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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022

1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("OSRC") held its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2022, at the Verne Riffe Center, room 1948, 19th floor, 77 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43215.
2. The Commission Chairman called the meeting to order. Chairman Borgemenke and Commissioners Beth Hansen, and Thomas Winters were present. Greg Simpson was excused, and Commissioner Bill Patmon was present via a phone link.
3. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the November 16, 2022, commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
4. Executive Director Dragone discussed the Executive Director's Approvals. It was noted HISA approved the request for the Lasix prohibition exemption. He also discussed timeliness of the simulcast import/export reports, and issues with ADW's from North Dakota. Commissioner Hansen moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals, and Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
5. ORTF approvals. Commissioner Winters motioned to approve, and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
6. Resolution 2022-13 Delegation of Authority. There were two changes for this year's delegation of authority resolution. (1) The Executive Director may cancel races if the integrity of the product could be called into question; and (2) Deputy Directors are authorized to make these decisions if the Executive Director is unavailable and there is a time-sensitive issue. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Hansen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
7. Settlement Agreement for Chris McGuire. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the settlement agreement, and Commissioner Hansen seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

8. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through December 7, 2022, there have been fifty-three (53) total fatalities from racing and training. There have been Forty-Two (42) fatalities from the thoroughbreds – thirty-three (33) racing and nine (9) training, and eleven (11) fatalities from the standardbreds. Dr. Robertson noted that 2022 has been an outlier for Standardbred fatalities. Prior to 2022 the commission only tracked catastrophic deaths. The Commission now included sudden deaths. He noted it is hard to compare Standardbred statistics between states, as only NY and PA publish their fatalities, and those data are not always complete and accurate.
9. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. She noted revenues are down. However, the commission is projected to be where the commission figured it would be.
10. Update on HISA. Chairman Borgemenke gave an update on the status of HISA/HIWU. Due to the court ruling, and the FTC declining to approve the proposed rules, there will be no change January 1, 2023. Racing in Ohio will continue to be under the same rules and regulations that have been in effect since HISA took over their sections on July 1, 2022; namely the whip rule, void claims, HISA registration, and shoeing. Chairman also reiterated the need for complete transparency and compliance with open record laws in order to put the good seal of approval from the Ohio Racing Commission. HBPA executive director Dave Basler commented that there were two whip violations which resulted in a loss of purse. The trainers/owners appealed, and HISA was telling the owners they were not going to hear the appeals. The Chairman also mentioned his appreciation for the work both horsemen's groups have done regarding HISA litigation.
11. Committee Reports:
 - A. Medication Committee – Commissioner Hansen had nothing to report.
 - B. Safety Committee – Commissioner Simpson was excused from this meeting.
 - C. Standardbred Committee – Commissioner Winters mentioned the Standardbred committee met last month and commented on the good fair season also. The OHHA “best practices” book needs to be updated from the current 2007 version to reflect the updated rules.
12. Chairman and Commissioner's Comments – There were no comments.
13. Public Comments – there were no public comments.
14. Executive Session – there was no executive session. Commissioner Hansen made a motion to adjourn at 10:31 a.m., and Commissioner Winters seconded. This motion was unanimously approved via roll call vote.

Date, Time, & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 10 am Room 1948 Riffe Center



Scott Borgemenke,
Chairman



Christopher Dragone
Executive Director