



Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on April 21, 2021

1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its' monthly meeting April 21, 2021 via teleconference beginning at 10 am.
2. Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Beth Hansen, William Patmon, Greg Simpson and Thomas Winters were present.
3. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the March 24, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
4. Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Simpson moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
5. Chairman Borgemenke discussed Resolution 2021-04, Casino Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Patmon moved to approve Resolution 2021-04, Casino Revenue Distribution. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The resolution states two million, one hundred and five thousand, five hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,105,565.98) shall be distributed to the emergency fund established by Resolution 2020-09.
6. Chairman Borgemenke discussed some changes to the existing 'Protocols for a Safe Return to Racing Starting June 19, 2020'. The Chairman moved to allow the Executive Director to alter the protocols consistent with the discussion. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
7. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through April 21, 2021 there have been 15 fatalities from the thoroughbreds and 3 fatalities from the standardbreds.
8. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. March showed the Commission had a gain of \$2,900. For the current fiscal year revenue is down 18% and total expenses are down 9%. The fiscal officer also gave comparisons to 2019 for a more normalized comparison.

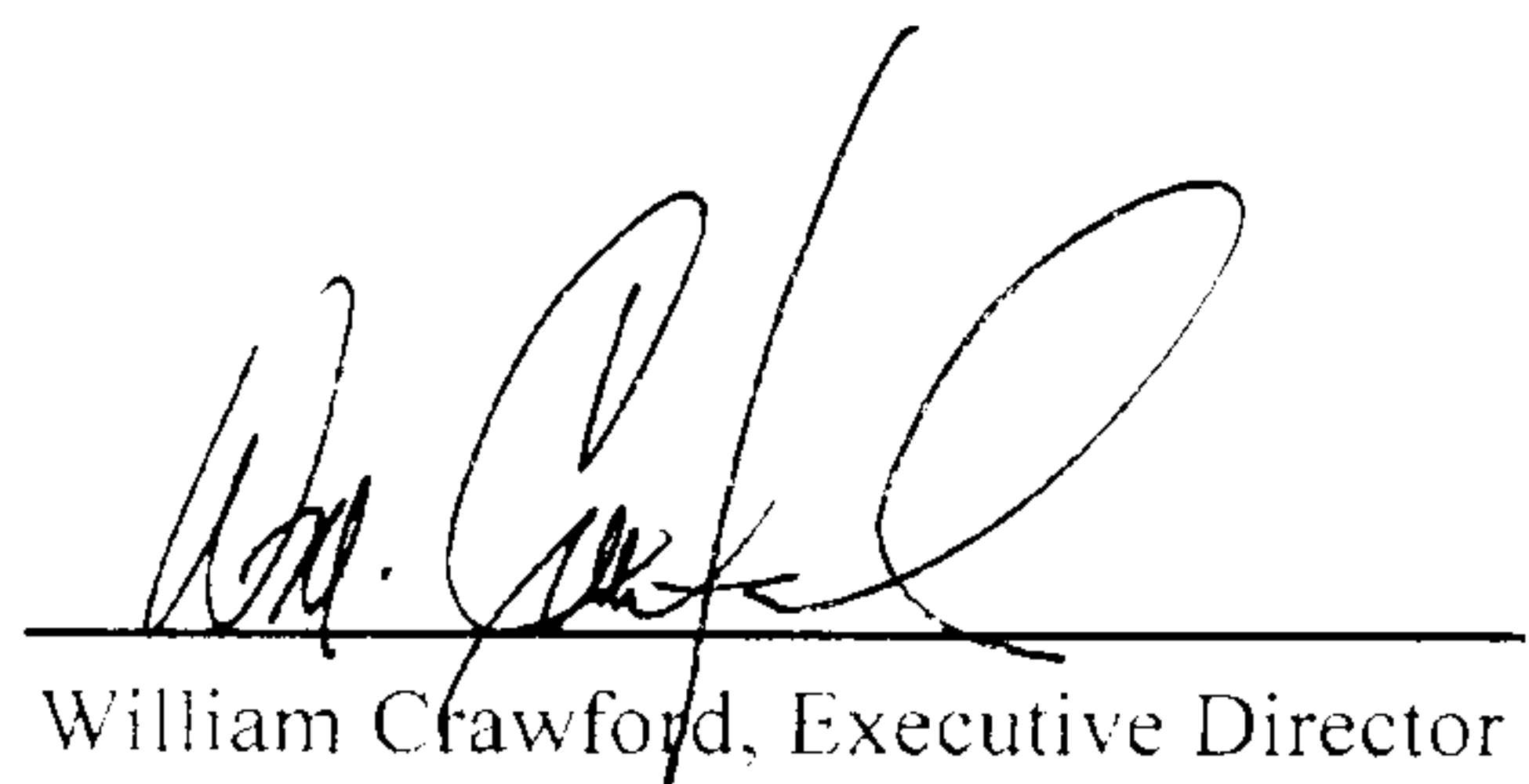
9. Committee Reports:

- a. Medication Committee: Commissioner Hansen discussed attending two zoom conferences hosted by the Association of Racing Commissioners International.
 - b. Safety Committee: Commissioner Simpson discussed some differences in starting gate procedures between the UK and the U.S. Also, the plan for some upcoming meetings in which they will discuss safety vests and helmets.
10. Chairman Borgemenke discussed a 3% pay raise for the unclassified employees, Gregory Veit and William Crawford. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the raises. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. He asked Executive Director, Bill Crawford about two jockeys injured at Mahoning Valley Race Course.
11. There were no public comments.
12. Commissioner Patmon moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:52AM.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 10 am
Via teleconference



Scott Borgemenke, Chairman



William Crawford, Executive Director

5/27/21

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2021-04

WHEREAS, Article 15.06 of the Ohio Constitution establishes that three percent of the tax on gross casino revenue shall be distributed to the Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") to support purses, breeding programs, and operations at qualified commercial horse racetracks;

WHEREAS, R.C. 5753.03 states the Commission can use the casino revenue funds to support the efforts and activities of the Commission to promote horse racing in this state at which the pari-mutuel system of wagering is conducted;

WHEREAS, R.C. 5753.03 further states the Commission has complete discretion to distribute the casino revenue funds;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented challenge for horse racing in this state;

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic the Commission will help to ensure the continued viability of the horse racing industry as well as to support purses, support breeding programs and support commercial horse racetracks by providing adequate exercise for horses stabled at commercial horse racetracks to prevent injury potentially caused by confinement, by preventing homelessness for those who reside on the backside and care for the horses by preventing horse abuse and/or abandonment;

WHEREAS, the Commission received a distribution of casino tax revenue in the amount of two million, one hundred and five thousand, five hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,105,565.98) on or about April 13, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to make distributions of casino tax revenue in the amount of two million, one hundred and five thousand, five hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,105,565.98);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission that casino tax revenue received by the Commission be distributed as follows, for the purposes specified:

Two million, one hundred and five thousand, five hundred and sixty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2,105,565.98) shall be distributed to the emergency fund established by Resolution 2020-09 on April 22, 2020 which may be only used, verified and released by the Executive Director to support and protect breeding and the horseracing industry in this state during this COVID-19 pandemic. Funds not needed from this emergency fund shall be reallocated to the Commission's casino tax revenue fund for future distribution by the Commission.

Adopted: April 21, 2021