

## MINUTES

### OREGON RACING COMMISSION March 17, 2005

The Oregon Racing Commission met on March 17, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 140 of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR. Commissioners in attendance were Steve Walters, Chair, Jeff Gilmour, Julianne Davis, Todd Thorne and Lisa Metcalf.

Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

#### 1. Approval of February 17, 2005 Minutes

ACTION: MOTION (Metcalf)      VOTE: Minutes are approved as submitted.  
VOTE:                                      5 Aye, 0 Nay

#### 2. 2005 Summer Fair Race Meet Applications

##### a. Eastern Oregon Livestock Show

Jodi Hanson—The EOLS has requested dates of June 10, 11 & 12 with eight races on the first day and ten on each subsequent day. They have requested both Bute and Lasix, and listed all race meet officials so she recommended approval of the application pending the outcome of the date overlap issue with Grant's Pass.

Chair Walters noted that there is no tote company named in the application and that will need to be provided. He also praised the EOLS for supplementing the hub money they get from the commission with additional funds to raise the purses.

ACTION: MOTION (Davis)      VOTE: Application is approved as submitted with the delegation to the Executive Director to approve a tote company.  
VOTE:                                      5 Aye, 0 Nay

##### b. Tillamook County Fair

Hanson—Dates requested are August 11, 12, 13 for post time at 1:30. They have requested a maximum of 7, 7 & 8 as well as authorization for Bute and Lasix. A couple of officials need to be named but otherwise she recommends approval of the application.

Walters noted that while the fair is adding money for stakes races but the basic purses are simply the \$2,000 provided by the commission which causes him concern.

ACTION: MOTION (Thorne)      VOTE: Application is approved as submitted with the delegation to the Executive Director to approve the remaining racing officials yet to be named.  
VOTE:                                      5 Aye, 0 Nay

##### c. Grants Pass Downs

Al Westhoff, Josephine County Fair—the results of his conversation with EOLS regarding the overlap dates are detailed in the letter presented to the commission, along with an emergency request for hub funds. They are requesting 16 days total. On the days they overlap with EOLS they plan to race mules who come with their own jockeys.

Walters noted there were mule races run in eastern Oregon years ago that were found to be all owned by the same person even though the ownership was not reflected that way. He asked for assurances that common ownership is not a problem.

Rod Lowe, SOHRA—He met with the group at the National Mule Racing convention in Reno and Grants Pass would fall into their circuit. He is confident that this is a professional organization and that common ownership will not be an issue. Approximate 30 mules and 6 riders will be a part of the group.



Walters observed that the \$14,000 figure is based on 2004 figures and doesn't include the savings from not having to provide their own racing secretary. He also found it hard to imagine that for want of \$27,000 in revenue the Fair Board would shut down a race meet that brings in such a significant amount of money to the community (which Westhoff later estimated it at \$3 million economic impact). Westhoff said he asked the board if they would supplement the money if the hub funds were not available and they said they would not.

Walters asked the commissioners for a motion approving the application and one was not forthcoming. This item will be addressed again at the next commission meeting.

3. HBPA Request for Compensation for Lost Pari-Mutuel Ticket on Behalf of Don Laeger

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Dick Cartney, HBPA—clarified that the HBPA is not requesting this directly but assisting Mr. Laeger with the process. Council confirmed that the commission has the authority to address this issue but cautioned that the commission could be setting a precedent. Cartney pointed out that Laeger is an Oregon resident, horse owner and long time player and encouraged the commission to offer relief if possible.

Hanson—stated that upon investigation there was only one winning ticket which had not been claimed and it did appear that this situation could have happened. The ticket subsequent to this one was recovered by Laeger after the fact but the winning ticket was not recovered. Chris Dragone also vouched for his knowledge that Mr. Laeger is likely the ticket holder based on the ability of current technology to track the ticket owner. Even if it is not applied in this case, he suggested that the rules might need to be updated to reflect advances in technology. Walters agreed that the rule might need to be reviewed.

Walters—noted that he believes Mr. Laeger and sympathized with his situation but would not be able to authorize that this be paid without setting a precedent where anyone who ever lost a ticket would be able to claim it before the commission. Thorne agreed.

Walters asked the commissioners for a motion approving the payment on the lost ticket but one was not forthcoming.

4. Portland Meadows Race Meet Report

Chris Dragon—Numbers are down 9.8% on the live handle, export is a wash with last year and simulcasting is down about 17%. There are about 590 horses on the grounds at Portland Meadows which is down about 50 horses from last year at this time. Field size is running at about 7.75 which is within the national average. Quarter horses are down dramatically this year in terms of field size, while thoroughbreds are slightly up. Dragone is concerned about scratches. They are averaging about 5% per card as compared to 3% from last year. Many of them are gate scratches, which he emphasized is not because he thinks the vet is being too tough, but rather a combination of factors. Late scratches like these tend to frustrate the wagering public which is also a concern. They are averaging about 70 runners per card which is down slightly from last year. They have recouped about 85% of the handle from when they closed Multnomah Greyhound Park partly because the non-metro OTBs have picked up a bit.

Lisa Metcalf—wants to state for the record that even though everyone seems to agree that the high scratch rate is not the veterinarian's fault that sounder horses need to be brought to the gate. This includes reviewing the high breakdown rate, track conditions, jockey training and jockey injuries. Dragone noted that he doesn't believe that the catastrophic injury rate this year is higher than last year so he doesn't want any indication that it is. He thinks it is 13 horses for the met which is unacceptable but not higher than last year.

Hanson—asked if Magna is planning to submit make up dates and Dragon said they were not. The horsemen can come to him if they want to request dates but right now they don't plan to make up the 3 days that were lost. By the end of the meet MEC expects to have a

deficit of \$200,000 in an overpayment and the horse men will have a deficit of \$100,772 so he doesn't see the benefit of running makeup dates. Walters wants to consult with council about the requirements of the statute.

*\*\*\* The commissioners took a 5 minute break \*\*\**

5. Clarification of Commission's Position on Administration of Vitamins and/or Supplemental Feeds After Entry in a Race - ORS 462.010(7) and ORS 462.415(1)(a)

Walters—noted that this issue was brought to their attention by commission staff and involves differences in interpretation of applicable statute as to whether or not injecting vitamins and minerals after entry would be considered administration of a drug. The commission will not be discussing any particular case today, but rather the issue in general.

Jim Smith—this issue may simply require a rewording of the statute for clarification of the “plain word meaning” of the rule. The current definition of a drug very specifically excludes vitamins from being considered a drug, but does not mention minerals or discuss the administration method.

Dyrk Schlingman—said he called several veterinary supply companies and injectable vitamins are all prescription only. Their opinion is that by FDA standards all injectable vitamins are considered to be drugs. His interpretation of the statute regarding substances that are intended for use “to affect the structure or function of the animal” is that if the vitamins are fed that they fit that standard, which would exclude them from being considered as drugs. If vitamins are administered by injection, stomach tube, rectally, orally or topically then he feels that no longer fits the standard and they should be considered to be drugs.

Walters—this issue comes to the commission in context of a ruling they had on a milk shaking case in the mid-1990s where the argument made was that the substances administered (water, glucose and bicarbonate of soda) were all natural substances and food supplements. In that case the commission ruled that the manner in which the substances were administered and the clear intent of administration of those substances was to affect the performance of the horse in a race. Under the circumstances of that case it was determined that this constituted the administration of a drug. The new issues here are the administration of vitamins and minerals together and the administration during a prohibited time.

Walters—spoke in broad terms of what might apply to the current case before the stewards without commenting on the case directly. He said that depending on scientific evidence about that particular compound and the manner and time in which it was administered, it might be concluded that the compound fits the definition of drug as interpreted by the commission in the milk shaking case. One issue that was raised was Dr. Schlingman's house rules which state that there shall be no injections following entry. The commission may want to see if that is a proper rule of the race commission, but it Walters thought it seems rather odd to inject vitamins or the compound of vitamins and minerals. This injection may provide a masking effect as well.

In response to a question from Lisa Metcalf, Walters explained that the commission needs to clarify the commission's interpretation of the statutory provision in light of the milk shaking case. At some point they may want to consider a rule change that addresses injecting anything but Lasix after entry in order to make it correspond to the current house rules.

Schlingman—noted that vitamin C may mask acidity in the urine but more research into the scientific evidence is needed. He feels that anytime a vitamin is injected you are treating a disease and not intending to change the function and structure of the animal.

Smith—agreed that the commission may need to go to rulemaking to clarify several of the issues discussed.

Metcalf—noted that board certified nutritionists who came up with the recommendations for equine feed determined that basically everything a horse needs is found in green grass. Anything added, including glucosamine that is often included in daily feeds, is potentially performance enhancing.

Arthur Kennedy, DVM—noted that the race horse live in stalls and don't get green grass. He feels that there are plenty of reasons to give the horse vitamin shots but he feels there needs to be a 24 hour rule in Oregon to address the issue. He is concerned that the commission gets most of its information from the commission vet instead of multiple outside practitioners. Walter explained the procedure where Dr. Kennedy could be called by a licensee as an expert witness and testify before an administrative law judge. If the vets think the commission should initiate rulemaking, he can participate in that process.

Walters—recommended that the vets and the stewards need to be the fact finders in this process. How the commission might proceed will depend on the circumstances and the evidence found regarding these issues. They can either do this themselves or refer to issue to an Administrative Law Judge.

6. Confirmation of Next Commission Meeting - April 21, 2005  
All commissioners are available except Steve Walters.

7. Legislative Update

Hanson—SB 929 is a bill that was filed on behalf of Magna to allow year-round simulcasting. There is a hearing scheduled on March 22 in Salem. SB 889 was filed on behalf of one of the animal rights groups and is currently in the general government committee at this time.

8. Discussion of Allocation of Tier 1 Hub Funds for 2005 - *cont'd from 1/20/05*
  - a. Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association, Inc.

Gilmour—this item is on the agenda in part because he urged them to appear.

Jackie Phillips, OQHRA—the association needs some kind of assurance from the commission about emergency funds for the \$29,500 in order to make critical decisions at their board meeting tonight. They will need to either cut their bonus program or go forward with it depending on the commission decision. Portland Meadows Futurity entries are April 2. The first amount would be \$4,500 for the insurance premium, \$15,000 for the added money on the Firecracker Futurity in Grants Pass on July 4, and \$10,000 added for the Northwest Open Futurity at Portland Meadows in the fall.

Metcalf—feels very strongly about supporting the quarter horse industry in the state of Oregon. It differs from the thoroughbred industry in that they can breed to any horse in the world because they allow artificial insemination. She supports the request.

Thorne—agreed with Commissioner Metcalf and supports the request even in light of limited hub funds.

Lea Nelson, OQHRA—mentioned that they don't need all of the funds right now, but do need the commitment of funds forthcoming in order to move forward with their programs.

Julianne Davis—asked for a summary of the importance of the Triple Crown from last year. OQHRA noted that it was very successful. They doubled the number of horses that entered the Portland Meadows Futurity (first leg of the Triple Crown), more than doubled the numbers in the Firecracker, and had a good number of horses in the Northwest Open. "One

Fast Trick” won the first two legs so there was a very exciting third leg with lots of publicity. “One Fast Trick” ran second but it was an exciting race regardless which is why they want to do it again. Metcalf noted that it was a mare which is fairly rare because there are many more stallions.

ACTION: MOTION (Gilmour) VOTE: Commission commits to reserve the \$29,500 to be distributed at appropriate time that the funds are needed.

VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

b. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association

Dick Cartney, HBPA—the commission has already heard from Chris Dragone regarding the handle situation and knows that the HBPA is faced with the possibility of having to cut purses. Their organization sees this as a catastrophic event that would do such damage to future race meets that they put in money of their own which is crating some financial problems for the organization. They felt like it was an emergency so they have contributed over \$100,000 to date to the purse account with seven more weeks to go. One of their requests is for purse money to take them through the meet. Cartney acknowledged that they are aware of the situation with the hub funds and have paired the request down as far as possible. They are mainly looking for a commitment for funds even if they are not available at this time. Aside form purse money, requests include funds for summer stabling at Portland Meadows, assistance for shipping horses to Grants Pass. Both of these programs have proven to be very popular and successful in past years. If they can't offer some funding to reduce the cost of summer stabling there won't be enough people there to make it viable and would also impact the summer race meets, especially Grants Pass, Prineville and Tillamook.

Walters—asked Cartney if he felt it would benefit the industry to have a commitment to enhance purses next year at Portland Meadows as opposed to offering them at this year's meet which is nearly over. He noted that Emerald is about to open and is already having an impact on numbers.

Cartney—admitted it is a difficult question, but he feels the current purses are extremely low already and without help they would have to be cut so low (approximately 17%) that it would drive some people out of the business and have a chilling effect on people from out of the area even if there were enhanced purses the following year. There was some additional discussion of this point between Cartney and Walters, but Cartney stood by his initial statement. He noted that purses have been flat for a number of years and will have to increase in the future to avoid having an impact on the track.

ACTION: MOTION (Gilmour) VOTE: Commission commits to reserve the \$40,000 for summer stabling and \$10,000 for assistance shipping horses to Grants Pass (assuming it runs) to be distributed at the appropriate time that the funds are needed. They would invite the HBPA back after the commission knows more about what hub funds are available for the next biennium.

DISCUSSION: Thorne—clarified with Cartney that the purse resources requested are already being paid by the HBPA and would be needed as soon as possible. The amount might be able to be paired down to about \$160,000 which would not raise purses, but just keep them at the same level.

Walters—made clear that he will not vote for approving more purse money funds this year because he is more concerned with the long term impact and policy implications.

VOTE:

5 Aye, 0 Nay

\*\*\* ORC Executive Director Jodi Hanson had to leave the meeting at this time \*\*\*

9. OGBA Status of Training Track Funds Generated from 2004 MGP Race Meet - *cont'd*  
from 1/20/05

Jill Miller—put together some figures for the commission and found \$30,900 held in an account with Magna.

Raul Ramirez—it is not specifically addressed in the statute as to what happens with those funds in light of the fact that there will not be a greyhound race meet next year. What is addressed should give the commission enough guidance as to the legal status of the money. The training track fund is a payment that is made by the licensee as a condition of having a license, and the money is maintained in a separate account. The fact that it is maintained by Magna does not mean that the money is owned by Magna. The statute and the applicable rules state that money is controlled by the commission within certain restrictions under statute 462.067(4). The funds are to be used primarily for the development and operation of a training track and related facilities upon which to train greyhounds. The statute also provides that unless the commission decides otherwise, the improvements to be made from those funds are to be made on the race course of the race licensee. Obviously that is not going to be the case here. The primary guiding principal is that the funds should be used primarily for the development and operation of a training track, and the commission has the ability to allow disbursements from that fund for improvements located elsewhere than MGP.

Walters—clarified with Ramirez that the commission has discretion on the use of the funds for physical improvements. The OGBA recently submitted an email outlining some suggestions for use of those funds and Walters asked that other organizations, such as the OGA, Magna and the adoption kennels, submit their suggestions as well. Proposals will be accepted in writing until around April 7 in order to be considered at the next commission meeting.

10. Status Report on OGA Greyhound Adoption Kennel

Individuals below are listed in order of speaking:

Dick Gage, Executive Director, Oregon Greyhound Association  
Kirk Schaffer, Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association  
Stephen S. Walters, Chair, Oregon Racing Commission  
Carol N. Morgan, Executive Assistant, Oregon Racing Commission  
Jeff Gilmour, Commissioner, Oregon Racing Commission

Following is a transcript of the discussion on this item.

Gage: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Dick Gage, Executive Director of the Oregon Greyhound Association.

Schaffer: Kirk Schaffer, Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association.

Walters: Welcome, gentlemen.

Gage: March 1<sup>st</sup> I sent a memo to Jodi. I don't know if you all received a copy.

Walters: It's in the packets.

Gage: It was statistics on greyhound whelpings and adoptions from 1999 to 2004. We adopted out 1,861 greyhounds in those six years, and in the state of Oregon there were 1,778 whelped. That is a difference of 83 greyhounds more than were whelped. How that works is that traveling kennels would come and race here and before they left they would leave some of their racers that were through racing. Also, the

greyhounds from the breeding farms, their figures fall into these figures. So that's why it doesn't come out even and it's not meant to be.

Walters: I'd like you to elaborate on that last point where you say greyhounds from the breeding farms. Are these greyhounds that don't race, they're bred but don't race?

Gage: No. The breeders stay on the farm longer than the racers. The racers go ahead and race and then they retire to the breeding farm because they do good at racing.

Walters: How about pups from the litter and those pups don't race? Do you place them for adoption?

Gage: Yes we do. Every Oregon greyhound is placed for adoption.

Walters: Right. That was my question. I wanted to be clear.

Gage: And even people that would go and race at another track and they would come back here in April to race, they would bring back their Oregon bred dogs from wherever they were – in Florida, Texas...

Walters: Again, this is kind of an important point given developments and things that are going on or may be going on down in Salem. So, I just want to be very clear. Every Oregon bred greyhound can be placed for adoption through the kennel whether they race or not.

Gage: That's correct.

Walters: Thank you. Powerful.

Gage: Currently we have 43 greyhounds right now in the adoption kennel. We were down to 16, but now we're back up to 43. Out of those 43 greyhounds 16 of them are seniors, and we consider seniors 7 years or older, and the seniors are the hardest ones to adopt. The reason there are so many seniors is obvious. There is no racing so people have cut back on their breedings like they were instructed to do and now those seniors are coming in.

Walters: Dick, I think in prior meetings I've heard that greyhounds were coming in from places like Caliente. Is that still happening? And if so, should it?

Gage: There's a fine line there. Yes, they are. In fact, there is a load of greyhounds coming in this weekend, they'll be here Saturday. They're not coming to us. GPA Northwest is bringing those in through an Orange County GPA group. I guess they meet them somewhere down by the border then haul them up.

Walters: And do they provide funds for the adoption program here or do they just bring them...

Gage: No, we have nothing to do with those dogs.

Walters: Do our adoption facilities place them out for adoption?

Gage: No. The adoption groups that we do business with, they place them. But we spend zero dollars on those dogs. That is all their finances. With them bringing in dogs now, and they consider that they can bring those dogs in now because they're counting them as pet greyhounds, they have a double standard. Pet greyhounds is what they tell us they are but they tell GPA National that they are retired racing greyhounds. There's a difference. But with them bringing in those dogs it's harder for our dogs to get adopted out.

Walters: And that kind of leads to my question. I don't know that the commission has, I mean, I know we provide funds that go to the adoption kennel, and I'm wondering if given the circumstances we have now, I don't know whether the commission has any jurisdiction or any role in that. But I do have a concern for large numbers of greyhounds being brought in, not Oregon bred, not greyhounds that have raced here, just being brought in to be adopted and making the task here in Oregon given the current financial circumstances more difficult.

Gage: That's our concern, too, because we have very strict rules for greyhounds coming in and how they're handled. We have shot records that they have to have, inspections that they have had. There are all kinds of things that we do in the kennels that came here, and the farms have to do also, in order to put the dog in our adoption kennel. But with these coming up we don't know if their shot records are current, if their rabies shots are current, we don't know. I have asked GPA Northwest for a list of the names of the

dogs and the tattoos, so at least we can put that into our database so if a greyhound is returned that we don't have anything on, which would be the case if one of those dogs were returned and we didn't have the information. But they have agreed to give me that information and we can put it in our database. I've suggested to them that GPA have a national database where they could put all these tattoos in so that any dog could be found. We can only do the dogs that are here in Oregon, and we do every one.

Walters: I've expressed this concern and I won't take too much more time with it, but I think it's something that we ought to look at and, Jodi had to leave so I guess I'll pass it along to Carol about maybe have our staff look into this and consider issues as to whether or not we have any jurisdiction or say in the matter. If there is some direction we should be giving to the adoption kennels that we support financially concerning bringing in dogs particularly at this time from places like Caliente.

Morgan: This has been discussed and we are in a quandary as well because of the fact all of our rules deal with dogs as they have been racing here in Oregon. There is nothing in our rules that addresses this particular issue. Do we have jurisdiction? We don't know.

Walters: Right. I guess what I would ask then is that the staff look into this and give us a report for consideration at one of our meetings, whether it's next meeting or the meeting after, and I think I would involve consulting our counsel to see what our jurisdiction is in the matter. Sorry, Dick, thank you.

Gage: Also, I talked with Mr. McFadden this morning via phone. He's in Cincinnati.

Walters: Last time he was in Chile.

Gage: Yes. He's back in the states anyway. We have worked another agreement for another month at the current site, so we will be there until the end of April. We have three sites that we're looking at to lease for the adoption kennel off of the [MGP] property there. So, we're busy looking for a place and we have an agreement with Mr. McFadden.

Walters: Did you ask him whether he's agreed to allow this casino thing to be built on his property?

Gage: We talked a little bit about that, yes we did, and I don't think I can reveal what he had told me, or without legal counsel I will not reveal that.

Walters: Any other questions for Dick or Kirk?

Schaffer: Actually, I was under a misunderstanding. When I was reading this I thought I was here to make a plea for hub funds to finance this adoption kennel. As of the end of April we have no more funding. We have the OGA and the OGBA, and both of our budgets are done at the end of April. Magna can close their doors whenever they want, which they did, and that's their choice. The problem is the people that put on the show, whether it be horses or greyhounds, we have a responsibility to these animals. Our responsibility does not end the day they shut the doors. We have three to four years down the road to take care of these animals and make sure that they're found homes, that they're taken care of. This the number one nationally ranked adoption state. Everybody in the country knows about this adoption kennel and what we do and the standards that we live up to, a lot of it presented by you, the commission, in rules. This is something that no matter if we get funding or not we are going to take care of these animals and make sure that they're all adopted out and taken care of. I had some figures and I got them off your ORC web site...

Walters: Kirk, let me just interrupt you. We did not have any information or suggestion that this was anything more than a report on the adoption kennel. All we had in our packet was the information that Dick provided in his memo to Jodi. So, I'm not suggesting that you can't make a request for hub money. I'd think it would be entirely appropriate. We've also had a situation where we've talked about this training track money that exists and apparently the commission has discretion on how to use that, but I don't think we can consider a request for hub money today because whether it was miscommunication or misunderstanding, but we don't have a request for hub funds before us. I would encourage you if you want to make an emergency request for hub money, there's a meeting in April on the 21<sup>st</sup> and that you submit it and submit it as fast as possible so the commission has the ability to consider it in a deliberate manner.

Schaffer: Right, and that will be done. I just wanted to make sure that it was noted that it will be an emergency because at the end of April we have no more money.

Walters: And you ought to set all of that out in your request, both for the training track funds and hub money. Commissioner Gilmour.

Gilmour: I totally agree with what the commissioner says. Part of the request that you make I would appreciate it if we had an exit plan. There will be a day that we do not have an adoption kennel, correct?

Walters: Well, unless greyhound racing comes back...

Gilmour: Well, I'm assuming. I'm sorry.

Gage: I we have our way.

Gilmour: I understand that. Give me the worst case scenario with an exit plan also.

Schaffer: If there's no more racing, we have on my farm we have pups that are just a couple of months old. They will begin their racing career when they're 18 months old. If they run their whole career, they will be over 4 years old, 4 to 4½. Very rarely do you ever see a 5 year old, however, Silent Power is still winning down in Hollywood. So, from there we have to find them homes. If our doors are shut permanently right now, we're looking at four years down the road that we will have dogs that we have to homes for.

Gilmour: Pencil it out. That's what I'm asking so that we have an exit plan. Worst case scenario.

Schaffer: Okay.

Gage: I have one more thing if I could. We put in a request for second tier hub money in December and that was held over until July, is that correct, on how everything plays out. Do I have to resubmit?

Gilmour: Please do.

Gage: Okay, because I asked for \$120,000 for the adoption kennel and that was just to fund the adoption kennel for a year. Okay, so I have to resubmit. Okay.

Walters: Yes, please do. And I think also as Commissioner Gilmour was indicating and as I was indicating we would like sort of detailed information about the numbers of greyhounds, what we're looking at and the nature of the emergency, which I think at this point is very important.

Gage: We're going to take care of the greyhounds no matter what, and I think you all know that.

Walters: We do know that and you're to be congratulated when Kirk made the reference to the rules we have initiated about practices I think that it is a credit to the greyhound industry in Oregon that many of those practices and rules were initiated by the industry and not by the commission imposing them on the industry. It's been a very...

Gage: It was with help from the commission. We appreciate that.

Walters: This industry has been very contentious about the care of racing greyhounds and you're to be congratulated on that.

Gilmour: For the record, we are not going to turn our backs on the adoption program and our rules if there is no racing.

Gage: Okay, that's fair.

Gilmour: Thank you.

Walters: Other questions? Thank you, gentlemen.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*