



Ohio State Racing Commission

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Governor

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Minutes of the Ohio State Racing Commission Meeting held on September 8, 2021

1. The Ohio State Racing Commission ("Commission") held its' monthly meeting September 8, 2021, room 1948, Vern Riffe Center, beginning at 10:00am.
2. Commission Chairman Scott Borgemenke called the meeting to order. Chairman Borgemenke and Commissioners Beth Hansen, Greg Simpson and Thomas Winters were present. Commissioner Bill Patmon was not present.
3. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the July 21, 2021, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
4. Commissioner Winters moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. Commissioner Winters moved to go out of executive. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
5. Executive Director Bill Crawford 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.
6. Executive Director's Report
 - A) Executive Director Bill Crawford discussed the 2021 meet request for Mahoning Valley. (Chairman Borgemenke offered the following comments and insights during the meet request discussion.)
 - The Chairman inquired about the promotional budget for the race operations versus the budget to promote video lottery and noted that all buildings will be expected to provide information.
 - JACK Thistledown was asked to provide an update on the strobe light /horn system that is non-functional.

- The Chairman stressed to those in attendance the need for the corporate owners to support racing. The Chairman noted that OSRC leniency becomes OSRC responsibility and that the Commission is prepared to assess fines necessary to protect horses, jockeys, and spectators.
- Everyone who bought facilities in this state should be aware that they are required to have horse racing in order to offer other gambling programs.
- A decision on the use of the casino funds will be held in abeyance until properties demonstrate that the funds are supporting race operations.
- Finally, the Chairman noted that the Commission is considering fining Scioto Downs for its failure to address the grandstand with funding directed towards the horsemen, retirement, or other outlet.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve Mahoning Valley's meet request. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7. The approval request for the 2022 racing dates was moved to the October 20, 2021, commission meeting. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the request to move approval of racing dates to the October 20, 2021 meeting, and Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
8. Scioto Downs management staff presented an overview of the deteriorating present grandstand and an overview of the new grandstand that will be built for the 2022 racing season.
9. Chairman Borgemenke discussed the changing status, rules, and regulations regarding the use of a riding crop and commission staff was instructed to start the rule making process.
10. Commission veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson, updated the Commission on horse fatalities in Ohio. Through August 31, 2021, there have been 31 fatalities from the thoroughbreds and 4 fatalities from the standardbreds.
11. Sherry White, Commission Fiscal Officer, gave her monthly financial report. July showed the Commission had a gain of \$529,778, due mainly to a portion of the Casino Revenue Emergency Fund Fiscal being distributed to the operating fund.
12. Committee Reports
 - a. Medication Committee – Commissioner Hansen stated there would be a medication meeting on September 29, 2021.
 - b. Safety Committee – Commissioner Simpson stated there would be a safety meeting in October 2021.

13. Hearing Reports

a. Joseph Kramp – Case 2020-17 - The Commission was provided with the report and recommendation of the hearing officer along with the objections. The Commission heard from assistant attorney general Todd DeBoe. Mr. Kramp was represented by counsel. Commissioner Winters moved that the commission adopt the report and recommendation of the hearing officer. Commissioner Simpson second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

b. Keith Kash – Case 2019-63 - The Commission was provided with the report and recommendation of the hearing officer along with the objections. The Commission heard from assistant attorney general Todd DeBoe. Mr. Kash was represented by counsel. Commissioner Winters moved that the commission adopt the report and recommendation of the hearing officer. Commissioner Simpson second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

c. Dale Loney – Case 2020-14,15,19 - The Commission was provided with the report and recommendation of the hearing officer along with the objections. The Commission heard from assistant attorney general Todd DeBoe. Mr. Loney was represented by counsel. Commissioner Winters moved that the commission adopt the report and recommendation of the hearing officer. Commissioner Simpson second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

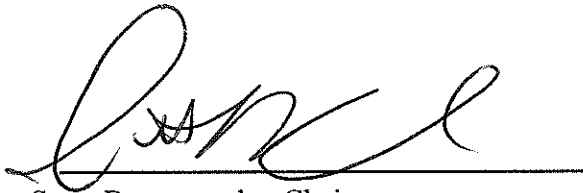
14. Chairman's Comments – Chairman Borgemenke shared with the attendees that Executive Director Bill Crawford would be retiring at the end of September following a lifelong career supporting racing. He thanked him for his service to the state of Ohio and wished him well with retirement.

15. There was no public comment

16. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Resolution 2021-08, appointing Chris Dragone as Executive Director on September 30, 2021 and recognizing Bill Crawford's 25 years' of service to the commission both before and as Executive Director. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote

17. Commissioner Simpson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 @ 10 am Room 1948 Riffe Center

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Scott Borgemenke, Chairman

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Christopher Dragone, Executive Director

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2021-08

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 3769.021 requires the Commission to appoint a Secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission;

WHEREAS, The Commission Secretary is the executive officer of the Commission and is also known as Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for keeping all Commission records, carrying out the rules and orders of the Commission and any other duties the Commission requires;

WHEREAS, William Crawford has honorably served the Commission since 1996 and as Executive Director since April 12, 2011 and will be retiring as Executive Director;

WHEREAS, Chris Dragone has extensive experience in the horse racing industry and meets all the statutory requirements to be Commission Executive Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commission appoints Chris Dragone to succeed William Crawford as the Commission’s Executive Director effective September 30, 2021.

Adopted: September 8, 2021