

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 25, 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, June 25, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

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

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A quorum of the Commission being present, Chairman Redding called the meeting to order. Chairman Redding noted that the meeting was properly 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.

PUBLIC MEETING

1.) MINUTES OF THE May 28, 2019 MEETING as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
Second by: Commissioner Egloff
Decision: Passed by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS

2.) MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – present by Tracee Gotwalt.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
Second by: Commissioner DeBunda
Decision: Unanimously approved to accept the May Financial Statements.

3.) MARKETING RECAP 2018/19

Director Chuckas, outlined the vision, objectives and goals for the Commission and Industry Marketing and Communication plan.

PTHA

Mr. Ballezzi, Mr. Casella, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Baldini presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for PTHA in 2018/19.

MSOA

Mr. Hankins and Ms. Miele presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for the MSOA in 2018/19.

PA HBPA

Mr. Mostoller and Mr. Kirshenbaum presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for the HBPA in 2018/19.

PHHA

Mr. Beegle and Ms. Olszewski presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for the PHHA in 2018/19.

PHBA

Mr. Sanfratello and Mr. Kirshenbaum presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for the PHBA in 2018/19.

SBA

Mr. Simpson presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for the SBA in 2018/19.

PHRA

Mr. Peterson and the Pavone Group presented a review of the Marketing, Promotional and Social Media activities for the PHRA in 2018/19.

Commissioner DeBunda thanked all the Associations for their hard work and creativity to help the PA. Horse Racing industry grow.

4.) Discussion to amend PA HBA 163.95 COUPLED ENTRIES by Todd Mostoller.

MOTIONS:**5.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for July 2019, for Harrah's Philadelphia, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and The Meadows.**

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff
 Second by: Commissioner Breniser
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

6.) Motion to approve simulcast calendars for July 2019 for Parx, Penn National and Presque Isle Downs.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers
 Second by: Commissioner Egloff
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

7.) Motion to approve the amending of PA HBA 163.95 Coupled Entries.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney motion to table till July meeting.
 Second By: Commissioner Ellis
 Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

8.) OOCT Update

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

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**9.) Working Group update.**

Director Chuckas, provided a status report on the Equine Racing Committee. The group held its first meeting and established operating procedures and protocols. In addition, the committee prioritized areas for review.

INDUSTRY REPORTS

10.) Mr. Eric Johnson from Penn National provided the Commission a report on Penn Mile Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Langlois publicly thanked the Commissioners for establishing the working group to discuss the issues facing the industry today. He also requested the commission to consider a new regulation for any horse that "flips". If a horse "flips" once he has entered the paddock until the race is started, should automatically be scratched.

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Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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