

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION

October 11, 2000

The Oregon Racing Commission conducted a telephone conference meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. to take action on New Portland Meadows simulcast approvals. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Stephen Walters, Chair; Tom Towslee and Lisa Metcalf, DVM. Vice Chair Laura Fine and David Price were excused.

Chair Walters stated that in July when the commission acted on the New Portland Meadows application, they did not delegate to the executive director the approval of their simulcasting program because the purse agreement had not yet been reached and there was concern depending on how that agreement was structured that it could have an effect on approval of the simulcasting program and allocation of proceeds from simulcasting revenues. Since that time a purse agreement which covers those issues has been reached between the HBPA and New Portland Meadows.

Steve Barham recommended that the commission approve the incoming simulcast signals as requested by New Portland Meadows based on the number of contracts that they have at this time.

ACTION: MOTION(Towslee) Approve the program that has been submitted to this point by New Portland Meadows and then delegate to the executive director the approval of future contracts including the export contracts provided the necessary approvals are received. In addition, all approvals of the simulcasting program are conditioned on meeting the requirements of the race meet license for running the proper number of racing days and running the proper number of races on each day.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

Another subject raised dealt with the delegated authority of the executive director to approve OTB site contracts. Chair Walters had a phone call from Al Westhoff regarding the Grants Pass OTB site stating the new contract with New Portland Meadows deleted the current arrangement in which Grants Pass retained the profits from that operation to help subsidize the Grants Pass race meet. Mr. Westhoff's understanding was that the termination of this arrangement was as a result of Grants Pass having entered into a contract with The Cummings Group for an alternative race meet at Grants Pass. Chair Walters asked the executive director, in exercising his delegated authority, to look into the situation when reviewing the OTB site contracts for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.