



Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on August 27, 2019

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (Commission) held its monthly meeting August 27, 2019 at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, Room 1932, at 10 am.
- 2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Beth Hansen, Greg Simpson, William Patmon Jr. and Thomas Winters were present.
- 3-Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 Commission meeting. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 4- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Executive Director approvals. Commissioner Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5-Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the 2019 Fall Mahoning Valley Race Course meet request (Mahoning Valley). Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the Mahoning Valley meet request. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 6-Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed permit holders request for year 2020 race dates.
 - A. Mahoning Valley has applied for one hundred and two live race days with sixty-two thoroughbred race days from January 1, 2020 to April 18, 2020 and forty thoroughbred race days from October 24, 2020 to December 30, 2020. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Mahoning Valley 2020 live race dates. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - B. Belterra Park has applied for ninety-four live thoroughbred race days from April 24, 2020 to October 3, 2020. There are three live quarter horse race dates. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Belterra Park 2020 live race dates. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - C. Thistledown has applied for one hundred thoroughbred live race days from April 27, 2020 to October 17, 2020. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Thistledown 2020 live race dates. Commissioner Patmon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
 - D. Miami Valley has applied for eighty-six standardbred live race days from January 3, 2020 to May 3, 2020. The Commission deferred this request.

- E. Northfield Park has applied for two hundred and twenty-one standardbred live race days from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Northfield 2020 race dates. Commissioner Patmon seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- F. Dayton Raceway has applied for seventy-eight live standardbred race dates from September 10, 2020 to December 29, 2020. Scioto Downs has applied for ninety live standardbred race dates from May 5, 2020 to September 12, 2020. Executive Director Bill Crawford stated the problem between the Dayton and Scioto Requests was the overlap of three race days September 10, 2020 to September 12, 2020. Ms. Stacy Cahill testified on behalf of Scioto Downs. Jason Blum testified on behalf of Dayton Raceway. Renee Mancino testified on behalf of the Ohio Harness Horsemen Association. The Commission deferred both Dayton Raceway and Scioto Downs race day requests.

7- Dr. James Robertson, Commission consulting veterinarian, gave an update on catastrophic horse fatalities at Ohio racetracks. He stated in July there was two catastrophic breakdowns in July and four catastrophic breakdowns thru August 21, 2019. In 2019 there has been a total of 26 catastrophic deaths with 25 Thoroughbred and 1 Standardbred due to training or racing.

8-Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. She stated the Commission is ahead of its projected budget by ten thousand dollars for 2020 fiscal year. The Commission dispensed casino revenue which was approved in Resolution 2019-06.

9- There was a discussion regarding the medication and safety committees.

- A. Commissioner Hansen updated the Commission about the Medication Committee. The medication committee met for the first time following the June 27th Commission meeting. At this meeting, the medication committee determined the scope of the committee which included therapeutic medication thresholds, prerace exams, requirements to be removed from the vets list and out of competition testing. After the Commission meeting the medication committee would discuss therapeutic medication thresholds.
- B. Commissioner Simpson discussed the Safety Committee. The Safety Committee would most likely have its first meeting after the October 30 Commission meeting.

10-Chairman Borgemenke discussed the Commission would begin its five-year rule review for Chapters five, six fifteen and sixteen. The rules meeting would further discuss changes in Chapter seven suggested by the Jockey Guild .


11-There were no public comments.

12-There was no Executive Session.


13-Commissioner Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

The public meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2019 @ 10 am
77 South High Street, Room 1948
Columbus, Ohio 43215



Scott Borgemenke, Chairman



William Crawford, Executive Director