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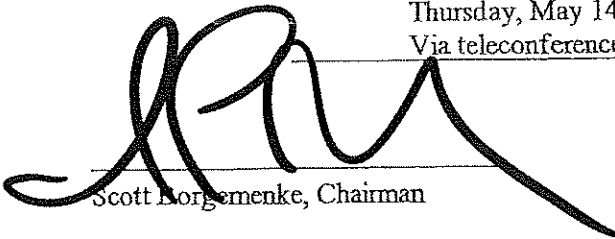
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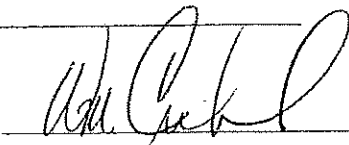
Scott Borgemenke
Chairman

Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting Held on May 13, 2020

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held an emergency meeting on May 13, 2020 via teleconference beginning at 10 am.
- 2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Greg Simpson, Beth Hansen, Thomas Winters and William Patmon were present.
- 3-Chairman Borgemenke stated that there would be another Commission meeting on May 14, 2020 at 11:00 am.
- 4- Chairman Borgemenke discussed Resolution 2020-11 and the associated Safety Protocols. The permit holders and the horsemen associations were asked for comments on the Resolution and the Safety Protocols.
- 5-Commissioner Simpson moved to recess the meeting until May 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The public meeting was recessed at 10:25 a.m. until 7:00 pm.
- 6- The Commission meeting resumed at 7:05 pm. Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Greg Simpson, Beth Hansen, Thomas Winters and William Patmon were present.
- 7- Commission Winters moved to resume the Commission meeting and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 8-Commissioner Winters made a motion for the Commission to consider Resolution 2020-11. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
9. Due to technological issues, the commission meeting was recessed at 7:30 pm until May 14, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020 @ 10 am
Via teleconference


Scott Borgemenke, Chairman


William Crawford, Executive Director

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2020-11

WHEREAS, the Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) has the authority under Revised Code 3769.06 to issue a permit to hold or conduct horse racing and the permit shall include the days upon which the horse racing is to be held or conducted;

WHEREAS, The Commission has issued a permit to Belterra Park Racetrack and JACKThistledown Racetrack to conduct Thoroughbred horse racing in 2020;

WHEREAS, The Commission has issued a permit to Scioto Downs Racetrack and Northfield Park Racetrack to conduct Standardbred horse racing in 2020;

WHEREAS, Since March 18, 2020, Thoroughbred horse racing and Standardbred horse racing has not been conducted in the State of Ohio due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, The Commission desires to give permission to these permit holders when horse racing may resume in the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, To ensure the safety of all horse racing participants, the Commission has developed Protocols for a Safe Return to Thoroughbred Racing without Spectators (“Thoroughbred Protocols”) and Protocols for a Safe Return to Standardbred Racing without Spectators (“Standardbred Protocols”) which are attached and incorporated by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission that Belterra Park Racetrack and JACKThistledown Racetrack may open their facilities for horsemen and horses to move in including dormitories and to conduct training and workouts starting on May 16, 2020. Belterra Park Racetrack and JACKThistledown Racetrack may resume live horse racing starting on May 21, 2020. Belterra Park Racetrack and JACKThistledown Racetrack are subject to and shall comply with the Thoroughbred Protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission that Scioto Downs Racetrack and Northfield Park Racetrack may open their facilities for horsemen and horses to move in including dormitories and to conduct training and qualifiers starting on May 16, 2020. Scioto Downs Racetrack and Northfield Park Racetrack may resume live horse racing starting on May 21, 2020. Scioto Downs Racetrack and Northfield Park Racetrack are subject to and shall comply with the Standardbred Protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commission due to this unprecedented and very fluid situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the commission chairman and/or the commission executive director is hereby authorized to change the Thoroughbred Protocols and/or Standardbred Protocols as circumstances dictate and they deem necessary without having to return to the commission for approval.

Adopted: May 13, 2020

Protocols for a Safe Return to Standardbred Racing w/o Spectators

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- Training should be developed and provided to all team members, security and medical personnel on all new procedures and monitoring/reporting requirements.
- Medical personnel will develop and be trained on procedures to ensure that all suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection are properly communicated, documented and directed to appropriate offsite quarantine facilities.
- Establish a Staff Directory of all contacts for key personnel which can be accessible with cell phone numbers and emails. Also include the current management chain of command with names of key personnel.
- List of Essential Personnel to be maintained by permit holder:
 - ❖ Include racing officials as designated by the state and safety staff.
 - ❖ Track employees
 - ❖ Personnel involved with the care, training and racing of horses including but not limited to grooms, trainers, blacksmiths, veterinarians.
 - ❖ Personnel licensed by the commission to ensure horse racing is held in compliance with state statutes and regulations.
 - ❖ Potential back-ups.

PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES

Medical Screenings

- Anyone wishing to enter the backside or racetrack facility must follow all established Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
 - ❖ Anyone refusing to comply will be denied entry and may be required to self-quarantine per CDC guidelines before attempting re-entry.
- A valid Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) license must be presented at the time of entry. If unlicensed and passes the medical screening the person must go directly to the licensing office.
- Pre-entry procedures include:
 - ❖ Wearing, at minimum, a suitable mask or face covering prior to entering and all times while on the grounds.
 - ❖ A medical screening which will include a medical questionnaire related to Covid-19 symptoms, known contact with anyone confirmed to have Covid-19, travel to or from places that require quarantine per Ohio Department of Health orders related to Covid-19 and a temperature reading.
- People living on the grounds will be required to:
 - ❖ Check in daily, at a designated check in point, for a medical screening.
 - ❖ Trainers must submit a current list of employees and keep it up to date.
 - Trainers will be informed of anyone on their list who does not show up for the daily screening or does not pass the screening.
 - ❖ Anyone who does not comply will be required to leave the grounds.

Quarantine/Isolation protocols

If a person seeking entry does not pass the medical screening:

- This person will be denied entry and asked to self-quarantine offsite per CDC guidelines.
- A log will be kept for individuals that fail initial medical screening so that track security can ensure current CDC self-quarantine timelines have been met prior to attempted re-entry to site.
- On-track personnel not passing the screening will be referred to medical personnel provided by the host track for a more in-depth evaluation to determine if they meet CDC guidelines for quarantining or isolation.
 - ❖ Those required to quarantine/isolate will be asked to report to their trainer to coordinate the offsite quarantine/isolation location in accordance with current CDC guidance.
 - ❖ They will be re-evaluated at the end of the CDC recommended quarantine/isolation period and allowed to return to work if they successfully pass the medical screening.
 - ❖ If they do not pass the medical screening additional quarantine/isolation time may be recommended and/or off-site treatment.

Procedures for onsite personnel and horses

- Hand sanitizing stations will be provided by the track at numerous locations in the barns and around the backside.
- Antibacterial liquid soap will be kept stocked in restrooms and bath houses.
- Personnel are urged to make frequent use of the sanitizers and soap.
- Sharing of barn/horse equipment shall be minimized.
 - ❖ If used by multiple horsemen, equipment shall be sanitized between each use.

On-Site Out of State Stables

- When backsides open there will be a one-time grace period for out of state horses to relocate to the stable area backside
 - ❖ The horses will proceed to assigned stalls/barns
 - ❖ All out of state stables must be settled on the backside by specified date

Ship-Ins

- Must proceed to assigned stall in Receiving Barn-No Exceptions
 - ❖ No shipping into on-site stable stalls
- Must leave same day/night-No Exceptions
- Receiving barns
 - ❖ Social distancing guidelines must be followed
 - ❖ Must have sanitizer stations
 - ❖ All frequent touch surfaces such as faucets, door handles etc. should be cleaned throughout the day
 - ❖ Rest rooms must be stocked with liquid soap

Dormitories

- Rooms may have two (2) people if they meet the following criteria
 - ❖ Criteria for two (2) people per room:
 - House families together i.e.-husband and wife
 - Currently room together
 - Work in the same stable
 - All other rooms must be single occupancy
 - ❖ No Guests or unassigned people allowed in rooms
 - ❖ Shower rooms-communal
 - Set hours with a minimum of eight (8) hours for shower use
 - Social distancing guidelines must be followed
 - Have an attendant to sanitize after each person showers
 - Stocked with liquid soap
- Cleaning
 - ❖ To maintain cleanliness within backside dormitories, track personnel will ensure cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, door handles, handrails and tables, as well as non-porous surfaces in bathrooms, and laundry areas using EPA and CDC approved disinfectants.
 - ❖ Wastebaskets will be placed in visible locations and emptied regularly.
 - ❖ Sanitizer stations located in prominent areas

DRIVERS' ROOM

- All drivers must pass the daily medical screening.
- The track will ensure that drivers and staff can maintain spacing within the driver's room to comply with proper social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and liquid soap will be provided for frequent use.
- The drivers' room shall be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each race day and remain closed on other days.
- Frequent use/touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day and/or supplies will be provided for additional cleansing.
- Drivers will be asked to leave following their last race.
- Drivers who are not regular drivers and/or come in from out of state and regular drivers who drive elsewhere and return:
 - ❖ These drivers will be located in a separate room. If there is more than one outside driver they must be provided with a large enough room to allow them to comply with social distancing guidelines and contain restroom facilities.
 - ❖ These drivers will not be allowed access to the backside except for the paddock/driver's room area.

GRANDSTAND/FRONTSIDE ACCESS/PADDOCK AREA/WINNER'S CIRCLE

- Access to the Frontside and any of the track premises will require the same medical screening as the backside.
- Grandstand and frontside access will be strictly limited to racing officials and required track staff.
- Until spectators are allowed owners will be prohibited from the grounds.
- All facilities will remain closed to the public.
- There will be no onsite wagering for racing to reduce the likelihood of congregation and to limit touchpoints on the grounds.
- Paddock access will be limited to officials, the trainer, groom, warm up personnel and horse.
- Winner's Circle pictures will be limited to horse and driver.

OFFICIALS AND RACE-TIME PERSONNEL

- Officials/charter/announcer/video/timer/photo finish
 - ❖ Ensure that safe distancing protocols can be met or install barriers
 - ❖ Adequate supply of sanitizer/soap to allow frequent cleansing.
- Race Office/Judge's office/OSRC office
 - ❖ Minimum number of staff to perform required functions
 - ❖ Provide means and adequate room to comply with social distancing guidelines:
 - For employees and officials
 - For people involved in judge's hearings
 - Entries by phone or computer
 - A designated horsemen's rep for the draws or show by video
 - Licensing
 - Limit number of people waiting in line to maintain social distancing.
 - Have security monitor the number of people allowed in office area at a given time.
 - No unnecessary people allowed.
 - Perform as many functions as possible by phone or remotely

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

To limit exposure and prevent the spread of germs and disease the following restrictions shall apply:

- No owners or spectators will be allowed at the track;
- No guests, no unlicensed personnel, no exceptions;
- No congregating in any areas;
- Only trainers and horsemen with horses stabled at the track or racing that day and others responsible for the care of the horses are allowed in the stable area;
- Track kitchen will remain open to serve onsite personnel only via carryout orders
- Individuals under the age of 16 will be prohibited from entering the barn area at any time.

CLEANING PROTOCOLS FOR BACKSIDE & TRACKSIDE OPERATIONS

- Restrooms
 - ❖ All restrooms/bath houses are pre-cleaned daily and cleaned a minimum of twice daily during normal operations. This includes:
 - frequent removal of trash
 - thorough cleaning of all surfaces.
 - ❖ All restrooms/bath houses are stocked with liquid soap.
 - ❖ Employees and on-site partners are encouraged to frequently wash/sanitize their hands.
- Barns
 - ❖ All frequent touch surfaces such as faucets, door handles etc. should be cleaned throughout the day
 - ❖ Sanitizer stations should be located within barns
- Offices
 - ❖ Daily cleaning and extra cleaning if needed.

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EMPLOYEE TRAINING

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 - ❖ Track employees
 - ❖ Personnel involved with the care, training and racing of horses including but not limited to grooms, hotwalkers, exercise riders, trainers and their assistants, jockeys, blacksmiths, veterinarians, outriders and pony persons.
 - ❖ Personnel licensed by the commission to ensure horse racing is held in compliance with state statutes and regulations.
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- A valid Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) license must be presented at the time of entry. If unlicensed and passes the medical screening, the person must go directly to the licensing office.
- Pre-entry procedures include:
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- People living on the grounds will be required to:
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 - ❖ Trainers must submit a current list of employees and keep it up to date.
 - Trainers will be informed of anyone on their list who does not show up for the daily screening or does not pass the screening.
 - ❖ Anyone who does not comply will be required to leave the grounds.

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If a person seeking entry does not pass the medical screening:

- They will be denied entry and asked to self-quarantine offsite per CDC guidelines.
- A log will be kept for individuals that fail initial medical screening so that track security can ensure current CDC self-quarantine timelines have been met prior to attempted re-entry to site.
- On-track personnel not passing the screening will be referred to medical personnel provided by the host track for a more in-depth evaluation to determine if they meet CDC guidelines for quarantining or isolation.
 - ❖ Those required to quarantine/isolate will be asked to report to their trainer to coordinate the offsite quarantine/isolation location in accordance with current CDC guidance.
 - ❖ They will be re-evaluated at the end of the CDC recommended quarantine/isolation period and allowed to return to work if they successfully pass the medical screening.
 - ❖ If they do not pass the medical screening additional quarantine/isolation time may be recommended and/or off-site treatment.

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- Antibacterial liquid soap will be kept stocked in restrooms and bath houses.
- Personnel are urged to make frequent use of the sanitizers and soap.
- Sharing of barn/horse equipment shall be minimized.
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- Receiving barns
 - ❖ Social distancing guidelines must be followed
 - ❖ Must have sanitizer stations
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 - ❖ Rest rooms must be stocked with liquid soap

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 - Currently room together
 - Work in the same stable
 - All other rooms must be single occupancy
 - ❖ No Guests or unassigned people allowed in rooms
 - ❖ Shower rooms-communal
 - Set hours with a minimum of eight (8) hours for shower use
 - Social distancing guidelines must be followed
 - Have an attendant to sanitize after each person showers
 - Stocked with liquid soap
- Cleaning
 - ❖ To maintain cleanliness within backside dormitories, track personnel will ensure cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, door handles, handrails and tables, as well as non-porous surfaces in bathrooms, and laundry areas using EPA and CDC approved disinfectants.
 - ❖ Wastebaskets will be placed in visible locations and emptied regularly.
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JOCKEYS' ROOM

- All jockeys must pass the daily medical screening
- The track will ensure that jockeys and staff can maintain spacing within the jockeys' room to comply with proper social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and liquid soap will be provided for frequent use.
- The jockey's room shall be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each race day and remain closed on other days.
- Frequent use/touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day and/or supplies will be provided for additional cleansing.
- Saunas will remain closed.
- Jockeys will be asked to leave following their last race.
- Jockeys who are not regular riders and/or come in from out of state and regular jockey who ride elsewhere and return:
 - ❖ These jockeys will be located in a separate room. If there is more than one outside jockey, they must be provided with a large enough room to allow them to comply with social distancing guidelines and have restroom facilities.
 - ❖ These jockeys will not be allowed access to the backside.
 - ❖ These jockeys will be provided a valet by the permit holder for the separate room only.
 - ❖ These jockeys will weigh in at the 'winner's circle' scale with their tack and then be escorted to their mount.
 - ❖ The saddle must be sanitized before being brought back to the jockey's room.

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- Grandstand, frontside and paddock access will be strictly limited to racing officials and required track staff as well as horsemen with horses racing that day.
- Until spectators are allowed owners will be prohibited from the grounds.
- Congregating on the apron will not be allowed. Must comply with social distancing guidelines.
- All facilities will remain closed to the general public.
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 - ❖ Ensure that safe distancing protocols can be met or install barriers
 - ❖ Adequate supply of sanitizer/soap to allow frequent cleansing.
- Race Office/Steward's office/OSRC office
 - ❖ Minimum number of staff to perform required functions
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