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## Ohio State Racing Commission

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### Minutes of the OSRC Meeting held December 12, 2017

1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) held its monthly meeting December 12, 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 Todd Book, Gary Koch, Greg Simpson and Thomas Winters were present.

3-Commissioner Winters moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 30, 2017. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

5-Commissioner Winters moved to approve Northfield Park as the Collection and Settlement Agent in 2018 for Belterra Park, Dayton Raceway, Scioto Downs, Mahoning Valley and Northfield Park. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6-Chairman Schmitz began a discussion on Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) and asked OHHA President Kevin Greenfield and HBPA Executive Director Dave Basler for their comments. Greenfield noted that on-track wagering was the norm in the 20<sup>st</sup> Century and that ADW platforms are the new norm for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, stating that a comprehensive study needs to be undertaken to understand the effects and impact of ADWs in Ohio. Basler stressed that Ohio has to be careful in regards to ADW pricing and hosting rates and how ADWs will affect the tracks on certain days. He explained that having ADWs in place requires the tracks and outlets to agree to terms, with approval by the horsemen, and added that while the tracks may lose a few dollar to those gamblers wagering on their phones at the track through various ADW portals, the gain to the horsemen would be greater via a person wagering through ADW channels who *is not* live on-track. Mr. Basler also explained the concept of "rebates" to the OSRC, where a wagering patron receives a percentage of their gambling dollars returned to them for wagering through a specific ADW platform.

7-Dr. James Robertson, OSRC consulting veterinarian, gave an update on catastrophic horse fatalities due to training or racing from January 1, 2017 to December 6, 2017, stating there are a total of 46 catastrophic breakdowns during that time period: 41 Thoroughbred and five Standardbred.

8- As the financials have not yet been completed for November, there was no financial report.

9-Chairman Schmitz discussed topics he wants to see the OSRC explore further in 2018, including Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) platforms and medication issues.

10-There were no public comments.

11-In the matter of a settlement agreement for Joshua Sutton, who had five cases pending, the agreement was a 25-day suspension (from Dec. 12, 2017 through Jan. 5, 2018); a \$1,500 fine; and a 2018 probationary license. Commissioner Book moved to approve the settlement and Commissioner Winters seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously 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.

12-There being no further business, Commissioner Winters moved to go into executive session to consider the hiring, promotion or compensation of public employees. Commissioner Simpson 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. Commissioner Book moved to go out of executive session. Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously 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 10:52 a.m.

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Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting

January 18, 2017 @ 10 am  
77 South High Street, Room 1948  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Robert K. Schmitz, Chairman

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William Crawford, Executive Director