

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 26, 2018

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, June 26, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Cheryl Cook, C. Edward Rogers, Darryl Breniser, Dr. John Egloff, Salvatore DeBunda, Robert Lark, Dr. Corinne Sweeney and Russell Jones and Thomas Jay Ellis by phone. 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. Legal counsel noted that executive session was conducted at 11:00 a.m. to engage in quasi-judicial deliberations regarding the adjudications, attorney-client privilege communication and litigation matters.

Chairman Cook welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

II. NEW BUSINESS: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

(A) 2: Minutes of the May 31, 2018, meeting as emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: Unanimously to accept the May 31, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

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

Motion by: Commissioner Lark

Second by: Commission Sweeney

Passed: Unanimously to accept the April financial statements.

Motions:

(B) 1 (A): June 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Standardbred tracks.

(B) 1 (B): June 2018 Simulcast calendars for the 3 Thoroughbred tracks.

Motion by: Commissioner Sweeney

Second by: Commissioner Breniser

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

C. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

1. Licensing Matters:

Petition of Bensalem Racing (Parx) for approval to change its internet platform to Sportech Racing, LLC.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Jones

Passed: To accept the petition of Bensalem Racing for approval to change its internet platform to Sportech Racing, LLC.

2. Adjudications:

None

3. Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

Legal Counsel Jorge Augusto provided the Commissioners with an updated report.

Temporary Regulations dealing with the Commissions Intervention regulations (Administrative Docket 2018-5)

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda

Second by: Commissioner Ellis

Passed: The commission approved the rules and administrative practices and procedure.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. OOCT Update:

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

2. Marketing:

Ms. Eisenbeil informed the Commission that the PA State Horse Racing Association has begun to work with Pavone on the first phase of the State wide Branding Campaign. Phase one projected timeline is June 18th through August 27th.

The Delaware Valley Impact research team is currently analyzing other economic impact reports done in the past and studying other states. Questionnaires will be sent out to business, owners and farms in the beginning of July. There will be a drop box along with the questions at each track to drop off their information.

Marketing Grants for 2017-2018 will be all submitted by end of day today.

There will be three 4-H events at the York Fair Wild West Summer Fest, Honesdale, and Bloomsburg Fairs this year. Along with a brand new Thoroughbred 4-H experience on Saturday, September 1st, PA Day at the Races.

E. INDUSTRY REPORTS

Brian Sanfratello, Executive Director of the PHBA, reported on the following PHBA activities.

1. Monthly newsletter
2. The Awards banquet was great success.
3. Invited everyone to the PA Day at the Races on September 1st.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Cook announced the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at the FARMSHOW Complex in the Susquehanna room at 2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

- Executive Session 11:00 A.M.
- Regular Session 1:00 P.M.

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau Director
Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Brett Revington
Bureau Director
Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing