

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

November 28, 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, November 28, 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 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 noted that executive session was conducted at 11:00 a.m. to engage in quasi-judicial deliberations regarding the adjudications, attorney-client privilege communication and litigation matters.

Chairman Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Introductory Matters

(A) 2: Minutes of the October 30, 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 October 30, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

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

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser

Second by: Commission Rogers

Passed: Unanimously to accept the September financial statements.

(A) 4: Tony Black, Jockey, and Dr. Brian Rizen spoke to the Commissioners about the importance of CTE protocol and the need for a CTE program in Pennsylvania. Commissioner DeBunda would like this issue to be addressed again at the December meeting and he made a motion to that effect.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously passed to revisit the CTE protocol for the December meeting.

B. Administrative Actions

Motions:

(B) 1: 2019 Commission Meeting Schedule Approval.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Unanimously to accept the 2019 Commission meeting schedule

(B) 2: 2019 Thoroughbred Breeders Budget

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Rogers

Passed: Unanimously to accept the 2019 Thoroughbred Breeders Budget.

(B) 3 (I) (A): December 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

(B) 3 (I) (B): December 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Jones

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

(B) 2 (II) (C): Motion to approve the following Operational matter for all six racetracks.

Penn National

Motion by: Commissioner Jones

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept all six operational requests for 2019. See agenda.

Parx

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept all six operational requests for 2019. See agenda.

Presque Isle Downs

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Unanimously to accept all six operational requests for 2019. See agenda.

The Meadows

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Breniser

Passed: Unanimously to accept all six operational requests for 2019. See agenda.

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff

Second by: Commissioner Breniser

Passed: Unanimously to accept all six operational requests for 2019. See agenda.

Harrah's Philadelphia

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept all six operational requests for 2019. 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:

2019 Electronic Wagering Petitions—License Renewal

- License renewal Chester Down and Marina, LLC (d/b/a Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack) 2018-1.
- License renewal Downs, Racing, LP (d/b/a Mohegan Sun Pocono) 2018-20.
- License renewal Mountain Laurel Racing, Inc. and Washington Trotting Association, Inc. (d/b/a The Meadows Racetrack and Casino) 2018-24
- License renewal Bensalem Racing Association, Inc. and Keystone Turf Club, Inc. (d/b/a Parx Racetrack and Casino) 2018-16
- License renewal Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC and Penn National Turf Club, LLC 2018-23
- License renewal for Presque Isle Downs, Inc. 2018-8

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner DeBunda

Passed: Unanimously to accept all 6 renewals of electronic wagering petitions and License renewals for 2019.

2. Adjudications:

None

3. Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

Legal Counsel Jorge Augusto provided the Commissioners with a report prior to the meeting.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

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

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Joe Wilson, COO, Parx, informed the commission about the recent NTRA inspection and the status of the safety accreditation for Parx.

Sam Beegle, President, PHHA, invited the commissioners out to the USTA banquet and Fair awards at Bedford, PA on January 19, 2019.

Tasha McCormick, Acting Racing Director for The Meadows, was introduced by Christopher McErlean and spoke to the commission about Penn Nationals purchase of the Meadows from Pinnacle. She has worked for the Meadows for 26 years and looks forward to continuing to work with Penn Gaming.

Todd Mostoller, Executive Director, PA HBPA, let the commission know that a new "How to Wager" video will be produced by Keystone films.

Mike Ballezzi, Executive Director, PTHA, spoke to the commission about the microchip program that is happening at PARX from November 20, 2018 forward.

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

Mike Simpson, gave a brief over view of the Standardbred Horse Sale that took place in Harrisburg in November.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 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,

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Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Brett Revington
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