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## COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 16, 2025

1:30 p.m.

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) will meet at **1:30 pm on Thursday, October 16, 2025**. The meeting will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams. You may join the meeting by clicking on the link below, or by calling in. Please be aware if you call in, your phone number will appear as your ID.

Topic: ORC's October Regular Commission Meeting

Time & Date: October 16, 2025, 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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## AGENDA ITEMS

**ROLL CALL** – Karen Parkman, Director of Administration:

**APPROVALS** – Chair Doherty

- 1) October 16, 2025, Meeting Agenda
- 2) September 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 3) Director's Report – Director Winn
- 4) Budget update
- 5) Report from Medication Committee – Commissioner Fowler

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6) Swear in Commissioner Mark Kinsley, DVM- Chair Doherty
- 7) Committee assignments for new commissioner- Chair Doherty
- 8) Prineville request to reallocate funds – Doug Smith
- 9) Headcheck report on effectiveness – Chris Montecino

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**CONTESTED CASES:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CONFIRMATION OF NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. remotely via Microsoft Teams.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Movement to adjourn.

*At any time during the public session, the Commission may go into executive session to consider information or records exempt from disclosure pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f), ORS 192.345(2), OAR 462-220-0070 regarding trade secrets; and/or ORS 192.660(2) (f) and ORS 192.355(9) to consult with counsel concerning written legal advice; and/or ORS 192.660(2)(h) to discuss its legal rights and duties regarding current litigation, or litigation likely to be filed. The Commission may also elect to deliberate on pending contested cases pursuant to ORS 192.690(1). Additional items may be placed on the agenda after the general mailing of the agenda. Calls may be made to the Commission office during the week of the meeting to inquire about additions.*

Crooked River Roundup Race Report  
To: Oregon Racing Commission  
September 8, 2025

During the race meet in Prineville on July 9, 10, 11 and 12 of this year, we had great attendance and large handles on all 4 nights of racing. The crowd was enthusiastic and had a excellent time. The weather was incredible, with highs in the low 90's. I. In **2024** we were facing highs just over 100 degrees. Being 10 degree's cooler had a lot to do with the size of our crowds, and how long they stayed in the evening performances.

It was a pleasure to Host Commissioner Fowler on Friday Evening. I hope she enjoyed the event and saw the excitement of Horse Racing in Prineville.

During the 4 days we had larger crowds than in 2024. Wednesday was packed, Thursday was better than a normal Thursday, and Friday and Saturday was huge!

There were a total of 35 races contested at the Crooked River Roundup in 2025. The total handle was \$309,867 for the four days (increase of 4.4% with one less race), averaging \$77,467 per day. That is an average of \$8,853 per race. (A per race increase of 13.6%) There were 205 starters and 15 horses scratched over the four days. That is an average of 5.9 horses per race, which is down slightly from 2024. We contested 13 Quarter Horse Races and 22 Thoroughbred Races. Quarter Horse races averaged 7.1 horses per race and Thoroughbred races were 5.1 per race.

Our Purses bottomed at \$7,000 per race on Quarter Horses and \$7500 on Thoroughbreds. Over the 4 days and 35 races our total purses in 2024 were \$298,000 (\$280,525 in 2024), an average of \$8,514 per race. ( Per race average purse in 2024 was \$7792, so purses were up 9.2% vs 2024) This is far and above the \$4,000 per race in hub funds and the funding from the horsemen's groups. Crooked River adds a minimum of \$1500 per race and increases this amount for our feature races.

It is amazing to see how the addition of a new Jockey Room in 2024 continues to improve our meet. We have room to operate, and the climate controlled space proves to be a hit with the riders between races.

We again were able to show video from the paddock on the big video board in the infield. I believe it helps provide a convenience to our patrons.

Race Track Safety is always important in Prineville. Over the past few years we have spent extra time preparing the surface for the weeks racing, and developed repeatable steps to insure it remains uniform and safe. This was enhanced this year with the addition of the rock picker that was purchased in part with ORC Safety funds awarded in May of this year. Prior to the meet we spent several days filtering stones out of the racing surface, and it was noticeable. No, we did not get them all, but we removed a lot, and will continue to use this machine in our preparation each year. Here is a brief review of what the Roundup does in Preparation of our track each year.

1. Deep "Ripping" of the surface with a shank ripper going 2 feet into the ground to break up the hard pan.
2. Blade the track to a level surface and restore the contour banking in the turns.
3. Till the track surface to a powder for the top 6"

4. Use the new rock picker to sift the stone from the powdered soil.
5. Land Plane the surface to smooth and fill any areas that need attention or areas created during the rock picking effort.
6. Begin Watering. It takes about 15 loads of water each day. (60,000 gallons)
7. Work the track using a Dyna Drive machine that looses the top 4.5 inches of surface.
8. Work the track using a Rotary Hoe that will fluff the top 4 inches of surface and insure the bottom is cut smooth.
9. Use our Track Groomers (S Tines) to maintain depth in the surface and keep it fluffed. One has a high power magnet bar on it to remove any metal from the track. (We work the track with these groomers before racing and between each race all week long)
10. Inspect the track to insure the surface is correct before and during the running of the evenings racing. The surface should continue to maintain its depth and cushion throughout the racing card.

Our Wednesday night event ran slow, it just seemed to drag, and we worked to speed it up, but it seemed we would find one item that gained a few minutes and we would loose it somewhere else. It was a bit frustrating from a management standpoint. We finally figured out that we were running 22 minutes between "Official" and the next post time. We changed to 18 and suddenly we were moving! We stayed at 18 minute posts the rest of the meet.

Thursday was an incredible evening of Racing. First Post was 7:15 pm. The 8th race was off at 10:14 PM. No Scratches, No loose horses, No Rider Changes, **Every race at the gate at Post time.** The smoothest night of racing I have ever experienced.

Friday was also very smooth. Yes, there were a few items that created a bit of delay, but 9 races off by 10:47 pm. It was incredibly smooth. If we had 10 races like planned, we would have broken \$100,000 in live handle, as we were averaging over \$10,000 per race,

Saturday we had big crowds despite a wildfire in the local area that likely cost us 500 patrons who stayed and took care of issues. This is much more important than a night at the races. We actually handled over \$100,000 but refunded it when a favorite horse was scratched in one of our feature Races. So we again have not actually hit \$100,000 since the Oregon Lottery began, but we will get there soon.

It was a great meet. No Injuries to Riders or Horses were noted. An increase in crowd size, smooth and rapid racing, great handle and we sent home happy patrons!

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

I will be asking to repurpose some of the funding we were allotted for the 2025 race meet with the hope we will be able to improve our track lighting prior to our 2026 race meet. I will cover that under separate cover, but we are excited that this could be a reality.

Horse Racing is alive and well in Prineville, with incredible support from sponsors and fans!  
Doug Smith  
Director of Racing  
Crooked River Roundup, Prineville

Oregon Racing Commission  
September Meeting, Grants Pass Oregon

September 9, 2025

Commissioners,

I am happy to report preliminary numbers on the projects funded by the Safety Funds at the Crooked River Roundup.

Stall Area Lighting Grant of \$9500

With most of the work on the lighting grant now finished, we are expecting to have an excess of funds in the area of \$4,500. This is totally due to the sourcing of LED light fixtures at a substantial savings. We had all but one barn completed and will be working to finish this barn. At that time we will provide a full accounting of the project to the commission.

Rock Picker Grant of \$24,246.50

We negotiated a savings of \$1250 in reduced freight on this so there is an excess in that amount in the fund.

I am also reporting that we ran 35 races in 2025 and were funded for 36 races at \$4,000 per race.

We would like to request that the above funds be reallocated to a new project that will allow us to upgrade the lighting on the race track to full LED lighting. The current lights are gas vapor that require time to restart (about 15 minutes) after shutting off. LED will start as soon as power is restored. We have located very solid fixtures that will allow us to upgrade at pricing that is well below anything we have seen in the past. The lighting fixtures for the entire facility are going to be in the area of \$15,000. It will take another \$5,000 to upgrade the 35 year old service boxes and wiring. So for \$20,000 we can completely upgrade our track lighting to modern, energy efficient LED, and make the track better for our patrons, better video for the stewards and safer for our equine athletes and riders.

With the commissions approval, I would ask that the above funds, be reallocated to this project.

Stall Area Lighting.	\$4,500
Rock Picker Grant	\$1,250
Excess Purse (1)	\$4,000
Total	\$9,750

The remainder of the project will be completed by the Crooked River Roundup and Crook County Fairgrounds. Our portion of the project is expected to be \$10,250.

Thank you for your Consideration

Doug Smith, Director of Racing