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Oregon Racing Commission Special Teleconference Meeting June 29, 2011

Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the ORC at the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR Suite 310.

In Attendance by Telephone

Commissioners: Chair Stan Robson (presiding), Vice-Chair Christopher Dudley, Commissioner Charles Williamson, Commissioner Kerry Johnson and Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

Staff in Attendance by Telephone

Kelly Gabliks (Assistant Attorney General)

Staff (In Person): Randy Evers (Executive Director) and Karen Parkman (Administrative Assistant)

Call to Order

Commission Chair Stan Robson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals:

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Action: Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Dudley

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Old Business:

Ron Sutton, President of the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolence and Protective Association (OHBPA) stated that the OHBPA had delivered a copy of a petition to run 517 races to Executive Director Randy Evers of the ORC on the morning of June 29, 2011.

Action: Motion to approve the petition from the OHBPA to run 517 races for the 2011-2012 Portland Meadows race meet.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Huber

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 nays

Portland Meadows (PM) Commercial Race Meet License Renewal:

Will Alempijevic, General Manager for Portland Meadows (PM) stated that PM and the Oregon Horsemen's Benevolence and Protective Association (OHBPA) have a fully executed Horsemen's Agreement.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Alempijevic if PM has a current certificate of insurance and bond that reflects the new business name. Mr. Alempijevic stated that the old certificate didn't expire until June 30, 2011 and that he would send a copy of the renewal, with new name Oregon Racing Inc., and new dates as soon as he receives it. Will Alempijevic stated that he had delivered to Executive Director Randy Evers a valid copy of the bond.

Will Alempijevic stated that PM will have 55 live race days for a total of 517 races. First post time will be 12:00pm each day of racing. Opening day will be October 17, 2011 and the meet will close on March 14, 2012.

Action: Motion to approve Portland Meadows license application for the 2011-2012 race meet.

Moved by: Commissioner Williamson

Seconded: Commissioner Dudley

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 nays

Hub Fund Request by Portland Meadows:

Commissioner Johnson stated that the budget sub-committee met and reviewed the budget projections. The committee is in support of recommending that \$40,000.00 be allocated to Portland Meadows for the 2011-2012 race meet for marketing and advertising.

Action: Motion to approve a \$40,000.00 allocation of hub funds to Portland Meadows to be designated for 2011-2012 marketing and advertising of horse racing in Oregon.

Moved by: Commissioner Johnson

Seconded: Commissioner Williamson

After the motion, there was brief discussion by Commissioner Huber stating that he wanted assurances that the funding for PM would not supplant PM's marketing funding. Mr. Alempijevic assured him that it would not. The vote was taken.

Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 nays

Directors Evers stated that because revenues were higher than anticipated the allocation of forty-thousand dollars is available at this time. The summer fair race meets and associations will not be impacted by this allocation to Portland Meadows.

Will Alempijevic thanked the Commission for their acknowledgment of the important role that Portland Meadows has with racing in Oregon.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.