

Ohio State Racing Commission

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on October 21, 2020

- 1-The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its monthly meeting October 21, 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 September 16, 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 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 the 2021 race dates for all the permit holder:

Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley has applied for 103 race dates from January 2, 2021 through April 17, 2021 and October 27, 2021 through December 30, 2021.

Belterra Park has applied for 93 race dates from April 29, 2021 through October 7, 2021.

Thistledown has applied for 100 race days from April 29, 2021 through October 19, 2021.

Miami Valley Gaming and Racing applied for 86 race dates from January 3, 2021 through May 3, 2021.

Northfield Park has applied for 218 days from January 1, 2021 through December 29,2021.

Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway applied for 70 race dates from September 9, 2021 through December 30, 2021.

Scioto Downs has applied for 90 race dates from May 4, 2021 through September 4, 2021.

Commissioner Winters moved the Commission approve the 2021 race dates for all the permit holders. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6-- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the 2021 Meet Requests for Mahoning Valley Raceway, Northfield Park and Miami Valley Gaming and Racing. Commissioner Winters moved the Commission approve the 2021 Meet Requests for Mahoning Valley Raceway, Northfield Park and

Miami Valley Gaming and Racing. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7- Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed Resolution 2020-15 casino revenue distribution. The Commission received the third quarter casino revenue distribution of \$2,345,682.14. Resolution 2020-15 states the third quarter casino revenue distribution of \$2,345,682.14 is to be distributed to the emergency fund that was established by Commission Resolution 2020-09. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve Resolution 2020-15. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Executive Director reported distributions of \$820,631.52 to the standardbred fund, \$820,631.52 to the thoroughbred fund and a reimbursement of \$50,000 to the OHBPA. These distributions were from the emergency fund established by Resolution 2020-09.

- 8- Executive Director William Crawford discussed Resolution 2020-16 which allows the Executive Director to approve certain requests. Commissioner Simpson moved to approve Resolution 2020-16. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 9- Executive Director William Crawford discussed the approval of collection and settlement agents for calendar year 2021. Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the collection and settlement agents for calendar year 2021. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 10-Commission Veterinarian Dr. James Robertson updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. From September 1, 2020 thru October 21, 2020, there were seven thoroughbred fatalities. For the year 2020 there has been 30 fatalities with 28 from the thoroughbreds and 2 from the standardbred.
- 11-Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. There was an overall loss of \$134,000 for fiscal year 21. Commission revenues are down 24% through September and the Commission expenses were down 11%.
- 12A-Commissioner Hansen stated the Medication Committee discussed endogenous substances. The Medication Committee was meeting on October 22, 2020 to discuss androgenic substances. The Medication Committee should have a resolution for the Commission to consider at its November meeting.
- 12B-Commissioner Simpson stated the Safety Committee was going to meet in November to discuss several safety issues.
- 13-The Chairman acknowledged Mark Loewe for his great service to the Commission and racing community upon his retirement.
- 14-There were no public comments.
- 15-Commissioner Winters discussed two motions to disqualify the hearing officer. One filed by Respondent Keith Kash in Commission case number 2019-63. One was filed by Respondent Joseph Kramp in Commission case number 2020-17. Mr. Kash and Mr. Kramp are represented by the same counsel Attorney John Izzo. Commissioner Winters moved for the Commission to deny the motion to disqualify the hearing officer filed by Respondent Keith Kash in Commission case number 2019-63. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Winters moved for the Commission to deny the motion to disqualify the hearing officer filed by Respondent Joseph Kramp in Commission case number 2020-17. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Winters made a motion for all other cases when a motion to disqualify the hearing officer is filed. The motion to disqualify the hearing officer will be referred to another hearing officer who will hear the motion and write a report and recommendation. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16-Executive Director William Crawford discussed settlement agreements between the Commission and Dan Ater, Jeffrey Ebersole and William Cowans.

Commission Winters moved that the Commission approve the settlement agreement between the Commission and Dan Ater. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commission Winters moved that the Commission approve the settlement agreement between the Commission and Jeffrey Ebersole. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commission Winters moved that the Commission approve the settlement agreement between the Commission and William Cowans. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

17-Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Winters seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The public meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting Thursday, November 19, 2020 @ 10 am via teleconference

Scott Borgemenke, Chairman

William Crawford, Executive Director