



MINUTES

Oregon Racing Commission July 21, 2011

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon.

In Attendance

Commissioners: Chair Stan Robson, Vice-Chair Christopher Dudley, Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM, Commissioner Charles Williamson and newly appointed Commissioner Jan Palmer, DVM

Staff: Randy Evers (Executive Director) and Kelly Gabliks (Assistant Attorney General)

Call to Order

Commission Chair Stan Robson requested the ORC's Executive Director Randy Evers to introduce the ORC's new Commissioner to those in attendance. Executive Director Evers stated that it was a pleasure to introduce the Commission's new Commissioner, Dr. Jan Palmer, DVM. Directors Evers reported that he spent an hour or so with Commissioner Palmer to go over some of the ORC materials and that the Commission is fortunate to have her as a Commissioner. Commissioner Palmer thanked the Commission and stated that she was very happy to be serving on the Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals:

July 21, 2011 Meeting Agenda

Action: Motion to approve the agenda as submitted with the addition of the Oregon Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (OTOBA) report and the postponement of the award presentation for Commissioner Kerry Johnson until the August ORC meeting.

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

Seconded: Commissioner Huber

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Excused: Commissioner Palmer

June 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the June 10, 2011 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

Seconded: Commissioner Williamson

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Excused: Commissioner Palmer

June 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the June 29, 2011 special teleconference Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

Seconded: Commissioner Williamson

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Excused: Commissioner Palmer

Old Business:

Sub-Committee Update Reports:

a. Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) and Multi-jurisdictional Hubs

Commissioner Williamson stated that the ADW sub-committee met the morning of July 21, 2011 prior to the full ORC meeting. In the meeting the sub-committee agreed to request an executive session on the morning of the August ORC meeting as they would like to discuss some confidential matters. Commissioner Williamson reported that there may be some opportunities that also need reviewing.

b. Best Practices

Nothing to report

c. Budget and Hub Funds

Commission Chair Stan Robson stated that he requested that Commissioner Huber serve on the Budget and Hub Funds sub-committee. They will have a meeting next month. There is nothing to report this month.

d. Medication and Horse Welfare

Commissioner Huber stated that there is a sub-committee meeting scheduled for next month. There is nothing to report this month.

e. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Evers reported on the summer fair meets to date. Director Evers stated that the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show's attendance and handle was about average which was very good considering the struggling economy. The fields were fairly full and that helped.

Director Evers reported that there were challenges with Grants Pass, as in past years, with a group of non-supportive individuals. The media reflects both good and less-than-good coverage. The Grants Pass handle and attendance was down about nine percent this year and fields were not as full.

Director Evers reported that Prineville's Crooked River Round-Up (CRRU) may have had their best meet in many years. The handle for Wednesday "ladies night" was over \$50,000.00, Thursday was around \$42,000.00, Friday was over \$60,000.00 and Saturday exceeded \$70,000.00 for live racing handle. The grandstands were packed. Racing is well received by the community of Prineville and Bend. Director Evers stated that by all accounts Prineville had a huge success with their meet this year.

Director Evers stated that Tillamook is next to run in August. The Tillamook Fair has run a field of six horses for many years and would like to run seven. They are going to

remodel their paddock and update a few other things so that next year they can run a field of seven horses.

Director Evers reported that there has been some ideas and discussion about bringing stakeholders of the industry together for a discussion facilitated by state employees in Salem that have extensive training in facilitating meetings. They are experts in the area of helping agencies with missions, goals and problem-solving. This group, together with the stakeholders, would then discuss how to build a plan for the future of horse racing in Oregon.

Commission Chair Robson stated that he would like to see the Commission move forward with this idea. Chair Robson asked for Commission volunteers to participate in the process. Commissioner Williamson and Dudley stated that they would participate in this effort.

New Business:

Oregon Thoroughbred Owner's and Breeder Association (OTOBA):

Wendie Hayes Pounds presented the reports from the Portland Meadows meet and the Owners and Breeders awards. The owner's bonus rate is down about 3%. Gay Welliver requested approval to pay out the awards. Two checks will be held until there is clarification of the ownership on one particular horse. Ms. Welliver asked if they needed to consult with the ORC Stewards to determine ownership. Executive Director Randy Evers stated that this was not an ORC issue. Chair Robson concurred with Director Evers and Commissioner Dudley stating that the OTOBA would need to follow the Association rules.

Action: Motion to approve the OTOBA awards distribution as presented in the report.

Moved by: Commissioner Huber

Seconded: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Information, Materials and Approvals:

None

Contested Cases:

Chair Robson stated that in the matter of Clifford Balcom the ORC would go into executive session at 2:03pm to consider information or records exempt from disclosure pursuant to ORS 192.501 (2) and to consult with counsel concerning its legal rights and duties regarding litigation likely to be filed pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) and to deliberate on pending contested cases pursuant to ORS 192.690(1). The public meeting reconvened at 2:23pm.

Action: Motion to adopt the Final Order of Default in the case of Jimmie Hill and to impose a \$100.00 penalty.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commission Huber

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action: Motion to delay the decision and vote on the contested case of Clifford Balcom until the August 18, 2011 Commission meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commission Huber

Vote: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley, Commissioner Williamson, Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Huber vote Aye. (4 Ayes)
Commission Chair Robson votes Nay (1 Nay)

Other Business As May Properly Come Before the Commission:

None

Public Comment:

None

Confirmation of the Next Commission Meeting:

Thursday, August 18, 2011 Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25p.m.