

**THE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

April 25, 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, Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Russell Redding, Thomas Jay Ellis, C. Edward Rogers, Darryl Breniser, Russell Jones, Dr. John Egloff, Salvatore DeBunda, Michele Ruddy, Robert Lark and Dr. Corinne Sweeney 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 Redding welcomed everyone to Harrisburg.

I. Executive Session

II. NEW BUSINESS: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

(A) 2: Minutes of the March 29, 2018, meeting were emailed to the Commissioners for their review in advance of the meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Lark
Second by: Commissioner Ellis
Passed: Unanimously to accept the March 29, 2018 meeting minutes.

Financials:

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

Motion by: Commissioner DeBunda
Second by: Commission Lark
Passed: Unanimously to accept the March financial statements.

Motions:

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

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

(B) 1 (C): Motion to approve Presque Isle Downs request to change the wagering structure beginning May 14, 2018. One, a rolling daily double in races 1-7, two, reduce the number of Pick 4 wagers by eliminating races 2, 3, and 4 and only have one races 1 and 5. Three, offer a new wager in race 3 the Jack Pot 6.

(B) 1 (D): Motion to approve The Meadows request to simulcast the following racing signal for 2018, Bangor Raceway- Maine.

(B) 1 (E): Motion to approve The Meadows request for updated rules for Pick Four Wagering.

(B) 1 (F): Motion to approve The Meadows request for updated Super High 5 single ticket wager.

(B) 1 (G): Motion to approve The Meadows request for updated Pick 5 wager with carryover for WTA/MLR.

(B) 1 (H): Motion to approve The Meadows request for updated Pick 3 rules.

(B) 1 (I): Motion to approve The Meadows request for updated Superfecta wagering with carryover provision for WTA/MLR.

(B) 1 (J): Motion to approve Parx request for South African Racing, Phumelela Gaming and Leisure LTD., to commingle into our pools for 2018.

(B) 1 (K): Motion to approve Parx request to send their signal to Horsetourneys a handicapping tournament platform with contract held by Monarch Content Management, LLC.

Motion by: Commissioner Ellis

Second by: Commissioner Rogers

Passed: Unanimously to accept items A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I-J-K for the various tracks. See attached agenda.

New Regulations:

Thoroughbred: None

Standardbred: None

Joint: None

The Commission asked that a letter be addressed to the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation expressing significant concern with the proposed Federal Legislation "Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority."

Motion by: Commissioner Lark

Second by: Commissioner DeBunda

Passed: To send a letter to the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation with one opposition from Commissioner Breniser.

The Commission asked that a letter be addressed to Parx Racing (C.O.O. Joe Wilson) addressing the new Racing Director.

Motion by: Commissioner Rogers

Second by: Commissioner Lark

Passed: Unanimously to send a letter to Parx Racing addressing the Commission's concerns in hiring a new Racing Director.

III. LICENSING AND ADJUDICATIONS

Licensing Matter:

PNGI Change of Ownership Petition approval given for PNGI to buy The Meadows.

Motion by: Commissioner Lark

Second by: Commissioner Egloff

Passed: To accept PNGI Change of Ownership Petition to buy Penn National. Commissioners Sweeney and DeBunda abstain and Commissioner Jones was not present for the vote.

Adjudications:

None

Pending Appeal Numbers and Status:

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

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Director Chuckas gave the Commission an update on the Out of Competition Testing that was done during the first quarter. There were 107 tests taken with no positives found.

January and February Breeders awards have been submitted to the comptroller and should be paid. The Bureau is awaiting receipt of the March awards and will be on schedule.

Marketing:

Ms. Eisenbeil spoke to the Commission about the Marketing Research final report. The Five-year grants have all been processed and the invoices that have been submitted are in the 30 day pay cycle.

The RFQ deadline is April 27th for companies to apply to develop the State-Wide Branding Campaign. Once that is done the companies will be interviewed and one will be chosen.

Fair racing will be starting up shortly and the 4-H program will be prominent at the Fairs. The Commission purchased two jog carts to use at the 4-H events.

V. INDUSTRY REPORTS

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

1. Monthly newsletter
2. When the Annual meeting is on May 23rd.
3. Awards banquet is June 8th.
4. First two PA Bred Stakes races will start the following weekend.

Joe Wilson informed the Commission that Race Secretary Sam Elliott has resigned and will be a new Executive at the Royal Saint Lucia Turf Club in the Caribbean.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Redding announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 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.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing

Brett Revington
Bureau Director
Bureau of Standardbred Horse Racing