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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on August 26, 2020

1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) held its monthly meeting August 26, 2020 via teleconference beginning at 10 am.

2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Greg Simpson, Beth Hansen, and Thomas Winters were present.

3-Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the July 8, 2020 and July 22, 2020 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

4- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Executive Director approvals. Commissioner Hansen moved to ratify the Executive Director’s approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5A- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the 2020 fall meet request for Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley. Commissioner Hansen moved the Commission approve the 2020 meet request for Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

5B- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the Delaware County Agricultural Society 2020 meet request. Commissioner Hansen moved the Commission approve the 2020 meet request for Delaware County Agricultural Society. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6- The Commission discussed the permit holders’ requests for 2021 race dates. Commissioner Hansen moved the Commission consider the permit holders’ requests for 2021 race dates. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The Commission decided to consider the permit holders’ requests at the October Commission meeting.

7-Executive Director William Crawford updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. In August, there were three thoroughbred fatalities and one standardbred fatality. For the year 2020, there has been 23 fatalities with 20 from the thoroughbreds and three from the standardbred.

8-Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. For July 2020, the Commission revenues were down 39% and expenses were down 11%. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it has been difficult to project the Commission’s revenues and expenses as the Commission moves forward into fiscal year 21. Commission staff is going to reconsider its current financial projections for fiscal year 21 based on new data and will discuss these projections at the next Commission meeting

9A-Commissioner Hansen stated the Medication Committee will meet some time in November via teleconference.

9B-Commissioner Simpson stated he has been talking to stakeholders and has been to several tracks to observe possible safety concerns. He would like to discuss several recommendations with the Safety Committee when they can get together.

10- The Chairman commented if the permit holders and/or horsemen associations wish for the Commission to consider changing some current rules, they need to submit these requested changes in the next 60 to 90 days.

11A-There were no comments from Northfield Park.

11B- Joe Morris spoke on behalf of Eldorado Scioto Downs. He thanked the Commission for the four additional days added to their meet and to allow Scioto Downs to move the Sire Stakes Championships from Saturday September 5th to Sunday September 6th.

11C There were no comments from Miami Valley.

11D- Patrick Ellsworth spoke on behalf of JACKThistledown. He stated the Best of Ohio races were a big success and he had some suggestions to improve the event next year.

11E- There were no comments from Mahoning Valley.

11F- Mike Craig spoke on behalf of Belterra Park. He thanked the Commission to allow Belterra Park to change race dates from September 4, 2020 to September 28, 2020.

11G-Jason Blum spoke on behalf of Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. He stated that they are working Montgomery County to change the paddocks current designation as a storage facility which lowers the paddocks occupancy rate.

11H-Dave Basler spoke on behalf of the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (OHBPA). He stated the OHBPA consent to allow Belterra Park to send out its live race signal expires on August 31, 2020.

11I-Renee Mancino spoke on behalf of the Ohio Harness Horsemen Association (OHHA). She stated the OHHA is working with the permit holders on promotions and marketing within the COVID-19 pandemic environment.

12-Joe Poole, President of the OHBPA, spoke regarding several problems at Thistledown Racecourse. Mr. Poole specifically mentioned problems in the race office and problems with the quality of the paramedics. The Chairman allowed Thistledown's Patrick Ellsworth to respond to Mr. Poole's concerns in writing. Executive Director Bill Crawford will report back to the Commission at its next regular meeting.

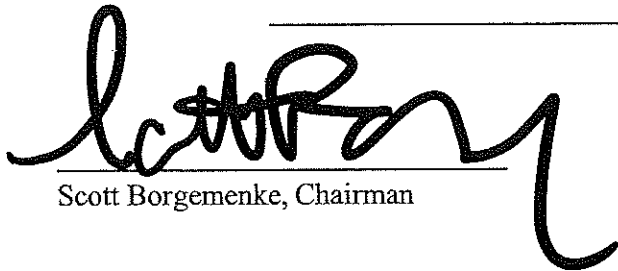
13-Principal Assistant Attorney General Charles Febus discussed the Report and Recommendation of the hearing officer to disqualify Attorney John Izzo from representing Dan Noble. Commissioner Winters moved to deny Attorney John Izzo's motion to continue the Commission's hearing on the Objections to the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Commissioner Winters than offered a second motion to adopt the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation regarding the

disqualification of Attorney John Izzo from representing Mr. Noble. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

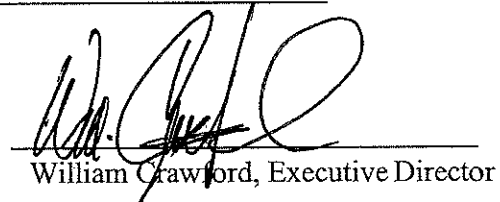
14-Assistant Attorney General Hallie Saferin discussed the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation regarding Dennis Putman. Mr. Putman's horse tested positive for Gabapentin at the Darke County Fair. Mr. Putman requested a hearing before a hearing officer. The hearing was conducted on September 5, 2020. The Hearing Officer recommended the appeal be denied and the penalty should be upheld. Commission Winters moved that the Commission adopt the Hearing Officers Report and Recommendation. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15-Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The public meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 @ 10 am
via teleconference



Scott Borgemenke, Chairman



William Crawford, Executive Director