

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION MAY 20, 1999

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, May 20, 1999, in Room 140 of the Portland State Office Building located at 800 NE Oregon Street, Portland. The meeting was called to order at 10:30AM for the scheduled hearing. The commission adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1:30PM for the balance of the meeting. Commissioners in attendance were Steve Walters, Chair; Laura Fine, Vice Chair; Tom Towslee, Richard Reid and David Price. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Approval of April 15, 1999, Minutes

ACTION: MOTION(Reid) Approve minutes as submitted.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

2. 1999 Summer Race Meet Applications

a. Tillamook County Fair - August 12, 13, and 14

Steve Barham stated the requested dates are during their normal window of race days, and he recommended approval of the application, the racing officials, take-out rates, and use of bute and lasix.

ACTION: MOTION(Reid) Approve race meet application and delegate to the executive director approval of any changes.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

b. HBPA/OQHRA Race Meet at Oregon State Fairgrounds - July 31 - September 26

There are two race meet applications being presented, one for the HBPA and one for the OQHRA, for a total of 19 days of racing at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Steve Barham reported he had received a letter from Oregon State Fair stating they had an agreement with the HBPA to lease the facilities for the race meet. He also added that he had just been informed that the first weekend of racing, which is part of the OQHRA application, may have to be changed due to a scheduling conflict. Mr. Barham recommended approving the applications, the take-out rate, use of bute and lasix, and delegate to the executive director approval of the change of race dates for the opening weekend as well as approval of officials. He recommended a bond of \$7,000.

ACTION: MOTION(Fine) Approve race meet applications subject to the conditions outlined by Steve Barham.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

3. Resolution of the Oregon Racing Commission

Tom Towslee reported that during discussions with the industry, it was determined the summer race meets were most at risk financially and that they should be given first priority in the event there is money generated if the multijurisdictional hub is located in Oregon. Mr. Towslee then read

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through the resolution, a copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

ACTION: MOTION(Reid) Adopt the resolution.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

4. Oregon Appaloosa Racing Association 1999 Proposed Budget

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION(Fine) Approve 1999 proposed budget.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

5. New Portland Meadows End of Meet Report

Mike Dorough reported the total handle for the meet was up 6.9% and attendance was up 6%. Overall all they were very pleased with the meet, and are planning on a similar approach for the 1999-2000 race meet. They are also pleased with the response they are getting on the standardbred signal. Steve Barham commented on a meeting of NPM staff, HBPA and track employees regarding track conditions that was held recently. He was happy with the way the meeting went and management's search for a solution to the problem.

6. Multnomah Greyhound Park Update

Carl Wilson handed out a written report on the meet so far, a copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes. They are very concerned with the lack of attendance.

7. Action on Proposed Final Orders

a. Robert G. Emerson

ACTION: MOTION(Towslee) Adopt proposed order as final order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

b. Dwayne O. Oviatt

ACTION: MOTION(Reid) Adopt proposed order as final order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

c. Mark E. Payne

ACTION: MOTION(Fine) Adopt proposed order as amended as final order.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

8. Legislative Update

SB 229-6, which is an amendment to the ORC bill, has a hearing this afternoon. The bill gives the racing commission authority to approve breed-to-breed simulcasting, as well as authority to license OTB sites rather than approving them as a part of a live race meet application. HB 3425, which deals with the distribution of money generated by the multijurisdictional hub, would direct 1/3 of the money to the state general fund and 2/3 to the ORC. The portion directed to the ORC would be distributed to the racing industry.

9. Response by OGBA to Oregon-bred Questions

Steve Barham had been requested to check up on some questions regarding the Oregon-bred program. This item was placed on the agenda just to close the loop, and no action needs to be taken.

10. Proposed Greyhound Rules for 1999 Race Season

The Board of Judges appeared before the commission and was ready to answer any questions. It was noted portions of the rules being presented for approval had already been approved as temporary rules at the April meeting in order for them to be in place prior to the beginning of the race meet.

ACTION: MOTION(Price) Adopt greyhound rules as submitted.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

11. Action on Account Wagering Rules Hearing

The only comment was made by Commissioner Fine who stated she felt that \$250 to open up an account was a reasonable amount for the time being.

ACTION: MOTION(Fine) Approve account wagering rules.
VOTE: 5 Aye, 0 Nay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.