

THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2017

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, Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.

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

The Chair called the meeting to order. Legal counsel noted that the meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Legal counsel noted that executive session was conducted at 11:45 a.m. for discussion of the following topics: Personnel matters; attorney-client privileged communication; litigation; commission adjudications.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Marketing:

Ms. Eisenbeil reported on advisory committee updates and notified the Commission that the next meeting will be September 13, 2017. Ms. Eisenbeil also informed the commission about the many social media outlets and stories that are being posted including two blogs about retired race horses from Parx and one on Fair Harness Racing. There will be a blog posted in September about Hanover Shoe Farm and the mares that help take care of orphaned foals. There was in-depth discussion from the commission about the state of marketing and what needs to be changed and done to help promote the industry.

The commission meetings for the rest of 2017 and all of 2018 will be held in Harrisburg, PA.

The Commission addressed the concerns raised from the Jockey Club article and what type of effect the Kentucky Ruling could have on the racing industry.

II. NEW BUSINESS: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Minutes of the July 26, 2017, meeting were emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis

Second by: Commissioner Lark

Passed: Unanimously to accept the July 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

Financials:

Tracee Gotwalt presented the July financial statements.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
Second by: Commission DeBunda
Passed: Unanimously to accept the July financial statements.

Motions:

3 (1) A: September 2017 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

3 (1) B: September 2017 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

3 (1) C: Parx request to change first post on Pennsylvania Derby Day, September 23, 2017, to 12:25 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
Second by: Commissioner Sweeney
Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-C for the various tracks requests for August. See attached agenda.

3 (2): A: Ratification of Parx request to send signal to the New Jersey Exchange Wagering system.

3 (2): B: Ratification of Penn National to add the following international imports to the list of simulcast for 2017: Thoroughbred - Melbourne Racing Club (Australia) and South Korea Racing (South Korea). Standardbred: Red Shores Charlottetown (Prince Edward Island, Canada).

3 (2): C: Ratification of Presque Isle Downs request to sell tickets for the Mayweather/McGregor fight starting, Friday, August 11, 2017 for the match on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

Motion by: Commissioner Lark
Second by: Commissioner Sweeney
Passed: Unanimously to ratify items A-C for the various tracks requests for August. See attached agenda.

Marketing Advisory Committee:

No matters this month

New Regulations:

Standardbred: None

Thoroughbred: None

Joint:

1. Equine Veterinarian Practices (Admin Docket No. 2017-13)

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney
Second by: Commissioner Ruddy
Passed: Unanimously to accept Equine Veterinary Practices

2. Prohibited Practices (Admin. Docket No. 2017-12)

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept Prohibited Practices.

3. Horse Positive Modifications—Amended (Admin. Docket No. 2017-10)

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Breniser

Passed: Unanimously to accept the amended Horse Positive Modifications.

III. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

Licensing Matter:

No matters this month

Adjudications:

No matters this month

Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

Legal Counsel Jorge Augusto provided the Commissioners with an updated report.

IV. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Michael Ballezzi, Executive Director, PTHA, spoke to the commission about Commissioner DeBunda being inducted into the Parx Hall of Fame in the Owner category. PA Derby day will be a great day of racing with two Grade 1 stakes races and \$3M in purses.

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director of the PHBA, reported on the following PHBA activities.

1. Monthly newsletter
2. Spoke about PA Day at the races with \$800,000 worth of purses, five PA Bred stakes races. Approximately 450 Breeders and friends of Breeders will be attending.
3. Thanked Parx for the great marketing campaign.
4. Because of the marketing money this year there is a \$250,00 bonus for first place and \$100,000 for second and third place for any PA Bred or Sired horses on September 23, 2017 for the PA Derby.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No matters this month

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Lark thanked Chairman Redding for coming out to the 150th Stoneboro Fair and for the awards that were handed out.

Chairman Redding announced the next Special Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Regular Session 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the FARMSHOW Complex at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing