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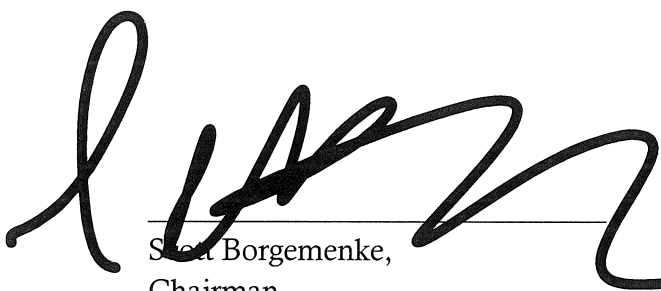
Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on July 13, 2022

1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on July 13, 2022, in Room 1932, at the Vern Riffe Center.
2. The Commission Chairman called the meeting to order. Chairman Borgemenke and Commissioners Beth Hansen, Greg Simpson, and Thomas Winters were present. Commissioner Bill Patmon was excused.
3. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 21, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
4. Executive Director Dragone discussed the Executive Director's 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.
5. Scioto Downs update: Jason Roth gave out demonstrative paperwork of photos of the new construction site. Joe Morris was unavailable. The Chairman inquired about the increase in costs from conception to now. Commissioner Hansen asked when the proposed opening would be; Jason Roth responded the goal is the beginning of the 2023 meet.
6. Approval of Casino Distribution Percentages Resolution. Due to the timing of this meeting, the Resolution had the percentages assigned instead of raw numbers. These numbers will be supplanted once the figures are available. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. Adjudication – Daniel Shetler. Commissioner Simpson moved to adopt the hearing officers Report and Recommendation. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
8. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through July 12, 2022, there have been twenty-nine (29) total fatalities from racing and training. There have been twenty-one (21) fatalities from the thoroughbreds – eighteen (18) racing and three (3) training, and eight (8) fatalities from the standardbreds. There was discussion regarding fencing retention ponds.
9. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. She noted it was the last budget report for the current fiscal year and will be starting to work on the 2024 and 2025 budgets. It was noted the total number of employees is down significantly over the last 10 years.
10. Chairman Borgemenke opened a discussion about the implementation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). It was noted that Ohio rules still apply except where HISA preempts the Ohio rules. HISA representatives, employees and/or contractors who are accessing restricted areas need to be signed in or become licensed. There appears to be a lack of consistency regarding communications from HISA: HISA was communicating to Belterra not to scratch unregistered connections yet telling Thistledown they were supposed to scratch unregistered connections. Racetrack management commented that HISA was reaching out directly to their employees, but not communicating directly with management.
11. Committee Reports:
 - A. Medication Committee – Commissioner Hansen noted the Lasix rule and the vets list rule are working their way through CSI and JCARR. There was a discussion about preserving the right of the Commission to prosecute a medication penalty once HISA takes over January 1, 2023, in case there is a successful lawsuit.
 - B. Safety Committee – Commissioner Simpson discussed having an October safety meeting.
 - C. Standardbred Committee – Commissioner Winters mentioned having a meeting in October.
12. Chairman's Comments – Chairman Borgemenke commented on the Five-year rule review.
13. There were no public comments and there was no executive session.

14. Commissioner Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Date, Time, & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, August 31, 2022 @ 10 am at Belterra Park



Scott Borgemenke,
Chairman



Christopher Dragone
Executive Director

8-14-22