

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

April 17, 2017

A public business meeting of The State Horse Racing Commission was held at the following date, place and time: PA Department of Agriculture in room 202 in Harrisburg, PA, Monday, April 17, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: C. Edward Rogers, Chairmen Cheryl Cook and by phone Thomas Jay Ellis, Darryl Breniser, Russell Jones, Dr. Corinne Sweeney, Dr. John Egloff and Salvatore DeBunda. Also present were Commission legal counsel Brook Duer and Jorge Augusto.

The Chair called the meeting to order. Legal counsel noted that the meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

SUMMARY

Chairman Cook welcomed everyone to the special commission meeting and began by introducing everyone on the phone and in the room.

Director Brett Revington, spoke to the commission addressing the fair expenses that used to be paid for by the commission and for the last several years the horsemen have taken over. The \$12,500 would be for the operational expenses of the fairs. The money will be spent and then invoices sent and then reimbursed.

The Marketing Fund request for up to \$5,000 per fair with any information sent to Director Revington to approve and then when done the invoice will be sent to Harrisburg to then be reimbursed. Templates will be made up and available for fairs to use if they would like.

Director Thomas Chuckas, spoke to the commission addressing the 6 marketing plans that were sent in for the \$150,000. Commissioner Rogers raised some questions about the marketing dollars and how they will be used. This money is not to replace the private money already being used but to help augment it. There was discussion concerning fractional ownership and other ideas for the use of the marketing money in the future.

BUSINESS - MOTIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner Breniser, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(b) – for \$12,500 x 20 fairs for \$250,000 total for operating expenses from the Sire Stakes Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner Egloff, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(b) – for the marketing request to the fairs for up to \$5,000 x 20 with a total of \$100,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner Sweeney, and Commissioner DeBunda abstained and it passed to approve item 2(a) – for the PTHA marketing plan for the \$150,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones and, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(a) – for the MSOA marketing plan for the \$150,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner Breniser, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(a) – for the Poconos and Harrah’s marketing plan for the \$150,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner Egloff, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(a) – for the PHBA marketing plan for the \$150,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner DeBunda, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(a) – for the PA HBPA marketing plan for the \$150,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers and, seconded by Commissioner DeBunda, and unanimously passed to approve item 2(a) – for the SBA marketing plan for the \$150,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Cook adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Chuckas Jr.
Bureau Director
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Brett Revington
Bureau Director
Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing