

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

March 26, 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, March 26, 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, Robert Lark and Thomas Jay 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. The Commission conducted an executive session this morning 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 February 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 February 26, 2018 meeting minutes, Commissioner Lark abstained.

Financials:

(A) 3: Tom Chuckas presented the February financial statements.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commission Lark

Passed: Unanimously to accept the February financial statements.

(A) 4: Ed Martin, President, ARCI, addressed the commission on the merits of the Interstate Anti-Doping and Drug Testing Compact. Mr. Martin recommends that Pennsylvania join the compact.

B. Administrative Actions

Motions:

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

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

Motion by: Commissioner Lark

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

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

(B) 3 (I) (C): Motion to approve The Meadows request to send live racing signal to the following locations both owned and operated by Churchill Downs, Inc. for 2019. Riverwalk, OTB—Vicksburg, MS and Harlow’s OTB—Greenville, MS.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept item C. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (D): Motion to approve Parx request to send signal to Colonial Downs and their OTW sites. Colonial Downs will commingle into Parx pools.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept item D. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (E): Motion to approve the 2019 Fair Schedule and 2 Day Events.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept item E. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (F): Motion to approve the request from Commissioner Breniser to have all fairs in 2019 and in the future schedule 2YO races day one and 3YO races day two.

Motion by: Commissioner Lark

Second by: Commissioner Rogers

Passed: Unanimously passed motion B 3 (1) (F).

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 Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept item F. See agenda.

(B) 3 (II) (B): Ratification of the request from Penn National to add live racing to Wednesdays, April 10, 17, and 24, 2019 with a post time of 6:00 p.m., except for Wednesday, April 3, 2019 with a post time of 1:00 p.m.

Motion by: Commissioner Lark
 Second by: Commissioner Jones
 Passed: Unanimously to accept item G. See agenda.

(B) 3 (II) (C): Motion to ratify 185.163 the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Tickets

Motion by: Commissioner Lark
 Second by: Commissioner Breniser
 Passed: Unanimously to accept the ratification of the amended regulation relating to the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Tickets for standardbred only. See agenda.

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

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

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

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Pavone representatives in conjunction with Pete Peterson of PHRA, presented a status report on the PA Statewide Racing and Breeding Campaign. The campaign will focus on generating increased attendance and handle. Key target areas are web-site traffic, younger demographics, new and improved applications, Results from the prior months were provided.

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Horse Breeders Association, spoke about the 2019 Stakes schedule and the upcoming awards banquet.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryan Langlois, requested a modification to owners licensing application. The change would mandate vet records transferred to a new owner when a horse is sold or claimed. In addition, modify OOCT rules to issue a lifetime license revocation for a positive test result.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cook announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 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.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing
Acting Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing