



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **Oregon Racing Commission**

**August 1, 2014**

#### **Meeting Detail**

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met on Friday, August 1, 2014 in the office of the ORC Suite 310 of the Portland State Office Building (PSOB) located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon

#### **Call to Order**

Commission Chair, Chris Dudley, called the meeting to order at 9:00am

#### **In Attendance**

**Commissioners:** Chair Chris Dudley by phone, Vice-Chair Charles Williamson by phone, Commissioner Jan Palmer, DVM by phone, Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM by phone

#### **Staff**

Jack McGrail, Executive Director in person and Kelly Gabliks, Assistant Attorney General by phone

#### **Excused**

Commissioner Angel Baez

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Approvals:**

##### **August 1, 2014 Special Meeting Agenda**

**Action:** Motion to approve the agenda as submitted

**Moved by:** Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

**Seconded:** Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

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

#### **New Business:**

##### **Discussion and possible approval to amend race meet license for Portland Meadows (PM):**

Will Alempijevic, General Manager of Portland Meadows presented the request to amend PM's license by phone. He stated that the request is to add one day of live racing on August 17, 2014. He stated that PM would like to use this day to kick off the 2014-2015 race meet. He reported that the Bar-B-Que (BBQ) cook off event is scheduled on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Last year this event was a very big success and that it will be a great venue to promote the 2014-2015 live racing calendar. He stated that the BBQ is a two day event and that PM has reserved a 20 foot movie

screen to show the movie "Sea Biscuit" on the evening of August 16<sup>th</sup> with live racing to follow on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Huber stated that he has concerns regarding horse safety. He asked if the track condition was ready for racing. Mr. Alempijevic stated that the track is ready. ORC Executive Director, Jack McGrail stated that the ORC Stewards met with PM track staff to discuss the details of the track's condition to ensure that it is ready.

Randy Evers, Executive Director of the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA), Lynnelle Smith, Executive Director of the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (OTOBA) and Leah Nelson, Association Secretary of the Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association (OQHRA) stated that they are all in support of the added day.

**Action:** Motion to amend the 2014-2015 race meet license for PM to add August 17, 2014 as a live race day.

**Moved by:** Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

**Seconded:** Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

**Action:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am

**Moved by:** Commission Vice-Chair Charles Williamson

**Seconded:** Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

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