



## MINUTES

### Oregon Racing Commission June 21, 2012

#### Meeting Detail

The Oregon Racing Commission (ORC) met on Thursday, June 21, 2012 in Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon.

#### Call to Order

Commission Chair, Stan Robson, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

#### In Attendance

**Commissioners:** Chair Stan Robson, Vice-Chair Christopher Dudley, Commissioner Charles Williamson and Commissioner Jan Palmer, DVM

#### Excused

Commissioner Michael Huber, DVM

#### Staff

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

## AGENDA ITEMS

#### Approvals:

##### June 21, 2012 Meeting Agenda

Action: Motion to approve the June 21, 2012 ORC Agenda as submitted.

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

##### May 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the May 17, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as submitted.

Moved by: Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

Seconded: Commissioner Palmer

Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### Old Business:

##### Sub-Committee Update Reports:

- a. Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) and Multi-jurisdictional Hubs  
Executive Director Randy Evers introduced Jan Klukis to the Commissioners. He stated that she comes to the ORC from Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to help with the ADW work load.

Ms. Klukis stated that she was happy to be working for the ORC. She thanked the ORC for the opportunity to help and learn more about the ADW program. Ms. Klukis stated that she has many years experience in payroll, budgeting/accounting, management, marketing and human resources.

b. Best Practices

Commission Vice-Chair Dudley stated that the Executive Director's evaluation would be conducted in executive session at the end of the meeting. He stated that he had nothing else to report at this time.

c. Budget and Hub Funds

Commission Chair Robson stated that the budget sub-committee met before the ORC meeting to review staffing for the time between meets when Portland Meadows or the summer meets are not running. The group discussed what the work load might look like during that period.

Commissioner Palmer stated that the FROG group has asked for \$2500.00 from the ORC to help offset expenses for the Horsemen's Day event. She stated that all the other groups have pledged to support the event as well. The OHBPA will give \$2,000.00, OQHRA \$300.00, and the OTOBA over \$400.00.

Chair Robson stated that Director Evers reported that there is money in the budget to help with this project.

**Action:** Motion to approve the request for \$2500.00 to be given to the FROG group to be used to help pay expenses for the Horsemen's Day event at Portland Meadows on July 22, 2012.

**Moved by:** Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

**Seconded:** Commissioner Williamson

**Vote:** 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

d. Medication and Horse Welfare

Commission Vice-Chair Dudley stated that the sub-committee had not met this month and there was nothing to report.

e. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Evers stated that he had a couple of things to share. He stated that he wanted to introduce a guest, Michelle Deister, who is the ORC's legislative fiscal analyst. She is visiting today to learn more about what the ORC does. He stated that Ms. Deister works with the Ways and Means committee and is responsible for helping us have our budget approved.

Director Evers reported that our Governor has a new process for the "Governor's Recommended Budget." This process is a presentation of our budget to a team of people that are citizens in the community called "Program Funding Teams." The presentation took place on Thursday, June 07, 2012 in Salem. There are about seven different teams and our team was called the "Jobs and Economy" team. He stated that he and Nancy Artmann went to Salem to give the presentation.

Director Evers reported that the summer fair race meets have begun. The first one was held in Union, Oregon. He stated the weather was not good, it was cold and very windy and the field sizes were off a bit. He stated that the handle was also down. Director Evers reported that the meet went pretty well overall.

Director Evers stated that the first weekend at Grants Pass went pretty well. The field sizes were off a little and rider count was low. The handle was also down quite a bit.

Directors Evers reported that the Harney County fair has invited him to meet with them and rodeo representatives to explain how things will be executed during the meet this year.

f. **Future of Racing in Oregon (FROG) Update**

Commissioner Palmer stated that the FROG meeting was well attended. The group reviewed the completed economic impact study. The plan is to release it in September. The group had more discussion on how to raise funds for the PAC. There is a fundraising dinner planned for August 17, 2012. Commissioner Palmer reported that the FROG website is almost done and that Wendie Hayes-Pounds has put a lot of time into it.

Commissioner Palmer stated that the plans for the Horsemen's Day event are coming along well.

**New Business:**

**Portland Meadows Marketing Report:**

Will Alempijevic, General Manager of Portland Meadows (PM), provided a marketing report to the Commissioners for their review. Mr. Alempijevic stated that the report reflects how the hub fund money has been spent along with the matched funds for marketing purposes. The report details where and how money was spent. Mr. Alempijevic stated that PM's parent company has really been supportive of working with PM to make the summer race meet as successful as possible including making some improvements to the facility.

**Totalizator Licensing Presentation:**

• **United Tote:**

Jill Miller presented the application for United Tote. Ms. Miller stated the application was complete and recommended United Tote for licensing approval.

**Action:** To approve United Tote for a Totalizator license.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Williamson

**Seconded:** Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

**Vote:** 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

• **Intermountain Tote:**

Jill Miller presented the application for Intermountain Tote. Ms. Miller stated that the application was complete and recommended Intermountain for licensing approval.

**Action:** To approve Intermountain Tote for a Totalizator license.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Williamson

**Seconded:** Commission Vice-Chair Dudley

**Vote:** 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Oregon Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (OTOBA):**

Wendie Hayes-Pounds, President of the OTOBA, was present to share information about the Horseman's Day event. She stated that the plan for the Horseman's Day event is to

produce a new audience to horse racing. The event is geared to draw people from other areas of the horse industry as well as the general public. The FROG group hired a well known clinician in the horse world by the name of Josh Lyons who is the son of John Lyons. Together they perform the "Lyons Legacy Horsemanship" clinics all over the United States. FROG has also hired Steve Barham from the University of Arizona to discuss the race track industry program. They also have Jen Perkins from Q Racing Aces to discuss handicapping, how to read the race form, the different types of bets there are and how to place bets. They also have a saddle fitting specialist, photographer, a horse and rider dance performance, race horse building clinic, regulation of racing with Director Evers and various other vendors.

**Information, Materials and Approvals:**

None

**Contested Cases:**

None

**Other Business As May Properly Come Before the Commission:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Confirmation of the Next Commission Meeting:**

Thursday, July 19, 2012, Room 1A of the Portland State Office Building at 1:30p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The Commissioners and Executive Director Evers went into executive session at 2:00p.m.

Chair Robson adjourned the executive session at 2:40p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Robson adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 2:43p.m.