

**MINUTES
OREGON RACING COMMISSION
MAY 18, 1995**

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, May 18, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 140 of the new Portland State Office Building located at 800 N. E. Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Stephen Walters, Chair; Brad Higbee, Vice Chair; George Rankins and Richard Reid. Laura Fine was excused. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with the resulting actions:

1. Minutes of April 13, 1995

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve as submitted.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

2. Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association 1995-96 Budget

Request was made by Kristi Crombie to carry this agenda item over until the June meeting.

3. Lone Oak Racing 1995 Race Meet Application

Steve Barham went through the application following introductory comments by Glen Knickerbocker. State Fair will provide the bond as they did last year. Areas of discussion included economics of keeping off-track sites open where amounts wagered are low, purses, movement of the tote system from LOR to NPM, and dispute between LOR and the Quarter Horse people regarding distribution of purse money.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve race meet application and delegate authority to executive director to approve following conditions as outlined by Steve Walters: officials, additional off-track sites which may be proposed by LOR, overlapping of simulcasting between LOR and MGP, changeover of tote system from LOR to NPM.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

4. Request by Karl Kang for Reinstatement of License

Steve Barham reviewed the history of the ORC ruling revoking Mr. Kang's license as a result of usage of a live lure during training of his greyhounds. Mr. Kang's daughter spoke on his behalf. Tony Amato requested that in case the Commission decides not to reinstate Mr. Kang' license, he at least be allowed access to the frontside of the racecourse.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Revocation of license to remain in place but remove exclusion from the grounds.
VOTE: 1 Aye (Reid), 3 Nay (Walters, Rankins, Higbee), 1 Excused

5. Oregon Appaloosa Racing Association 1995 Proposed Budget

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve budget as submitted.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

6. New Portland Meadows End of Meet Report

Mike Dorough and Woody Mitchell reported the numbers for the meet, which closed April 30th, were up from last year. Total handle was up a little over 6%, the live handle was up 6% and the attendance was up 14%. During the off season they will be focusing on marketing the NPM signal to other tracks, hopefully

with comingled pools. They are also continuing their efforts with the Indian groups which will be coming on line in the near future. The matter of cancelling the Oaklawn signal the Tuesday after Easter was discussed. It was agreed any changes of this type would need to go through the proper channels for approval before being acted upon in the future.

7. Multnomah Greyhound Park Update

(a) Budget for 1995 for operation and maintenance of training track and compound was submitted for approval. Increases are a result of expansion of turnout pens, maintenance, schooling costs and union wages. Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Higbee) Approve proposed budget.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

(b) License Exemptions

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Delegate authority to executive director to grant exemptions on a case-by-case basis for temporary persons hired only to work for special events.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

(c) Update. Carl Wilson reported all employees have been licensed. Both on-track handle and attendance are down from last year. Total handle is down 6.3%, live handle is down 16% and attendance is down 15%. Request was made to allow MGP to race on the three remaining holidays during the meet: Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. In addition, they would like to do some Tuesday racing.

ACTION: MOTION (Higbee) Delegate authority to executive director to approve racing on the three holidays and to go to Tuesday racing beginning in June. In addition, delegate authority to executive director to approve MGP's request to take an additional greyhound signal.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

8. Report From Vet/Med Committee on Procaine

Dr. Reid reported the committee recommended the tolerance level of procaine should be increased from 1 microgram/ml to 3 micrograms/ml. Proposed rulemaking has been filed with the Secretary of State's office.

9. Proposed Final Order by Default of Richard Keen

Chair Walters reviewed the past history of Mr. Keen. An Order had been issued which required completion of a treatment program and signing an agreement for random testing. Shortly after being reinstated, Mr. Keen gave a bad test. A hearing before Chair Steve Walters acting as hearing officer was held May 11, 1995, for Mr. Keen who was properly notified of the hearing but was not in attendance. A proposed Final Order by Default was recommended by Chair Walters recommending revocation of Mr. Keen's license and exclusion from all areas, frontside, backside, off-track sites, and all areas which come under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Racing Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve proposed Final Order by Default.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH WERE DISCUSSED:

1. Dee Hershey of Hershey's Place, Lincoln City, raised questions regarding being required to maintain a minimum handle in order to continue operation as an off-track site.

2. Emma Cherry inquired about the subcommittee report on 900 numbers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.