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Minutes of the OSRC Meeting held August 29, 2017

1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) held its monthly meeting August 29, 2017 at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, Room 1948, at 10 am.

2-OSRC Chairman Robert K. Schmitz called the meeting to order. Commissioners Gary Koch, Todd Book, Greg Simpson and Thomas Winters were present.

3-Commissioner Winters moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2017. Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

4-Commissioner Winters moved to offer Resolution 2017-4 on the distribution of casino revenues for the second quarter of 2017. Commissioner Koch moved to approve Resolution 2017-4 as written and Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5-Commissioner Winters moved to approve the ratification of the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6-Executive Director Bill Crawford presented requests from Hollywood Gaming at Dayton, Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley and Delaware County Agricultural Society.

6a. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Hollywood Gaming at Dayton's request for waiver of a Surety Bond, list of officials, number of races and wagering format, post times, simulcasting schedule and letter to the fire marshal. Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6b. Commissioner Book moved to approve Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley's request for waiver of a Surety Bond, list of officials, number of races and wagering format, post times, simulcasting schedule and letter to the fire marshal. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6c. Commissioner Koch moved to approve Delaware County Agricultural Society's request to conduct future win wagering on the 2017 Little Brown Jug; to simulcast all races on September 19-21 (Tuesday through Thursday); to require any horse entered in the Little Brown Jug or Juliette to arrive on the grounds by 11 am two days prior to each race; to waive administrative rule 3769-15-31 (B)(2) and apply the "preference rule" instead for all overnight races; and approval of the wagering format. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

7-Mr. Crawford then presented an overview of racing date submission by commercial permit holders for 2018, including Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley, Jack Thistledown, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, Miami Valley Gaming & Racing, Northfield Park, Scioto Downs and Belterra Park.

7a. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Belterra Park's request for 2018 racing dates. Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

7b. Commissioner Book moved to approve Northfield Park's request for 2018 racing dates. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

7c. Commissioner Koch moved to approve Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway's request for 2018 racing dates. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

8-Chairman Schmitz asked for discussion concerning the Scioto Downs grandstand. Stacy Cahill, GM of Racing Operations for Scioto Downs and Bill Gustafson, VP & GM of Scioto Downs explained that the grandstand was shut down for the racing season for safety reason associated with the roof of the grandstand and that Scioto Down is in the exploratory stage of seeing what can be done to bring the condition of the grandstand up-to-date. The property as a whole is being examined, Mr. Gustafson explained, to see how the grandstand could be incorporated into the entire rasino operation in the future, and the likelihood of the grandstand being destroyed and rebuilt is probable. Ms. Cahill explained that while there is seating for 3,000 in the grandstand, on a typical Friday or Saturday night there are often less than one hundred patrons sitting in those seats.

9-Dr. James Robertson, OSRC consulting veterinarian, gave an update on catastrophic horse fatalities from July 2017 through August 20, 2017 stating there were a total of 11 catastrophic breakdowns during that time period: ten Thoroughbred and one Standardbred, bringing the 2017 total to 34—30 Thoroughbred and four Standardbred.

10-Fiscal Officer Sherry White said that the OSRC had eased across the 2017 fiscal finish line with an overall gain of \$345,000

11-Chairman Schmitz explained that the upcoming (Sept. 2) Super Night at Scioto Downs was to be the richest in Ohio horse racing history—Standardbred or Thoroughbred—with over \$2 million in purses paid out, with eight \$250,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship contested. He also said that the Best Of Ohio for Thoroughbreds—featuring five \$150,000 Stakes for Ohio-bred runners—would be held on October 7 at Belterra Park.

12-There were no public comments.

13-Renee Mancino, Executive Director, Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association then commented on Out Of Competition Testing, explaining that she would like to see the OSRC require a Prohibited Substance List and defining what is being tested for and differentiating between use and possession, as well as the implementation of a level of environmental contamination standard, of which one such standard was already in place in Canada. She also brought the issue of testing locations and that all claimed horses should be tested. Dr. James Robertson, OSRC consulting veterinarian added that the standards should also include anabolic steroids, and that specific trainers should be targeted in regards to testing. Dave Basler, Executive Director, HBPA, stated that the main objective with testing is to find substances that should never be in horse's system unnaturally. Basler also stated that he

had no problem with targeted testing as long as the information provided on the trainer came from a reputable source.

14-Mike Rzymek, of the Attorney General's Office, then discussed two financial judgements against trainer Chris Short. Scott Hagemeyer, Farm Manager of Hagemeyer Farms, Clarksville, Ohio then spoke regarding the financial matters between himself and Chris Short. Commissioner Book moved that pursuant to Chris Short's financial matters (2017-8 and 2017-14) that as of Sept. 15, if Short fails to reach his financial obligations, he will be suspended indefinitely. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

15-Chairman Schmitz discussed the Harness Horsemen's Health & Retirement Plan and the possible appointment of a new trustee. Chairman Schmitz then requested to see an audited financial statement from the Harness Horsemen's Health & Retirement Plan, as it is a recipient of a portion of pari-mutuel tax, and it is the fiduciary responsibility of the OSRC to oversee it. Commissioner Winters explained that in the past the Harness Horsemen's Health & Retirement Plan audit has been presented to the OSRC annually. Chairman Schmitz explained that the statute gives the OSRC the ability to approve or disapprove a possible trustee, and gave the OHHA 30 days to produce an audited financial statement from the Harness Horsemen's Health & Retirement Plan.

16-There being no further business, Commissioner Winters moved to go into executive session to consider the hiring, promotion or compensation of public employees. Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was approved via roll call vote: Chairman Schmitz voted Yes; Commissioner Winters voted Yes; Commissioner Book voted Yes; Commissioner Koch voted Yes; Commissioner Simpson voted Yes. The public meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
September 26, 2017 @ 10 am
77 South High Street, Room 1948
Columbus, Ohio 43215
