

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

April 30, 2019

A public business meeting of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room in Harrisburg, PA, Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Russell Redding, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. John Egloff, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Darryl Breniser, Russell Jones, Salvatore DeBunda, Michele Ruddy, Thomas Jay Ellis and Commissioner Lark by phone. Also present were Commission counsel Jorge Augusto and Marjia Kuren.

The Chair called the meeting to order. Chairman Redding noted that the meeting was advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. The Commission conducted an executive session to engage in a quasi-judicial deliberation to be adjudicated at the public meeting and discussed personnel matters and engaged in attorney client privilege communication.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Introductory Matters

(A) 2: Minutes of the March 26, 2019, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: To accept the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes.

Financials:

(A) 3: Introduction and approval of Anthony Salerno as the new Standardbred Bureau Director.

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff

Second by: Commissioner Breniser

Passed: To accept Anthony Salerno as the new Standardbred Bureau Director with Commissioner DeBunda and Commissioner Jones abstaining per the Racing Act.

(A) 4: Tracie Gotwalt presented the March financial statements.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commission Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept the March financial statements.

(A) 5: Pocono Downs Backside Modification Presentation

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff

Second by: Commissioner Rogers

Passed: Approval for Pocono Downs to: close training track and 8 barns by June 1, 2019. Close the remaining barn area 8 barns by December 1, 2019. Construct a new receiving barn for 40-50 horses. Best efforts to complete the build by 1/1/2020. Start the 2020 race meet in February 2020. Employ a racetrack consultant to review the racing surface. The approval is contingent upon receipt of aerial property sight plan, DEP violations and preliminary receiving barn plans.

(A) 6: Meadows Proposed Removal of Passing Lane

Tabled until June Meeting

(A) 7: Parx: Sports Wagering Integration Parx Grandstand

Joe Wilson, PARX, spoke to the Commission about locating Sports Wagering in the Horse Racing building at PARX. Mr. Wilson advised the Commission a final decision had not been reached. The Commission requested that Mr. Wilson provide an update in three months.

(A) 8: PA HBPA: Discussion 163.132 Timed Workouts

Todd Mostoller, PA HBPA, requested the Commission to amend regulation 163.132 timed workouts modifying the 30 day provision and increasing it to 45 days.

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff

Second by: Commissioner DeBunda

Passed: Unanimously have Director Chuckas issue the regulation and have the Commission ratify at the May meeting.

B. Administrative Actions

Motions:

(B) 3 (I) (A): May 2019 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

(B) 3 (I) (B): May 2019 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Breniser

Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-B. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (C): Motion to approve Penn Nationals request to conduct a special post time and wagering format for Saturday, June 1, 2019, Penn Mile Day.

Motion by: Commissioner Jones

Second by: Commissioner Egloff

Passed: Unanimously to accept item C. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (D): Motion to approve Penn Nationals signal of live races to Colonial Downs and in state OTW betting locations. All wagers will be commingled into the Penn National Pools through Amtote Maryland Hub.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
 Second by: Commissioner Ruddy
 Passed: Unanimously to accept item D. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (E): Motion to approve Penn Nationals request to send its signal of live races to two Mississippi OTW betting outlets and will be commingled into the pools through United Tote East Hub.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
 Second by: Commissioner Ruddy
 Passed: Unanimously to accept item E. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (F): Motion to approve Presque Isle Downs request to offer Drive Thru wagering on Kentucky Derby Day, May 4, 2019 along with Preakness, on May 18, 2019 and the Belmont Stakes on June 8, 2019. Also, to approve issuing two \$5.00 match play coupons which will be distributed on Kentucky Derby Day.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
 Second by: Commissioner Sweeney
 Passed: Unanimously passed motion B 3 (1) (F).

(C) 3 (I) (G): Motion to approve Presque Isle Downs request to the updated 2019 Simulcast out list.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
 Second by: Commissioner Sweeney
 Passed: Unanimously passed motion G. See agenda.

Ratifications:

(B) 3 (II) (A): Ratification of the request from Penn National to adjust live Racing Post Times for each Triple Crown, Saturday, May 4 and 18 and June 8, 2019 to 2:00 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis
 Passed: Unanimously to accept item A. See agenda.

New Regulations:

(B) 3 (A): Thoroughbred

None

(B) 3 (B): Standardbred

None

(B) 3 (C): Joint

OTW Hearing Regulation Modification Order

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Unanimously to approve the OTW Hearing Procedures Regulation.

C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS1. Licensing Matters:

None

2. Adjudications:**Appeal of Ruling No. 18151PP License Revocation of Jared M. Hutt.**

The Board of Stewards decision dated October 14, 2018, revoking Jared M. Hutt license is AFFIRMED.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: By the Commissioners with one abstention from Commissioner DeBunda.

D. OLD BUSINESS1. OOCT Update:

Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on the results of Out of Competition Testing.

Marketing:

PA HBPA presented to the Commission their Digital Ad Strategy for the PA HBPA.

Proposed Resolution:

Commission directs staff and PDA Representatives to work with PA General Assembly to pass appropriate legislation to authorize PA Commission to join the Anti-Doping Compact limited to the Thoroughbred Breed only and contains a 30 day opt out provision.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Passed with one Commissioner Breniser in opposition.

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Commissioner Jones addressed issues facing racing specifically the impact of Lasix.

Mike Ballezzi, Executive Director, PTHA, gave his view on the medication/Lasix issue.

Mr. Ballezzi outlined the 10-year efforts of Turning for Home. Turing for Home has rehomed and placed over 2,600 Thoroughbreds. Danielle Montgomery, Turning for Home Administrator, reviewed the annual report.

In addition, Mr. Ballezzi presented two new programs the PTHA has initiated called A Leg Up, which gives aspiring horsemen a place to start their career in the racing industry and Pony Up, the PTHA's path to recovery if you ever need assistance.

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Horse Breeders Association, spoke about integrity in racing and commended the commission on a great job that has been done so far and how much further things need to go. The Annual Meeting will be on May 22, 2019, at 4:00 pm at the Kennett Square Country Club.

Director Chuckas addressed some issues that Dr. Langlois brought up at the last commission meeting. Racetrack Managers and vets are working on ways to make the Vet sheets more transparent. In addition an OOCT penalty review process has been instituted.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cook announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Executive Session 10:30 A.M.
- Regular Session 1:00 P.M.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Chuckas Jr.
Bureau Director
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing
Acting Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing