

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 15, 2001

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, February 15, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. for their regular meeting in Room 140 of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR. Commissioners in attendance were Steve Walters, Chair; Laura Fine, Vice Chair; Tom Towslee, Lisa Metcalf, DVM and Jeff Gilmour. After calling the meeting to order Chair Walters introduced Jeff Gilmour as the newest member of the commission to be appointed by the governor. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Approval of January 19, 2001, Minutes

ACTION: MOTION(Towslee) Approve minutes as submitted.

VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

2. New Portland Meadows Race Track Surface Report

The following individuals provided information on the current conditions of the of the race track surface in response to questions from the commission: Pat Carter, NPM, current person along with Bob Keen with responsibility for maintenance of the track; Darrell Haire, Jockeys' Guild; Dick Cartney, HBPA, Woody Mitchell, NPM; and Brian Ferryman, NPM.

Commissioner Metcalf stated there were many issues raised at track meeting she attended and she felt it would be valuable for the commission to be provided with information on some of those issues.

1. Does the track need to be ripped up and replaced? The answer is no. The base is solid, there're no cracks, nothing coming through, and so the track people are primarily working with the top 3-4 inches of the track surface. It's never a perfect track, and the manner in which it is worked depends on the weather conditions at the time. There is a delicate balance between organic matter, sand and water content. Rocks still appear to be a problem.

2. Who's in charge? Who is the track superintendent? Pat Carter and Bob Keen appear to be functioning in that capacity and are doing an excellent job by all reports from the horsemen and jockeys.

3. Who's going to pay for the improvements that are a continual process in maintaining the track? Shouldn't this be a budget that is submitted every year? Chair Walters raised the question as to whether or not there should be a track maintenance plan that would be presented as part of a license application for a race meet.

3. Application from AMERICATAB, Ltd. for Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hub License - continued from 1/19/01

Todd Bowker, Americatab, Ltd., and Michael Wiess, Americatab, Ltd. and General Manger, Beulah Park, were present to address issues raised by the commission on their operating plan as it relates to simulcasting/video

streaming, responsible gaming, and credit card wagering and their concept of velocity limits. Steve Barham started by reporting on his and Steve Roden's on-site visit to view their operation currently in place in Kentucky. He stated their tote and wagering information would meet our criteria for approving a hub license. As far as the rest of their application is concerned, Mr. Barham stated the softest place is the simulcasting/ video streaming portion of their operation. Following discussion on these issues, Chair Walters summarized by stating there was a fundamental policy issue on the credit card wagering and less so on the video streaming. As far as the other issues were concerned, he was in favor of approving the application contingent upon continuing to implement the program of video streaming within the next 30 to 60 days, enhancing their operating plan on the issue of problem gaming with delegation to the executive director the authority to approve those. Chair Walters also suggested that NTRA Services and US Off Track should have the ability to alter their credit card policies in conformity to the policy in this application should they request to do so.

ACTION: MOTION(Fine)

Approve the application subject to the issues previously discussed on modifications to the operating plan regarding responsible gaming, provisions in the operating plan on video streaming and upgrading that capability within a 30 to 60 day time frame, for non Oregon states have a \$50 minimum deposit, going to a customer minimum age of 21 subject to grandfathering existing customers between the ages of 18 and 21. Finally, delegate to the executive director the authority to approve the amendments to operating plan.

VOTE:

5 Aye, 0 Nay

(The commission took a five minute break)

4. Multnomah Greyhound Park Request for 2001 Plan for Operation and Maintenance of Training Track and Compound

Carl Wilson was present to answer questions regarding the 2001 plan for operation and maintenance of the training track and related facilities.

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION(Towslee) Approve 2001 plan for operation and maintenance of the training track and compound.

VOTE:

5 Aye, 0 Nay

5. New Portland Meadows Projects Update and Race Meet Report

Woody Mitchell reported the waste building has been completed on the inside. Exterior work should hopefully be completed by the end of the week. Regarding the race meet, they have had better attendance than in the recent past probably due to the nice weather. Attendance is up about 20% for the live racing and overall is up 14%. The overall handle is only down a little over 2.5%, instate Oregon handle is down 2.75%, horse simulcast is up 2.63%, and greyhound simulcast is down 5.25%. There are 760 horses currently on the backside.

6. NTRA Services, LLC Fourth Quarter 2000 Oregon Hub Activity Report

Roger Nyquist presented the NTRA fourth quarter report. Total handle was \$5.7 million for the quarter, which is up about 80% for this period last year. Following his report, Mr. Nyquist requested the commission give delegated authority to the executive director to approve an amendment in their operating plan with regard to the credit card policy.

ACTION: MOTION(Fine)

Delegate authority to the executive director to approve amendments to the operating plans regarding credit card policies similar to that which was earlier approved for Americatab for both NTRA Services, LLC and US Off Track.

VOTE:

5 Aye, 0 Nay

7. Crooked River Roundup 2001 Race Dates Request - July 11, 12, 13 and 14

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION(Gilmour)

Approve race dates request subject to timely submission of an application for issuance of a race meet license and approval of that application by the commission.

VOTE:

5 Aye, 0 Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.