

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 26, 2019

A public business meeting of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room in Harrisburg, PA, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Cheryl Cook, C. Edward Rogers, Dr. John Egloff, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Darryl Breniser, Russell Jones, Salvatore DeBunda, and Thomas Jay Ellis. Also present were Commission counsel Jorge Augusto and Marjia Kuren.

The Chair called the meeting to order. Chairman Cook noted that the meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law. The Commission conducted an executive session this morning to engage in a quasi-judicial deliberation to be adjudicated at the public meeting and discussed personnel matters and engaged in attorney client privilege communication.

Chairman Cook welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Introductory Matters

(A) 2: Minutes of the January 28, 2018, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept the January 28, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

(A) 3: Tracee Gotwalt presented the January financial statements.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commission Rogers

Passed: Unanimously to accept the January financial statements.

B. Administrative Actions

Parx Racing made a presentation to renovate the Valley Forge Turf Club (OTW) to allow for the implementation of Sports Wagering. Upgrades include new security cameras, increased security, a modified admission policy, increased wagering staff and equipment.

Motions:

(B) 3 (I) (A): March 2019 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

(B) 3 (I) (B): March 2019 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-B. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (C): Motion to approve Harrah's Philadelphia's request for revised race days with added post times.

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept item C. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (D): Motion to approve Harrah's Philadelphia request for the Pentafecta Wager for 2019.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept item D. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (E): Motion to approve Penn National's request to cancel live racing for Saturday, April 6 and to add live racing to Wednesday, April 3 with a 1:00 pm post time.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Unanimously to accept item E. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (F): Motion to approve the Meadows request for to implement the revised wagering format for 2019.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Egloff

Passed: Unanimously to accept item F. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (G): Motion to approve the Meadows request for permission to conduct outdoor wagering and outdoor food and beverage including liquor sales at the Harmar off track wagering facility on the following dates: Saturday, May 4, 2019, Kentucky Derby Day, Saturday, May 18, 2019, Preakness Day, and Saturday, June 8, 2019, Belmont Day.

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: Unanimously to accept item G. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (H): Motion to approve \$12,500 for fair operational expenses for 2019.

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis
 Passed: Unanimously to accept item H. See agenda.

(B) 3 (I) (I): Motion to approve \$5,000 for fair promotional expenses for 2019.

Motion by: Commissioner Breniser
 Second by: Commissioner Ellis
 Passed: Unanimously to accept item I. See agenda.

New Regulations:

(B) 3 (A): Thoroughbred

2019-2 (Admin Docket) The Claiming regulations & procedures saying. "For a period of 20 days after the claim, a claimed horse may not start in a race in which the determining eligibility price is less than 25% more than the price at which it was claimed. The day claimed does not count, but the following calendar day shall be the first day and the horse shall be entitled to enter whenever necessary so the horse may start in the 21st calendar day following the claim for any claiming price. This section does not apply to starter allowance or starter handicaps.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Second by: Commissioner Sweeney
 Passed: To accept the temporary Claiming Regulations and Procedures-Starting of Claimed Horses (Thoroughbred Only). Commissioner Jones voted against and Commissioners Breniser and Egloff abstained from the vote.

(B) 3 (B): Standardbred

None

(B) 3 (C): Joint

None

C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

1. Licensing Matters:

2019-4 (SHRA Docket) Parx: Valley Forge OTW (Sports Wagering Modifications).

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
 Second by: Commissioner Rogers
 Passed: Unanimously to grant the petition from Parx to renovate the Valley Turf Forge Club to Accommodate Sports Wagering.

Commissioner DeBunda raised a motion for Parx Racing to come back to the March Commission meeting and bring plans to show how they could if

possible put sports betting into the racetrack facility. Commissioner DeBunda would like to know if they can or cannot do it and if they can how.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Unanimously to have Parx Racing come to the March commission meeting with plans on how to implement Sports Wagering into the Racetrack facility.

2. Adjudications:

None

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on the results of Out of Competition Testing.

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Mark Loewe, Racing Director, The Meadows, introduced himself to the Commission and provided a brief introduction of his career in racing.

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Horse Breeders Association, spoke about the upcoming annual meeting on May 22, 2019 and the Breeders awards banquet on June 7, 2019 and PA Day at the Races this year will be on August 3, 2019.

Smarty Jones will be at Parx on Labor Day for the public to meet him for his 15th year anniversary.

Ashley Eisenbeil, PHRA, spoke to the Commission about the live stream on the new American Pharoah foal that is to be born at Walnut Green Farm in Pennsylvania.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cook announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Executive Session 10:30 A.M.
- Regular Session 1:00 P.M.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Chuckas Jr.
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Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing
Acting Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing