

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2018

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, December 19, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

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

The Chair called the meeting to order. Chairman Redding noted that the meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Introductory Matters

(A) 2: Minutes of the November 28, 2018, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

(A) 3: Tracee Gotwalt presented the November financial statements.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commission DeBunda

Passed: Unanimously to accept the November financial statements.

(A) 4: Dr. Kelly Ryan spoke to the Commissioners about the Concussion protocol program and how the process works in Maryland.

(A) 5: Dr. John Urbanchuk presented an overview of the Delaware Valley Economic Impact Study relating to the economic impact of racing and breeding in Pennsylvania.

- (A) 6:** Michael Ballezzi, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, requested the Commission to modify its existing claiming rule for thoroughbreds.
- (A) 7:** Sam Beegle, President of the PHHA, addressed the Commission about the USTA's recommendation to modify Clenbuterol and Betamethasone Threshold levels in Standardbred Racing. He read into the record a letter from Russell Williams of the U.S.T.A.
- (A) 8:** Sam Beegle and Kim Hankins, Executive Director of the MSOA, requested the Commission to permit the use of Lasix in 2-year old horses.

B. Administrative Actions

Motions:

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

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

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

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

(B) 3 (I) (C): Approval for the amended Penn National Live Racing Calendar of 172 days for 2019.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis

Second by: Commissioner Ruddy

Passed: Unanimously to approve the 2019 Live Racing Calendar for Penn National at 172 days.

New Regulations:

(B) 3 (A): Thoroughbred

None

(B) 3 (B): Standardbred

None

(B) 3 (C): Joint

None

C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

1. Licensing Matters:

None

2. Adjudications:

None

3. Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

None

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

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

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Todd Mostoller, Executive Director, PA HBPA, along with Keystone Films showed the Commission the two new videos created for How to Wager at the track.

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Horse Breeders Association, spoke about how the Mares bred in PA were up 19% in 2018 and Live foals are up 25%.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Executive Session 10:00 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