

Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on **November 19, 2020**

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its monthly meeting November 19, 2020 via teleconference beginning at 10 am.
- 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 Winters moved to approve the October 21, 2020 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 Hansen moved to ratify the Executive Director's approvals. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5- The Commission discussed Resolution 2020-17 which requires the permit holder to notify the Commission and the local health department if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 on the permit holders' property. Commissioner Winters moved the Commission approve Resolution 2020-17. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 6-Commission Veterinarian Dr. James Robertson updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. For the year 2020 there has been 34 fatalities with 31 from the thoroughbreds and 3 from the standardbred.
- 7-Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. There was an overall loss of \$180,000 for fiscal year 21. Payroll and service expenses were down 5% for fiscal year 21.
- 8A-Commissioner Hansen stated on October 15th the Medication Committee discussed endogenous, dietary and environmental substances. The Medication Committee met on October 22nd to discuss endogenic and anabolic steroids. On November 12th Commissioner Hansen, Dr. Robertson and Executive Director Bill Crawford met with Dave Basler from the Ohio Benevolent and Protective Association and Renee Mancino from the Ohio Harness Horsemen Association to discuss endogenous. dietary and environmental substances as well as endogenic and anabolic steroids. The Medication Committee should have a resolution for the Commission to consider at its December meeting.
- 8B-Commissioner Simpson stated the Safety Committee met on November 12th discussed several safety issues including the use of the riding crop and the whip as well as the head number requirement.
- 9-The Chairman acknowledged Mark Loewe for his great service to the Commission and racing community upon his retirement.

10-Chris McErlean, Vice President of Racing for Penn Gaming wanted to publicly acknowledged Mark Loewe for his contribution to racing in Ohio.

11-Principal Assistant Attorney General discuss the settlement agreement between the Commission and Christi Pokornowski aka Christi Noble. He recommended that the Commission approve the settlement agreement. Commission Winters moved that the Commission approve the settlement agreement between the Commission and Christi Pokornowski aka Christi Noble. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

12A-The Commission discussed the Ned Hodkinson matter. The Commission was provided with the report and recommendation from the hearing officer along with the objections filed by Mr. Hodkinson. The Commission also heard from Assistant Attorney General Charles Febus and Attorney John Izzo. Commission Winters moved that the Commission adopt the report and recommendation of the hearing officer. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

12B The Commission discussed the Rodney Moyers matter. The Commission was provided with the report and recommendation from the hearing officer along with the objections filed by Mr. Moyers. The Commission also heard from Assistant Attorney General Hallie Saferin and Attorney John Izzo. Commission Winters moved that the Commission adopt the report and recommendation of the hearing officer. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

14-Commissioner Simpson 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 10:52 a.m.

> Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting Wednesday, December 16, 2020 @ 10 am via teleconference

Scott Borgemenke, Chailenan

William Crawford, Executive Director

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2020-17

WHEREAS, Chapter 3769 of the Revised Code authorizes the Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") to regulate and preserve the integrity of horse racing in Ohio;

WHEREAS, Revised Code 3769.03 authorizes the Commission to take enforcement actions against all licensees, including permit holders' employees, as is in the public interest for the purpose of maintaining proper control over horse racing meetings;

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Journal Entry making COVID-19 a class A reportable disease in Ohio because of the severity of COVID-19 and the potential for epidemic spread;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine declared a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Executive Order 2020-01 D;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED any person who holds a Commission license, is on a Commission Permit Holders' property, and tests positive for COVID-19; shall immediately report the positive COVID-19 test result to the to Permit Holder's management and the Judges and/or Stewards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED upon notification of the positive COVID-19 test result, the Permit Holder shall notify the county health department who has jurisdiction over the Permit Holders' premises as well as the Commission's Executive Director;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any Licensee or permit holder employee who does not follow the requirements of this Resolution shall be subject to possible sanctions by the Commission.

Adopted: November 19, 2020