

Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on May 25, 2022

- 1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its monthly meeting on May 25, 2022, Room 1948, Vern Riffe Center, beginning at 10:00 am.
- 2. Prior to the meeting being called to order, Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke requested a moment of silence to honor the memories of the students who died in Texas. The Commission Chairman then 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.
- 3. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the April 20, 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 Winters moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals.

 Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5. Chairman Borgemenke discussed Resolution 2022-05 drug testing costs. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Resolution 2022-05. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 6. Settlement Agreements:
 - A. The Commission discussed the settlement agreement between the Commission and Jody Flommersfeld. Ms. Flommersfeld received a medication positive for Dexamethasone. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the settlement agreement with Ms. Flommersfeld. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- B. The Commission discussed the settlement agreement between the Commission and Art Gillum, Jr. Mr. Gillum, Jr. received a medication positive for Regumate. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the settlement agreement with Mr. Gillum Jr. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- C. The Commission discussed the settlement agreement between the Commission and Michael Micallef. Mr. Micallef received a medication positive for Gabapentin. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the settlement agreement with Mr. Sweeney. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 7. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through April 15, 2022, there have been nineteen (19) total fatalities from racing and training. There have been twelve (12) fatalities from the thoroughbreds and seven (7) fatalities from the standardbreds.
- 8. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. She spoke of casino revenue from the past fiscal year having an impact on this year's fiscal year. She explained the casino revenue payment from the April distribution. She noted expenses will be larger with more racing this spring.
- 9. Chairman Borgemenke opened a discussion about the implementation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). Chairman Borgemenke clarified the Commission was not signing the 'voluntary' agreement requested by HISA. The chairman requested input from the horsemen and racetrack Associations and requested they reach out to the Commission with their thoughts. Commissioner Winters raised the question of whether commissioners were required to register with HISA due to what HISA was posting on their website. Dave Basler from the HPBA and Renee Mancino from the OHHA both provided general input regarding registration with HISA, and the lack of transparency regarding communication with HISA

10. Committee Reports:

- A. Medication Committee Commissioner Hansen gave an update on the medication committee. There were two (2) Resolutions: 2022-06 which requires blood to be drawn from horses who are working off the vets list, and 2022-07 which revised the therapeutic substance list. Commissioner Hansen moved to pass Resolution 2022-06, and Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. Commissioner Hansen moved to pass Resolution 2022-07, and Commissioner Simpson seconded it. After public comments, Commissioner Hansen moved to table the motion, and Commissioner Borgmenke seconded.
- B. Safety Committee Commissioner Simpson discussed uniformity for all tracks in Ohio.

- C. Standardbred Committee Commissioner Winters discussed taking lighting into consideration when setting post-times to ensure there is enough daylight for tracks that do not have lights.
- 11. Chairman's Comments Chairman Borgemenke acknowledged the good work and cooperation by everyone concerning the Strangles quarantine at Thistledown racetrack.
- 12. There were no public comments., and no executive session
- 13. 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, June 21, 2022 @ 10 am Room 1948 Riffe Center

Scott Bergemenke, Chairman Christopher Bragme, Executive Director