



## Ohio State Racing Commission

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Chairman

### Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on December 15, 2021

1. The Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) held its’ monthly meeting December 15, 2021, room 1948, Vern Riffe Center, beginning at 10:14am.
2. Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Chairman Borgemenke and Commissioners Beth Hansen, Greg Simpson and Thomas Winters were present. Commissioner Bill Patmon was present via a phone link in a non-voting capacity. Four (4) commissioners fulfilled the quorum requirements.
3. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the November 17, 2021, Commission meeting minutes, as amended. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
4. Commissioner Hansen moved to ratify the Executive Director’s approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
5. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the 2022 racing dates permit for Thistledown. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The chairman thanked Thistledown for their response to the issues posed in the last meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
6. Executive Director’s Report
  - a. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Miami Valley’s 2022 meet request-list of officials. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. Mr. Rambo, representing Miami Valley stated that he would have an updated list for the associate judges in the next few days. The motion was amended to omit the associate judges until the next meeting, with Director Dragone having the authority to approve the associate judges. The amended motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
7. Chairman Borgemenke pulled Item 7 with no action.
8. Chairman Borgemenke asked for a motion to consider approval of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OTRF) 2022 Program. Commissioner Hansen made a motion to approve the OTRF 2022 Program. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. Mr. Basler gave a brief synopsis on the state of the program, based on the OTRF meeting in

December. He said the OTRF board had approved the program as presented except for the stakes schedule which they would like to continue until the next meeting. The motion was amended to continue the stakes schedule until the January meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

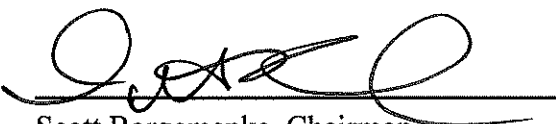
9. Chairman Borgemenke said based on a very good Ohio Standardbred Development Fund meeting and some items that were deferred until their next meeting that this item will be deferred until the January meeting.
10. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through December 15, 2021, there have been 40 fatalities from the thoroughbreds and 7 fatalities from the standardbreds. Since 2010 the OSRC has reported catastrophic equine deaths. Starting in January 2022 catastrophic and sudden deaths will be reported which aligns us with the way the Jockey Club reports deaths. Elizabeth Rogers, representing Mahoning Valley Race Course gave a very good explanation of improvements in the Mahoning track surface.
11. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. For the fiscal year, revenue is up 47% from last year due to a difference in casino revenue and tax revenue. Expenses are up slightly over the covid year as well as audit expenses.
12. Executive Director Dragone gave an update on the status of HISA. They have backed off of their July 1, 2022 date with a new date of January 1, 2023. It is unclear what will happen on July 1, 2022. December 20, 2021 is the date stated for a draft of the HISA drug rules. Mr. Basler spoke to the confusion caused by all of the various drafts of the drug rules. Also, at this point, there is not an agreement with USADA and HISA in regards to the drug testing.
13. Committee Reports-Chairman
  - a. Medication Committee – Commissioner Hansen stated there is a draft rule out for review and discussion on amicar and Lasix. She requested that the resolution be ready for the January meeting.
  - b. Safety Committee – Commissioner Simpson deferred to Director Dragone for an update on the directives which were put out on head numbers and safety vests. Starting January 1, head numbers are eliminated for commercial tracks. Fairs will have to request permission if they have a reason to want to use them. The safety vest effective date has been postponed until March 1, 2022 due to supply chain issues for both vest and colors which will accommodate the vests being worn under the colors.
  - c. Standardbred Committee-Commissioner Winters said he had the initial committee meeting at the OSDF meeting where he stated the purpose and availability of the committee to address any issues.

14. Chairman's Comments – Chairman Borgemenke said 'Happy Holidays', the chairman has no comments.
15. There were no public comments. Chairman Borgemenke called for a moment of silence in respect for Dr. Langford, the longtime OSRC veterinarian, who passed away unexpectedly.
16. Chairman Borgemenke asked for a motion to move to executive session. Commissioner Winters made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and pending court cases. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Commissioner Winters made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson.
17. Commissioner Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The public meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

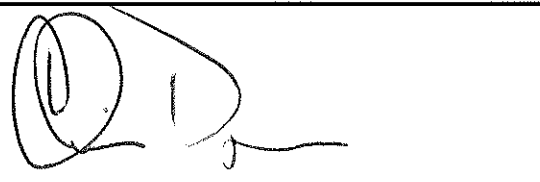
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Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 10 am Room 1948 Riffe Center

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Scott Borgemenke, Chairman



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Christopher Dragone, Executive Director