

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 15, 1996

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, February 15, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. for their regular meeting in Room 120C of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 N. E. Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Stephen Walters, Chair; George Rankins, Richard Reid and Laura Fine. The fifth commissioner position was vacant this month. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Minutes of January 19, 1996 Commission Meeting

Chair Walters amended the motions on Items 4c and 6.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve minutes as amended.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

2. Summer Circuit 1996 Race Meet Applications

a. Eastern Oregon Livestock Show (6/7, 8 and 9)

Steve Barham recommended approval of the application.

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Approve race meet application and delegate to executive director authority to approve any changes in race meet officials.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

b. Tillamook County Fair (8/8, 9 and 10)

Steve Barham recommended approval of the application. Commissioner Rankins inquired as to the after effects of the flood at the fairground facilities.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve race meet application and delegate to executive director authority to approve any changes in race meet officials.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

c. Harney County Fair (9/7 and 8)

Steve Barham recommended approval of the application.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve race meet application and delegate to executive director authority to approve any changes in race meet officials.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

3. New Portland Meadows Update

Mike Dorough reported since the last meeting there had been several disaster problems which had a profound effect on both the live and simulcast handles. The live handle is down 21%, horse simulcast handle is down 4.2% and the greyhound simulcast handle is down 8.9%, bringing the total live and simulcast handle down 8.8%. Attendance figures are down 19 to 20%. They are adding a live race day on Presidents Day, February 19, 1996. New promotions are taking place at the OTBs.

4. Letter from Gary Larsen Dated February 12, 1996

Steve Barham reported Mr. Larsen's letter dealt with the problem on pools not being merged with the host track. This has happened three times with Bay Meadows. Following discussion, Chair Walters suggested working with the operators to determine the best way to handle the problem. Steve Barham will make arrangements to meet with representatives of all tracks doing simulcasting, Autotote and Gary Larsen in the near future.

5. Grand Ronde Casino Update

Steve Barham reported Spirit Mountain was wanting to engage in simulcasting with a Nevada disseminator. Paul Sundermier stated regarding Indian casinos that the ORC has very limited authority. If the operation of simulcasting at the casino site meets the requirements of the Interstate Horse Racing Act, then they meet the necessary standards. Chair Walters would like to have a letter from the Indian casino stating they are planning to select a Nevada disseminator.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Direct the executive director to contact Spirit Mountain and ask them to write a letter stating their intent to use a Las Vegas group to simulcast racing. In addition, delegate to executive director authority to act on their letter once received.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

6. Josephine County

a. Request for ITW

Alan Westhoff expressed Josephine County's desire to establish an ITW near the fairgrounds. The Commission acknowledged JCF's interest and hoped that they could work out an arrangement with the various race tracks to have one.

b. 1996 Race Dates Request (5/18 through 7/7)

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Steve Barham recommended approval of request for 19 days of racing. Approve the request for race dates, subject to timely submission of an application for issuance of a race meet license, and approval of that application by the Commission.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

7. Multnomah Greyhound Park 1996 Race Meet

Dick Cummings thanked the Commission and others present for their efforts to reduce the take-out from 3% to 1.6% during the special session of the legislature. Mr. Cummings then provided a preview of MGP's plans for the 1996 race meet. Their intent is to compete with the out-of-state disseminators and expand their simulcast program. As yet an agreement has not been reached with the kennels regarding purses. A full application will be submitted for consideration by the Commission at the March 21, 1996, meeting.

8. Discussion of Christmas Tree Bill Money - HB 5035

The original amount of money allotted from lottery funds was \$300,000, however, the special session reduced that amount by 9.7%, bringing the total amount available to \$270,900. Steve Barham will work with the HBPA

and other representatives to come back to the Commission at the March meeting with a recommendation as to how to distribute the funds.

9. Contested Cases Hearing Backlog

Steve Barham reported there is a backlog of ten cases needing to be heard by the Commission.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Appoint Steve Barham as Hearings Officer for the cases involving J. Trujillo, J. Salomon, L. Nelson, N. Lofquist, D. Assoon and N. Harris. Cases involving R. Rose and C. Webster to be heard by the full Commission at the May meeting. Hearings for G. Platt and M. Brinton to be consolidated and heard by the full Commission at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 1996.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

10. Final Default Orders for Approval

a. Rudy Borboa

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve final default order.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

b. Claudia Morgan

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve final default order.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH WERE DISCUSSED

Laura Fine gave a report on the Vet Med Committee meeting which took place at Richard Reid's home on Wednesday, January 31, 1996.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.