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**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

May 31, 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, Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Cheryl Cook, C. Edward Rogers, Darryl Breniser, Dr. John Egloff, Salvatore DeBunda, Michele Ruddy, Robert Lark, Dr. Corinne Sweeney and Russell Jones and Thomas Jay Ellis by phone. Also present were Commission legal counsel 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 11:00 a.m. to engage in quasi-judicial deliberations regarding the adjudications, attorney-client privilege communication and litigation matters.

Chairman Cook welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. NEW BUSINESS: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

(A) 2: Minutes of the April 25, 2018, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Lark

Passed: Unanimously to accept the April 25, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

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

Motion by: Commissioner Lark

Second by: Commission DeBunda

Passed: Unanimously to accept the April financial statements.

(A) 4: PGCB Racetrack/Casino Benchmark Report.

Mr. Kevin Kile provided his analysis of the 2018 Benchmark report from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

Motions:

(B) 1 (A): June 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

(B) 1 (B): June 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

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(B) 1 (C): Motion to approve The Meadows request to implement a revised wagering format for the remainder of 2018. The changes reflect of Super Hi-5 Single ticket wagering on the last race on all cards and will take effect on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

(B) 1 (D): Motion to approve Presque Isle Downs racing personnel for 2018.

(B) 1 (E): Motion to approve Parx request to add daily doubles to every race for the rest of 2018.

(B) 1 (F): Motion to approve Penn Nationals request to offer advanced wagering during the Triple Crown Season for each day available from Churchill Downs, Pimlico Race Course and Belmont Park.

(B) 1 (G): Motion to approve Penn Nationals request to use live Penn National races on the online handicapping contest website Horse Tourneys.

(B) 1 (H): Motion to approve Harrah's Philadelphia's request for new Pentafecta wager for 2018.

Motion by: Commissioner Egloff

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H for the various tracks. See attached agenda.

(B) 2: Brian Sanfratello of the PHBA requested a modification to the previously approved 2018 Budget to permit a contribution of \$300,000 to Penn Vet to fund gene and biobanking research.

Motion by: Commissioner Jones

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously approve the re-budget for the PHBA to contribute \$300,000 to Penn Vet for gene and biobanking research.

C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

1. Licensing Matters:

RacingGambit, LLC (Original order of finish) reinstatement order.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Lark

Passed: To accept the reinstatement order for RacingGambit, LLC.

2. Adjudications:

None

3. Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

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

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

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Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on the Out of Competition Testing. There were 38 tests taken with no positives found.

2. Marketing:

Ms. Eisenbeil informed the Commission that the marketing grant for the PA Horse Racing Association is finished with the eight (8) signature process and will be able to draw upon no later than June 15th.

Twenty-seven (27) Marketing firms responded to the RFQ to conduct the Horse Racing Branding Campaign in Pennsylvania. Pavone Advertising scored the highest on the oral presentation and has a significant knowledge and passion for horse racing. Pavone was awarded the contract by Pennsylvania Horse Racing Association.

The signature process for The Delaware Valley Economic impact study has been finalized and the funds will be available no later than June 15th. The goal will be to have the study concluded in the fall of 2018.

The Marketing Advisory Committee recommends that 50% of the 2018/19 marketing funds be allocated to the Statewide branding campaign and the balance (50%) allocated to the stakeholders for local promotion.

The recommended distribution formula for the stakeholder's share is based on each stakeholder associated racetrack Casino's 2017-2018 fiscal year's gross terminal revenue percentage contributed to the Racehorse Development Trust Fund.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Lark

Passed: Unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Marketing Advisory Committee regarding the distribution of the 2018-2019 Marketing/Promotional funds.

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Eric Johnston, invited everyone to Penn Mile Day on Saturday, June 2nd to enjoy in the festivities and watch the Grade 2 The Penn Mile. Mr. Johnson also thanked the Commission and the PA HBPA for all the great help with marketing for the day.

Sam Beegle, President, PHHA, invited everyone to Diamond Creek Farm on Saturday, June 2nd. Please join everyone on Saturday June 30th for the Sun Stakes Saturday at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

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

1. Monthly newsletter
2. When the Annual meeting is on May 23rd.
3. Awards banquet is June 8th.
4. Penn Mile day will have 3/\$100,000 stakes races.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Bryan Langlois thanked the commission for the OOCCT Updates and congratulated Penn National on Derby Day program. Mr. Langlois requests that the Stewards hearing minutes be put online along with the vets list and to please employ an Equine Medical Director.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cook announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Public Hearing 9:00 A.M.
- Executive Session 11:00 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

Brett Revington
Bureau Director
Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing