

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION

November 16, 2006

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at the Portland State Office Bldg, 800 NE Oregon Street, in Room 140. Commissioners in attendance were Chair Jeff Gilmour, Julianne Davis, Lisa Metcalf and Kerry Johnson. Vice Chair Todd Thorne was excused.

Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Approval of October 19, 2006 Minutes

ACTION: MOTION (Metcalf) Approve minutes as submitted.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

2. Portland Meadows Update Reports

Dwayne Yuzik, General Manager, Portland Meadows, was present to answer questions. Information and discussions included the following:

Raced 16 days this year compared to eleven days last year at this time; the average runners per race is up 3.63 percent; the average daily purses are up about 21 percent and the average daily wager handle is up almost 35 percent.

The overall on-track handle is doing better than expected considering the new schedule of racing on Tuesday and not on Saturday. That handle is down only 10 percent.

Special dates coming up: Thanksgiving morning Portland Meadows will offer a free breakfast to the customers on the front side, with purchase of a program; Oregon Day is on December 10th; a non-racing event which gets tremendous national attention is the Nike sponsored, national cross-country event that will be held in December at Portland Meadows for the third year. Nike has been a big track supporter and they hope that the company will consider holding additional events at Portland Meadows in the future.

⇒ Commissioner Metcalf asked for an update on the situation with the post time schedule and the amount of lag time between post and when the horses actually run. Mr. Yuzik explained that they are continuing to try to run as close to schedule as possible and doing a very good job. The post times have been increased from 25 minutes between races to almost 31 minutes to provide a buffer for situations that come up. The schedule also works for exporting as Portland Meadows' post times run between the post times at Turf Paradise.

⇒ In response to Executive Director Hanson's question about how the track was dealing with the mass amounts of rain, Mr. Yuzik explained that the Baker tanks were functioning well and managing the excessive amounts of water very effectively.

3. Sub-Committee Update Reports

Medication Sub-Committee Update: Chair Gilmour stated that the medication rules hearing was held earlier as scheduled. The Commission has extended submission of proposed changes for an additional 15 days with the next hearing to be scheduled on December 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Metcalf requested that supporting documentation, scientific peer reviewed articles, also be submitted with any suggested language changes.

4. Confirmation of Next Commission Meeting – December 21, 2006

All Commissioners in attendance stated that they would be present at the next meeting.

5. Commission Action on Proposed Permanent Rule OAR 462, Division 160 Horse Medication

Chair Jeff Gilmour explained that this agenda item would be tabled until the next Commission meeting on December 21, 2006.

6. Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association 2006-2007 Request for Tier Two Hub Funds

Dick Gage, Oregon Greyhound Association President, was present to answer questions on behalf of Mr. Bruno who was unable to make the meeting. Information and discussions included the following:

Requested \$17,000 from the Tier Two Hub Funds for the Farm Monitor Program, the same amount as was requested last year.

⇒ In response to Chair Gilmour's question, Dick provided that there were currently 52 dogs in the adoption kennel.

⇒ Presiding Greyhound Judge, Tom Weaver recommended approval as these funds are used for regulatory purposes as defined in the rules. He explained that he heavily relies on the compliance officer to monitor the farm conditions and report any issues of concern.

⇒ For the record, Chair Gilmour asked why the Commission should continue to regulate the greyhound industry when there is no longer greyhound racing in Oregon. Judge Weaver explained that two years ago after the greyhound track closed, the Commission elected to continue to provide funds, with stipulations, to the adoption kennel for a four year period to assist in the transition. The Commission still has regulatory, statutory and rule, authority over individuals and farms holding greyhound licenses issued by the Commission. Monitoring and regulating the licensed farms and breeding is required in order to meet those stipulations. If the farms aren't licensed, then the Commission has no jurisdiction to uphold the rules and insure the safety of the greyhounds.

ACTION: MOTION (Metcalf) Approve the Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association request for Tier Two Hub Funds

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

At this time the Commission entered into Executive Session and upon their return continued the meeting with the following agenda item.

7. Final Order by Default for Alonzo Morgan

ACTION: MOTION (Johnson) Adopt the Final Order by Default for Alonzo Morgan

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

8. Proposed Final Order for Timothy James Neal

ACTION: MOTION (Davis) Adopt the Proposed Order as amended and, in addition, increase the fine from \$350.00 to \$500.00 as the Final Order.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

9. Public Comment

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.