



MINUTES

Oregon Racing Commission August 19, 2010

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, August 19, 2010 in Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon.

In Attendance

Commissioners: Vice Chair Chris Dudley, (presiding) Michael Huber, DVM, Kerry Johnson and Charles Williamson.

Staff: Randy Evers (Executive Director), Kelly Gabliks (Assistant Attorney General)

Absent

Commission Chairman Stan Robson

As noticed, the meeting commenced at 1:04pm and the Commission immediately went into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(I) The executive session ended at 1:34pm.

Call to Order

Commission Vice Chairman Chris Dudley called Public session to order at 1:37 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals:

1. August 19, 2010 Meeting Agenda

Action: Motion to approve the agenda with a change to add Leah Nelson of the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association (OQHRA) to New Business as item #4 and Harney County Fair approval to #5.

Moved by: Commissioner Dudley

Seconded: no second

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 nays

2. July 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to approve July 22, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson

Seconded: Commissioner Williamson

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 nays

Correction to June 25, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Johnson stated that she wanted an additional correction to the approved minutes for June 25, 2010.

Action: Motion to add Hub Manager Kauffman's statement from the June 25, 2010 meeting to the minutes regarding her recommendation not to approve Portland Meadows for license renewal.

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson

Seconded: Commissioner Huber

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 nays

Old Business:

3. Sub-Committee Update Reports

a. Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) and Multi-jurisdictional Hubs

Commissioner Johnson stated that the sub-committee met that morning at 10:30am. The sub-committee discussed various issues of a confidential nature and reviewed an ADW marketing plan that was presented by HUB Manger Audrey Kauffman and Executive Director Randy Evers. It is the plan of the sub-committee to have a goal in place to attract two new ADW's to the State of Oregon this fiscal year. Commissioner Johnson stated that she thought it was a good plan and wished them success in this endeavor.

b. Best Practices

Commissioner Dudley distributed a revised best practice score card to the Commissioners. The score card was revised in 2010 to reflect previous years' scores for the purpose of easily identifying and comparing improvements or declines in our best practices. Commissioner Dudley proposed that the Commissioners look at the score card again in October when all of the 2010 best practices scores are finalized. Commissioner Dudley stated that the Commission will design a plan at that time for any improvements needed.

c. Budget and Hub Funds

No report

d. Medication and Horse Welfare

Commissioner Huber stated that the medication sub-committee met that morning at 10:00am. Executive Director Evers was present for the first half-hour then needed to excuse himself to attend the ADW sub-committee meeting. A number of topics were discussed. Commissioner Huber stated that the catastrophic injury numbers for Portland Meadows 2009-2010 race meet was 2.0 per one thousand starters. The 2010 summer fair race meet number-to-date being

3.3 per one thousand starters. The sub-committee talked about events at Grants Pass and the renewal of the drug testing contract with Truesdail Lab. The subcommittee discussed obtaining bids from other labs. Comments were made regarding the positive integrity we have experienced with the repeated use of Truesdail. Commissioner Huber stated that there are some post changes coming up with regard to “tolerances” or tolerant levels of the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID’s) in horses at the time of testing. Further, the group discussed the recommendations coming out of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (RCI). The sub-committee gave opinions on the possibility of subsidizing diagnostic treatments (radiographs for example) in cases where horses are suspected to have problems or injuries, to ascertain whether a horse does have an injury that would prevent it from racing. Commissioner Huber stated that the subcommittee closed with discussion regarding what the Oregon Horseman’s Benevolence and Protection Association’s (OHBPA) role is in trying to reduce the number of catastrophic injuries and how to improve this area of horse welfare.

New Business:

4. **Leah Nelson of the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association** was present to request on behalf of the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association (OQHRA) the distribution of the owner’s bonus and breeders awards. Ms. Nelson stated that she provided each of the commissioners with a letter describing the distribution for the Portland Meadows 2009-2010 race meet. Ms. Nelson then requested permission to distribute \$19,640.00 in owner’s bonuses and \$4,721.00 in breeder’s awards.

Action: Motion to approve the distribution of funds set forth in the letter from Leah Nelson dated August 18, 2010.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Johnson

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 nays

Information, Materials And Approvals:

5. **Approval of race meet officials, take out and medications for Harney County Fair:** Executive Director Evers stated that he had reviewed the license application for Harney County Fair and found the take out, officials and medications all in order. Executive Director Evers stated that Harney’s take out is requested at 22% or the allowable maximum. Director Evers clarified that 22% is the maximum. The medications requested are Lasix, Phenylbutazone (Bute) and Banamine. Executive Director Evers stated these medications are approved by the Oregon Racing Commission. Director Evers closed with the recommendation to approve Harney County Fair’s race meet.

Action: Motion to approve officials, take out and medications for Harney County Fair race meet.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Johnson

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 nays

Administrative Rules: Executive Director Evers reminded those present that at the July commission meeting the Commissioners authorized staff to move forward with administrative rules. The staff drafted rules and met on Monday, August 16, 2010 with stakeholders. The meeting was fairly well attended. Input was received from stakeholders and staff members are making needed changes to the drafted rules. The updated draft will go out to the Commissioners next week. On the morning of the September 16, 2010 Commission meeting at 10:00am there will be a public hearing. Commissioner Williamson volunteered to be the hearing officer for the rules meeting. Executive Director Evers stated with the public hearing completed prior to the regular Commission meeting, the rules could be reviewed and approved in the same day. Commissioner Dudley questioned Executive Director Evers as to how the stakeholder meeting went. Executive Director Evers reported that he thought it went very well. The ADW attendance was a little light, TVG was represented by Mr. Cosson and Mr. Nyquist. The OHBPA was represented by Mr. Cartney and President Mr. Ferguson. Will Alempijevic represented Portland Meadows. Executive Director Evers stated that the proposed rules were well received. Extensive feedback was provided regarding deleting the requirement of Social Security number to identify a holder of a wagering account. Will Alempijevic commented on the rule that lays out requirements to apply for a commercial meet license. Hub Manager Kauffman is preparing a summary regarding both issues and it will come before the commissioners in the distribution packet with the redraft of the rules.

Contested Cases:

None

Other Business As May Properly Come Before the Commission:

None

Public Comment:

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57.