



Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on February 25, 2021

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its monthly meeting February 25, 2021 via teleconference beginning at 12 pm.
- 2-Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Commissioners Greg Simpson, Beth Hansen, William Patmon Jr., and Thomas Winters were present.
- 3-Commissioner Simpson moved to approve the January 20, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 4- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Executive Director approvals. Commissioner Simpson moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5- The commission discussed Resolution 2021-02 cost of testing for FY 2022. Commissioner Winters moved to approve Resolution 2021-02. Commissioner Hansen second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The cost of testing for the Standardbreds per race will be \$212.80 and for the thoroughbreds \$194.17 per race.
- 6- The Commission discussed the re-appointment of Bradley Wallace to a three-year term as Trustee of the Harness Horsemen's Health and Retirement Program. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the re-appointment and Simpson second 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 February 25, 2021 there has been 6 fatalities from the thoroughbreds and 0 from the standardbreds. For 2020 there were 36 fatalities with 33 from the thoroughbreds and three from the standardbreds. In 2020, there was a decrease in the horse fatalities as compared to 2019.
- 8- Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. For January, the Commission had a gain of nearly \$78,000. For the current fiscal year revenues are down 19%, mainly due to pari-mutuel taxes being down 26%. Commission payroll expenses were down 18%, mainly due to the 4% pay cut for exempt employees.
- 9A- Commissioner Hansen discussed whether there should be a committee started to exam the new federal legislation (HISA) and what effect it will have on racing in Ohio.
- 9B-Commissioner Simpson discussed sending the fairs that have standardbred racing any new rule changes since they raced last in 2021.

10-The Chairman discussed the question if married jockeys can race in the same race as uncoupled entries.

11- There were no public comments

12A- The Commission discussed the James Arledge matter. The Commission heard from Executive Director Bill Crawford. Commission Winters moved that the Commission adopt the settlement agreement. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

12B-The Commission discussed the Keith Kash Jr. matter. The Commission heard from Executive Director Bill Crawford. Commission Winters moved that the Commission adopt the settlement agreement. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13A - The Commission discussed the Joseph Kramp matter. Commission Winters moved that the objections be overruled and that we adopt the hearing officer's administrative order denying the disqualification of Andrew Cooke. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13B- The Commission discussed the Keith Kash Jr. matter. Commission Winters moved that the objections be overruled and that we adopt the hearing officer's administrative order denying the disqualification of Andrew Cooke. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13C – The Commission discussed the Michael Micallef matter. Commission Winters moved that the objections be overruled and that we adopt the hearing officer's administrative order denying the disqualification of Andrew Cooke. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

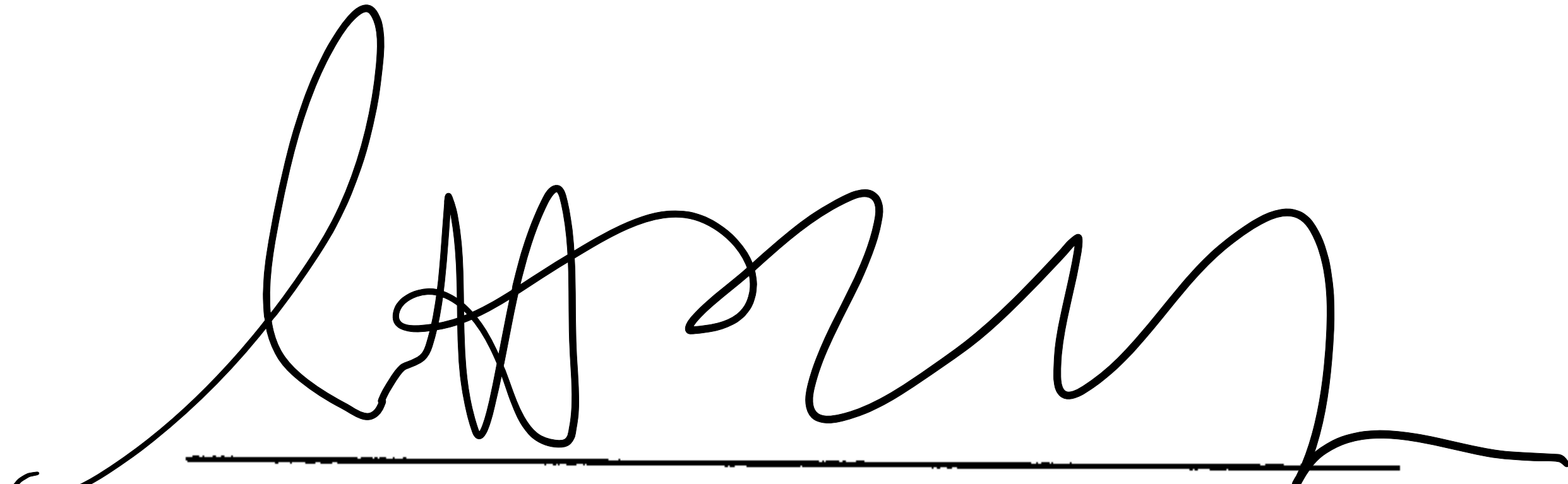
13D- The Commission discussed the Virgil Morgan matter. Commission Winters moved that the objections be overruled and that we adopt the hearing officer's administrative order denying the disqualification of Andrew Cooke. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

13E- The Commission discussed the Dale Loney matter. Commission Winters moved that the objections be overruled and that we adopt the hearing officer's administrative order denying the disqualification of Andrew Cooke. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.


14 –Commissioner Winters moved to go into executive session to consider the hiring, promotion, or compensation of public employees. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Chairman Borgemenke stated after executive session, the commission would only move to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Winters moved to go out of executive session and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

15-Commissioner Winters moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The public meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 10:00 am
via teleconference



Scott Borgemenke, Chairman



William Crawford, Executive Director

3.28.2021
