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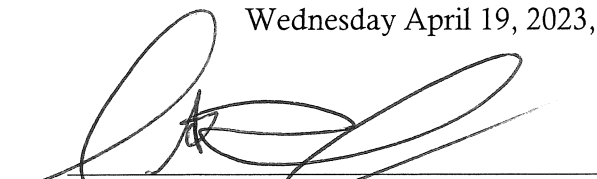
Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023

1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("OSRC") held its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2023, at the Verne Riffe Center, Room 1948, 19th Floor, 77 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
2. Call to Order and Roll Call: The Commission Chairman called the meeting to order. Chairman Scott Borgemenke, Commissioners Beth Hansen, Tom Winters, and Greg Simpson were present. Commissioner Bill Patmon was present via a phone link. It was noted there were four members present, and any vote would require 3 votes to pass.
3. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the February 15, 2023, commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
4. Executive Director Dragone discussed the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the ratification of the approvals, and Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
5. Executive Director Dragone discussed the meet requests from (A) Thistledown 2023 Meet Request and (B) Scioto Downs 2023 Meet Request in the Executive Directors Report. Commissioner Hansen moved to accept the report for (A) Thistledown, and Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Commissioner Winters moved to accept the report for (B) Scioto, and Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. It was noted that if the horsemen and Thistledown failed to come to an agreement, Thistledown would have to run a full 125 days.
6. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Resolution 2023-04 which was regarding rule changes for 3769-4-33; 3769-14-34; and 3769-16-29. Rules 3769-4-33 and 3769-14-34 dealt with who bears the burden of reporting the reasoning in a minority report from the Judges/Stewards in the majority to the Judge/Steward who is in the minority. Rule 3769-16-29 puts in rules for warning lights on standardbred tracks. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. There was also discussion regarding the situation at Mahoning where horses were not unloaded when there was a late gate scratch, leaving insufficient time for bettors to re-wager. The Starter started the race, the announcer was announcing the scratch, and was clearly surprised the race had started. Commissioner Winters motioned to make notice that the Commission noted the incident, and would like an explanation prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

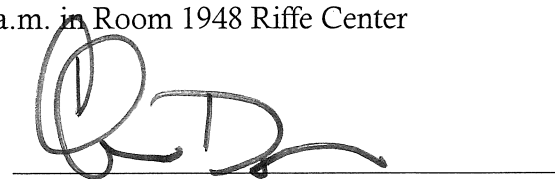
7. Dr. Robertson gave his update on horse fatalities. There have been three (3) racing/training fatalities so far this year. All occurred in February 2023 at Mahoning Racetrack.
8. Monthly Financial Report. The fiscal report showed the commission had a loss of Fifty-four thousand (\$54,000). This was due to extremely low tax revenues in February 2023. The Commission should be back into a positive cash flow by June.
9. Committee Reports
 - A. Medication: Commissioner Hansen mentioned there had been internal discussions about a few issues, but nothing has raised to the level of a Medication committee meeting. There may be a Medication committee meeting in a few months.
 - B. Safety: Commissioner Simpson reported that the light system is working well...Commissioner Simpson asked if there was a max temperature when it gets hot that the Commission suspends racing. Executive Director Dragone responded that decision was jointly made by the Permit holder and the Horsemen's groups.
 - C. Standardbred – this was pulled from the agenda.
10. Commissioners Comments. Update on HISA. The Chairman noted that Ohio currently tests at least one horse per race, and HISA/HISU has given no communication as to whether that would be continued. The Chairman noted that drug testing would be preempted by HISA, and they would take over all thoroughbred testing. Ohio will continue to regulate licensing, and everything but the four areas where we are preempted by HISA. There has been talk of some tracks across the country imposing a starter fee for the increased costs to the permit holders. The HBPA commented they are opposed to a starter fee, and would prefer that it come directly from the purse account instead of an owner seeing a \$300 debit on their account.
11. The Chairman had a general reminder to all permit holders that they have an obligation to notify the commission if they are going to cancel racing.
12. Public Comments. There were no public comments.
13. Executive Session. There was no executive session.
14. Adjournment. The commission meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Date, Time, and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday April 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1948 Riffe Center



Scott Borgemenke,
Chairman



Christopher Dragone
Executive Director