay. Steve Barham recommended approval of the recommendation of the Board of Stewards.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve recommendation of the Board of Stewards.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

7. Consideration of Proposed Greyhound Rules

Steve Barham went through the proposed rule changes and recommended their approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve proposed rule changes as amended.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

8. Oregon Greyhound Association 1996-97 Budget

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve budget as submitted.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

9. Request by Dick Moran to Race Greyhounds Off His Farm

Dick Moran initially was grandfathered to race his greyhounds off his farm several years ago. He then sold his kennel to another operator who had to race out of the compound, however, he just recently bought it back and would like to resume racing from his farm. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve request by Dick Moran to race his greyhounds off his farm based on Mr. Moran's previous status and subject to passing inspection by the Board of Judges.
VOTE: 3 Aye (Fine, Rankins, Towslee); 2 Nay (Reid, Walters)

10. Final Orders for Approval

a. Margaret R. Brinton, DVM

It was found that Dr. Brinton administered a drug to a race horse via nasogastric tube. Dr. Brinton is fined \$500 and is suspended for 180 days. The suspension is stayed on condition Dr. Brinton not be found guilty of any drug-related violations for one year from date of order.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve final order.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention (Rankins)

b. Gordon E. Platt

It was found Mr. Platt administered a drug to a race horse via nasogastric tube. Mr. Platt is fined \$500 and is suspended for 180 days. The suspension is stayed on condition Mr. Platt not be found guilty of any drug-related violations for one year from date of order.

ACTION: MOTION (Towslee) Approve final order.
4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absention (Rankins)

11. Final Default Orders for Approval

a. LeRoy M. Nelson

It was found Mr. Nelson was deemed detrimental to the best interest of racing by the Washington Horse Racing Commission as a result of his involvement in a race fixing scheme. Case was referred by the Board of Stewards. Mr. Nelson's license is revoked based on reciprocity, and he is excluded from all areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve final default order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

b. Dexter A. Assoon

It was found Mr. Assoon is wanted by the US Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, for being an illegal immigrant. Case was referred by the Board of Stewards. Mr. Assoon's license is revoked, and he is excluded from all areas under jurisdiction of the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Towslee) Approve final default order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

c. Jose A. Trujillo

It was found Mr. Trujillo falsified his application for a groom's license. Case was referred by the Board of Stewards. Mr. Trujillo's license is revoked and he is excluded from all areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve final default order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

d. Nathaniel Harris

It was found Mr. Harris was a drug user on the grounds at Portland Meadows, and he refused to provide urine sample for testing. Case was referred by the Board of Stewards. Mr. Harris' license is permanently revoked and he is permanently excluded from all areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Towslee) Approve final default order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

e. Jerald L. Salomon

It was found Mr. Salomon tested positive for drug use. In addition, material which Mr. Salomon stated was crack cocaine was found in his camper on Lone Oak race grounds. Case was referred by the Board of Stewards. Mr. Salomon's license is revoked and he is excluded from all areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve final default order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

f. Nicholas R. Lofquist

It was found Mr. Lofquist has been excluded by Playfair in Spokane and New Portland Meadows. He tested positive for Marijuana in November 1995. Case was referred by the Board of Stewards. Mr. Lofquist's license is suspended until he provides a negative test for drugs, a report from Bill Palo stating he is not dependent on drugs, or has successfully completed a treatment program. The suspension includes exclusion from all areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve final default order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

12. Legislative Concept - Peace Officer Status for Investigators

Steve Barham reported he has already filed this legislative concept in order to meet the April 15th deadline. This change would allow ORC investigators to be eligible for Board of Police Standards and Training. It is not the intent to make them eligible for police and fire retirement.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve legislative concept, however, Mr. Barham is to look into the timing and what the process is then report back to the Commission at the May meeting.

VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.