

MINUTES
OREGON RACING COMMISSION
June 4, 2001

The Oregon Racing Commission conducted a telephone conference meeting on Monday, June 4, 2001, at 12:00 noon to take action on two agenda items. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Stephen Walters, Chair; Tom Towslee, Lisa Metcalf, DVM; Jeff Gilmour and Todd Thorne. After calling the meeting to order and as the first order of business, Chair Walters welcomed Todd Thorne to his first official meeting. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Reinstatement of Jockey License for Robert Webb

Chair Walters stated the Grants Pass race meet is scheduled to start June 16th, and according to Al Westhoff there are plenty of horses but they are having difficulty in getting jockeys. A suggestion was made that since Bobby Webb seems to be in riding shape could he have a license to be a jockey at the Grants Pass meet. Two issues of concern are: (1) Is this something Mr. Webb wants to do and does it make sense in terms of his rehabilitation and recovery plan, and (2) Even if he wants to do this is the commission prepared to give him a jockey license. In response to the first question Mr. Webb stated he felt he was physically as fit as he was going to be and he feels his rehabilitation and recovery program is going well. His feelings are that Oregon racing has been good to him, and if he is in a position to help without hurting himself that he would like to do that. He went on to say he would plan to go to Grants Pass on the weekends to ride and then come back home for the majority of the week. A concern was voiced about the commission making decisions to license based on a jockey shortage. It was the consensus that decisions to license needed to continue to be on a case-by-case basis and should be determined on the merits of each request.

ACTION: MOTION(Metcalf) Approve jockey license for Robert Webb.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

2. Request by OQHRA for Approval of Transfer of \$15,300 Quarter Horse Purse Account Money

Steve Barham presented the background on this request. These purse account funds were generated at Portland Meadows and ordinarily would be held over for the next Portland Meadows race meet. In discussions between Al Westhoff of Josephine County Fair and Dave Nelson of OQHRA the possibility of transferring these funds to the Quarter Horse purse account for the 2001 Grants Pass race meet was explored. Mr. Barham told them that the action would have to be acted upon by the commission and suggested that whoever was going to have a future race meet at Portland Meadows should be able to provide some input on this transfer. Even though there is not a finalized lease between Tom Moyer and Magna Entertainment, Magna did ultimately state verbally that they did not have any difficulty with the transfer. Following his explanation, Mr. Barham recommended approval of the request.

ACTION: MOTION(Towslee) Approve request to transfer the funds.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.