



MINUTES

Oregon Racing Commission April 18, 2013

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Call to Order

Commission Chair, Chris Dudley, called the meeting to order at 1:29pm.

In Attendance

Commissioners: Chair Chris Dudley, Vice-Chair Charles Williamson, Commissioner Stan Robson, Commissioner Jan Palmer, DVM

Staff

Nancy Artmann (Interim Executive Director) and Kelly Gabliks (Assistant Attorney General)

Excused

Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals:

April 18, 2013 Meeting Agenda

Action: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the summer fair race meets forms B and C approvals and executive session after public comment to discuss appointment of the ORC executive director under ORS 192.660 (2)(a).

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

March 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the February 21, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Old Business:

Sub-Committee Update Reports:

- a. Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) and Multi-jurisdictional Hubs
Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson stated that the sub-committee did not meet this month.
- b. Best Practices
Chair Chris Dudley stated that he is in the process of making the adjustments to the best practices score card. He stated that he will have the final document next month.
- c. Budget and Hub Funds
Commissioner Stan Robson stated that the budget sub-committee met and reviewed the work load of staff during the time of the year when there is no live racing.

Commissioner Robson stated that the group recommends that there be a motion to post and fill the tote auditor position as soon as possible.

Action: Motion to immediately open and post the recruitment for the tote auditor position.

Moved by: Commissioner Robson

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

- d. Medication and Horse Welfare
Commission Chair Dudley stated that the sub-committee met and that he chaired the meeting in Commissioner Huber's absence. He stated that there was discussion regarding the use of corticosteroids and prohibited substances use and what is happening in other states regarding rule changes. There isn't anything that would have an effect on Oregon at this time. Currently, our rules are working well and the sub-committee will watch to see how things progress in other states.

Chair Dudley stated that the group also discussed the issue of multiple entries of a horse on a weekend race meet. The group discussed what kind of implications, if any, this might have on the safety of horses and/or jockeys. He stated that the ORC has reviewed their data regarding evidence correlating injuries sustained due to a trainer running a horse more than once in a weekend meet and, at this time, there is no empirical evidence to suggest that this would cause damage or injury. Chair Dudley stated that based upon this information the sub-committee will not take action at this time on multiple entries at a weekend race meet.

- e. Executive Director's Report
Interim Executive Director Nancy Artmann reported that the legislative work sessions had been conducted for HB 2613 and HB 2614. She stated that both Bills moved out of committee with HB 2613 moving on to the house floor and HB 2614 being sent to Ways and Means for a fiscal impact review.

Ms. Artmann stated that the Mutuel Auditor position recruitment will be posted on the ORC website as soon as it is made available. It is likely to be toward the end of the month.

Ms. Artmann stated that the ORC had received some good feedback from the online surveys requesting that the ORC post the monthly meeting agenda on our website. Because of this, going forward the ORC will be posting the agenda on the website each month.

Also, staff is working with the ORC's IT contractor to add the ability for a person who wishes to be contacted by the ORC a way for that individual to provide contact information when completing a survey.

Ms. Artmann reported that on April 22, 2013 the ORC is sending our Deputy Steward Mike Twiggs to attend the three day Racing Commissioners International (RCI) spring conference. He will gather and bring back the information that is given at the conference and share it with staff.

Ms. Artmann reported that on Friday April 19, 2013 the ORC offices will be closed for a State mandatory furlough day.

f. **Future of Racing in Oregon Group (FROG) update**

Commissioner Palmer reported that FROG met and it was a good turn-out. The group discussed legislative activity and the two industry Bills. The group also reviewed a hub fund allocation request proposal designed by the FROG sub-committee. Commissioner Palmer reported that Nick Lowe and Randy Evers had worked on a new program proposal that went to the fairs for review as to whether it would help gain more entries at their meets. She stated that Ron Sutton updated the group regarding adjustments to the jockey incentive program.

New Business:

Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (OHBPA):

Randy Evers, Executive Director of the OHBPA was present to speak on behalf of the horsemen. He stated that he appreciated the opportunity to express the OHBPA's thoughts and ideas at an informal proposed rule changes meeting the day before the Commission meeting.

Mr. Evers stated that the OHBPA, Will Alempijevic, General Manager of Portland Meadows and staff from PM's parent company are scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 25, 2013 to discuss an agreement between the horsemen and PM for the 2013 race meet. He further stated that once an agreement is reached, PM can apply to renew their license to run.

Harney County Discussion of Race Meet Dates:

Don Slone was present to represent the Harney County Fair race meet. He provided the Commissioners with the written revised plan agreed upon by the Harney County Fair committee. Mr. Slone led the discussion; he stated that originally the committee believed they could only run a two (2) day meet. He pointed out that the revised plan reflects a three (3) day race meet. He stated that Harney County was approved to run twenty-three (23) races offering purses of \$2000.00/per race. The new proposal is to run twenty (20) races with the same purse amount of \$2000.00 per race which is a total of \$40,000.00. He

stated that Harney County was approved for \$46,000.00 to be used in purses. They would like to use \$6,000.00 of that purse money to give each starter a \$25.00 stipend and to provide bedding for the horses. Mr. Slone stated that this would leave approximately \$1850.00 left in the purse account and the committee would like permission to use it to help pay for the third race day's jockey insurance.

Action: Motion to approve Harney County's option three revised plan of form A of the summer race meet application with the changes as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association (SOHRA) Approval of Forms B and C:

Action: Motion to approve Forms B and C of the summer race meet application for SOHRA (Grants Pass Downs) race meet as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show (EOLS) Approval of Forms B and C:

Action: Motion to approve Forms B and C of the summer race meet application for EOLS (Union) race meet as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Tillamook County Fair (TCF) Approval of Forms B and C:

Action: Motion to approve Forms B and C of the summer race meet application for TCF race meet as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Information, Materials and Approvals:

None

Contested Cases:

None

Other Business As May Properly Come Before the Commission:

None

Public Comment:

None

Confirmation of the Next Commission Meeting:

The next ORC meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at the Portland State Office Building, Room - to be determined, Time- to be determined.

Executive Session:

The ORC went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2) (a) to discuss the progress regarding appointing the next ORC Executive Director at 1:51pm.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:35pm.

Adjournment:

Action: There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Robson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 4 Ayes, 0 Nays