



MINUTES

Oregon Racing Commission February 21, 2013

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met on Thursday, February 21, 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 1:33pm.

In Attendance

Commissioners: Chair Chris Dudley, Vice-Chair Charles Williamson, Commissioner Stan Robson (by teleconference), Commissioner Jan Palmer, DVM and Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

Staff

Randy Evers (Executive Director) and Kelly Gabliks (Assistant Attorney General)

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals:

February 21, 2013 Meeting Agenda

Action: Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Huber

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

January 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the January 17, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commission Huber

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Old Business:

Sub-Committee Update Reports:

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

Vice-Chair Williamson stated that the sub-committee has met several times with Game Play to work on the approval of their ADW license. He requested that Ms. Miller provide the figures for the ADW handle tax income paid to the ORC for the biennium. He reported that the handle income from all the ADW's combined is approximately \$4 million per biennium. Vice-Chair Williamson reported that of that \$4 million, \$2.6 million goes to the racing development fund and \$1.4 million goes to the general fund. Vice-Chair Williamson stated that the ORC is excited and looking forward to Game Play Network coming to Oregon for licensing as a new ADW.

b. Best Practices

Chair Dudley stated that the best practices report score cards were given to the Commissioners to complete. He reported that three have been returned and that he is waiting for the other two. He stated that he would like to review and discuss them at the March ORC meeting.

c. Budget and Hub Funds

Commissioner Palmer stated that there was nothing to report as the sub-committee did not meet. Commissioner Robson stated that the sub-committee will meet in April.

d. Medication and Horse Welfare

Commissioner Huber stated that the sub-committee did not meet this month.

e. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Evers stated that he had a couple of things to share. He stated that on February 13, 2013 the two industry Bills were heard by the Legislature. House Bill 2613 is the Bill that would allow instant racing in the state of Oregon and House Bill 2614 is the Bill that would change the percentage amount of hub funds received by the Commission for the racing development fund. He stated that PM, the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association (OTOBA) and the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (OHBPA) all did a great job presenting the racing industry to the legislature and what it would mean to have these bills passed.

Executive Director Randy Evers stated that he and Nancy Artmann presented the ORC budget to the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee on the following day February 14, 2013. He stated that it was well received. There was a lot of discussion about helping the industry. He stated that Senator Betsy Johnson, who sponsors a race in Tillamook, was very supportive and encouraged her colleagues to think of ways to the help horse racing industry and save the jobs it supports.

Director Evers stated that for the fifth year in a row the ORC has earned the Gold Star award for their work on the budget. He stated that Nancy Artmann and Opal Bontrager did most of the work and they deserve the recognition for the award.

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

Commissioner Palmer stated that FROG met and attendance was good. There was discussion regarding the upcoming hub fund allocations. She stated that ORC Executive Director Randy Evers presented a proposal for an idea regarding how to increase field size. The group also agreed to change the meeting place. The next meeting will meet at the OHBPA office. The meeting will be held there in order to have teleconference capability for those that cannot be at the meeting in person.

g. Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (OHBPA)

Ron Sutton of the OHBPA stated that the National HBPA meeting is this week. The OHBPA will have their monthly meeting after that National meeting is done. He stated that at the FROG meeting there was also discussion about how to get the backside of PM opened for training.

New Business:

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) License Approval for Game Play Network, Inc:

Commissioner Williamson congratulated Jill Miller on her appointment to the ADW manager position. He stated that this is Ms. Miller's first ADW licensing approval presentation. Ms. Miller stated that the ORC has met with Game Play Network, Inc. several times. She stated that all the background checks have been completed. She explained that Game Play needs to obtain license approval in order to provide the items necessary to complete the application process.

David Marshall, CEO of Game Play Network, Joe Hasson, COO of Game Play Network and Dan Perini, Counsel for Game Play Network were present to discuss approval of Game Play's application for an ADW license.

Mr. Marshall stated that in order for Game Play to obtain the other items required in the application process they needed to have their ORC license. He stated that they would wait for approval from the Attorney General's office before launching this product in August.

Commissioner Williamson asked the questions from the ORC due diligence check list and Mr. Marshall answered the questions favorably.

Action: Motion to approve and issue an ORC ADW license to Game Play Network, Inc. with the condition that the product is fully approved by the Attorney General's office and that the outstanding required application information is submitted prior to deployment in August.

Moved by: Commissioner Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Seconded: Commission Huber

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Discussion of the Recruitment for ORC Executive Director:

Chair Dudley stated that the revised draft for the ORC Executive Director position was being circulated for review. He introduced Twyla Lawson, Recruiter for the Chief Human Resources Office of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Ms. Lawson stated that she was the recruiter in 2007 when Executive Director Evers was selected for this position. She stated that she had a couple of draft documents present. One is in support of ORS 192.660 that allows the Commission to go into Executive Session for interviews and for other parts of the recruitment process that must take place that is not public information. The second document is for the commission to share information with the public and receive public comment.

Ms. Lawson requested that the commission review the documents, then receive public comment and make any final changes necessary. She requested that at the end of public comment that the Commission approve the documents in order to keep the recruitment process moving forward.

Chair Dudley opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Action: Motion to approve the Executive Director Recruitment plan and the documents with two corrections to be made by Twyla Lawson prior to posting.

Moved by: Commissioner Huber

Seconded: Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

After discussion regarding the hiring process of the Executive Director, Chair Dudley stated that he would be appointing a panel of five people to participate in the screening process. He stated that he would contact each of the commissioners for their individual ideas and input regarding who those five people will be.

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 Thursday, March 21, 2013, Room 1C of the Portland State Office Building at 1:30p.m.

Adjournment:

Action: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm

Moved by: Commissioner Robson

Seconded: Commission Huber

Vote: Chair Dudley took roll and the results were unanimous with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays