

MINUTES (AMENDED)

OREGON RACING COMMISSION JULY 20, 1995

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, July 20, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. for their regular meeting in Room 140 of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 N. E. Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Stephen Walters, Chair; Brad Higbee, Vice Chair; Richard Reid, who arrived after meeting was called to order; and Laura Fine. George Rankins was excused. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Minutes of June 16, 1995, Commission Meeting

ACTION: MOTION (Higbee) Approve as submitted.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused, 1 Absent

2. Multnomah Greyhound Park Update

Carl Wilson reported on July 10th they were a little over half-way through the race meet. At that time the total handle was down 6.5% and the live handle was down 16.1%, creating a per performance decrease of 13.6% from last year. On the other hand, the simulcast handle for horses was up 1.9% and simulcast handle for greyhounds was up 77%, however, the per performance totals were about the same as last year. In addition, attendance figures on-track are down 12%, with a drop of 10.7% including off track sites. The Wiener Dog Summer Nationals again were very successful. MGP will be an off-track site for Lone Oak this year.

Dick Cummings reported on HB 3411, thanking everyone for their work on the bill. Additionally, he stated that if the bill fails, there is a possibility management might have to consider closing MGP. He reiterated this was only one of several possibilities to be considered, including possibly radically reducing their racing dates for next season.

(Richard Reid arrived)

3. Lone Oak Racing Update

It was announced items 3 and 8 would be combined. Regarding the Grants Pass meet, Chair Walters stated he felt there should be a meeting scheduled between the commission and Lone Oak Racing to discuss the outcome of the Grants Pass race meet and to discuss how it should be planned for and conducted in the future.

Regarding Salem, Lonnie Craig reported the OTB system problems seem to have been worked out. Request was made for LOR to take the Calder signal out of Florida. On this request, Roger Nyquist stated in August Northern California fair circuit and in September the Southern California fair circuit have usually been simulcast. The off-track sites would like to have the Calder signal brought in in place of the fair circuits from California. Concerns were raised regarding decoders, data lines, and integration with other signals coming in.

List of officials for Salem: Recommended to delegate authority to Steve Barham to approve.

Lonnie Craig reported letters were sent to Eugene and Klamath Falls regarding continuation of these locations as off-track sites.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid)

Delegate authority to Steve Barham to approve Calder signal and to pull plug on Calder if it interferes with Flagler. Additionally, delegate to Mr. Barham authority to approve race meet officials for Salem.

VOTE:

4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

4. Clark Webster Issue

Clark Webster has requested a hearing regarding the Notice of Intent to Revoke which was sent to him on June 26, 1995. Since he is currently incarcerated in Josephine County Jail for a period of six months for **a probation violation**, it was decided to set his hearing for January 19, 1996.

5. Approval of Proposed Rule - OAR 462-50-530 - Distribution of Breakage and Owners' Bonuses in Cases of Cross Class Simulcasting of Out-of-State Races

Chair Walters stated written comments had been received and had been read by commissioners. If anyone had additional comments not already stated in written form and wished to present them to the commission they were invited to do so. There being none, Brad Higbee suggested an amendment in the last sentence for the purpose of clarification, to read as follows: "In the case of cross class simulcasting or the simulcasting of a breed not running live at the race meet the distributions required by ORS 462.062(4), (5), (6) and 462.140(3)(a), (b), and (c) shall be made on a prorata basis to the breeds which are running live, based on number of **live races each breed runs.**"

ACTION: MOTION (Higbee)

Adopt proposed rule as amended.

VOTE:

4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

6. Approval of Proposed Rule - OAR 462-29-005 - Changing Allowable Amount of Procaine in Greyhounds from One (1) Microgram per Milliliter to Three (3) Micrograms per Milliliter

ACTION: MOTION (Higbee) Adopt proposed rule as submitted.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

7. George Rankins' RCI Plan

Steve Barham reported that part of George Rankins' plan during his term as RCI chairman was to take a poll of commissioners to see how RCI is serving the various jurisdictions and then to implement what the membership wants. The cost of the poll is \$13,000. The commission needs to vote on whether or not conducting the poll is a good idea.

ACTION: MOTION (Higbee) Authorize Steve Barham to write letter to RCI on behalf of the commission in support of conducting a poll.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH WERE DISCUSSED

1. It was announced J. D. Hultine, commission veterinarian, had submitted his resignation effective August 4, 1995. While Dr. Hultine was not present at the meeting, on behalf of the commission Chair Walters thanked him for his service to the Racing Commission these past years and extended best wishes in his future endeavors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.