

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION MARCH 21, 1996

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, March 21, 1996, at 2:00 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; Richard Reid, Laura Fine and Tom Towslee. George Rankins was excused. Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chair Walters welcomed Tom Towslee as the newest member of the Commission. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Minutes of February 15, 1996 Commission Meeting

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve minutes as submitted.
VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

2. Summer Circuit 1996 Race Meet Applications

a. Crooked River Roundup (7/10 through 7/13)

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, 1 Excused

b. Josephine County Fair, Grants Pass Downs (5/18 through 6/16)

c. Oregon H.B.P.A., Grants Pass Downs (6/22 through 7/7)

d. S.O.H.R.A., Grants Pass Downs (6/22 through 7/7)

Lonnie Craig, Lone Oak Racing, and Cliff Babbitt, HBPA, spoke on behalf of the Josephine County application and the HBPA application, respectively. Discussion followed on the reasoning for there being two applications for the dates from 6/22 through 7/7. Steve Barham reviewed a memo he wrote to the commissioners yesterday dealing with this issue. Mr. Barham recommended approving the Josephine County Fair application contingent upon receipt of their check, and at the next meeting approve either the SOHRA or HBPA application depending on whether or not an agreement is reached between JCF and SOHRA. The important thing is to insure 19 days of racing in Grants Pass.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve the Josephine County Fair race meet application subject to receiving their check and delegate to the executive director the authority to approve stakes races and officials. In addition, the matter relating to the applications submitted by HBPA and SOHRA is to be placed on the agenda for the April 18, 1996, meeting for the purpose of granting either HBPA or SOHRA a license subject to their ability to manage a race meet.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

3. Multnomah Greyhound Park

a. 1996 Race Meet Application

Carl Wilson went through the application. He reported initially that no agreement had been reached with the OGA on purses, however, during the discussion on the various parts of the application Paul Romain, representing the OGA, announced that an agreement had been reached. The question was raised about changing the supervision of mutuel employees at OTB sites from the race meet licensee to OTB site management. It was decided a meeting would be set to discuss this matter in greater detail.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve race meet application and delegate to the executive director the authority to approve contracts for imported simulcasting and well as exporting the MGP signal, tip sheets and stakes races.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

b. Plan for Schooling and Operation and Maintenance of Training Track and Compound

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Towslee) Approve plan as submitted.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

c. Release of 1995 Training Track Funds

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve release of training track funds.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

4. New Portland Meadows Update

Before beginning his report, Woody Mitchell informed the Commission that David Pittman passed away this morning. The big event coming up is the Race for Cancer which will take place March 30th. A lot of work is being done on the race track surface. Along those lines, the track has purchased two new drag harrows. Following Mr. Mitchell's report, Steve Barham commended New Portland Meadows for the work that is being done at the track.

5. Christmas Tree Bill Report

In reporting on distribution of the funds, Steve Barham stated we will begin with using the budgets from this season's race meets rather than going back to last season. Mr. Barham suggested that a meeting with all summer fair race meet representatives be scheduled in the near future to go over all of the details.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve recommendation of Mr. Barham.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

6. Status Report on 1996 Lone Oak Racing, Inc. Salem Race Meet

Glen Knickerbocker reported that LOR has reached an impasse with Oregon State Fair. OSF is asking an increase of 285% in rental figure compared to last year. As a result, OSF has gone out with an RFP which is due back on April 2nd. Mr. Knickerbocker clearly stated LOR will not submit a response to the RFP. He also stated they will submit to the Commission a race meet

application with an alternative site location if they are not going to be in Salem. Cliff Lewis spoke on behalf of OSF, stating that they want to continue horse racing at the fairgrounds.

7. Legislative Concepts

Steve Barham reported that he had provided the commissioners with some proposed statute changes which were basically of a housekeeping nature. If the Commission wants to consider requesting these changes, a legislative concept needs to be filed prior to April 15, 1996.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Direct the executive director to file the legislative concept prior to the deadline.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

8. Election of Officers

ACTION: MOTION (Reid) Cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Walters as Chair and Laura Fine as Vice Chair.

VOTE: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Excused

9. Final Default Orders for Approval

Chair Walters stated that since the default orders were not received by the commissioners until today, this agenda item will be taken up at the April meeting in order for the commissioners to have time to review each order.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.