

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: February 24, 2022

TIME: 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Fonner Park Café
700 E Stolley Park Rd
Grand Island NE

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P. Lee Chairman
Janell Beveridge Commissioner
Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner
Shane Greckel Commissioner
Shelby Bakenhus Commissioner
Tony Fulton Commissioner

ABSENT:

Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 1:41 pm in compliance with the provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to those on the Racing Commission agenda mailing list. Notification was given to the public of the open meetings law and notification to its location for public view. Chm. Lee also introduced our new Attorney, Ryan Forrest.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fulton moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2021, meeting with the deletion of “and represents farmers and ranchers in an unofficial capacity.” Located under public hearing – Rules for NE Racetrack Gaming Act Title 296. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

Greckel moved, seconded by Bakenhus to approve the December 2021 and January 2022 Financial Reports. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF RACING COMMISSION OFFICERS

Galyen moved, seconded by Greckel to nominate, and appoint Janell Beveridge as the Vice Chairperson and Dennis P. Lee as Chairman. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF STAFF FOR 2022

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the staff as read into record. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS REC'D SINCE DECEMBER 17, 2021

Galyen moved, seconded by Chm. Lee to approve all items submitted. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

LINCOLN RACECOURSE (APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to ratify the approval of Racing Officials as submitted via email. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

Galyen moved, seconded by Fulton to also ratify the approval of waiver of rules and takeout rates. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

HORSEMEN'S PARK (APPROVED VIA EMAIL)

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to ratify the approval of Racing Officials as submitted via email. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

Greckel moved, seconded by Galyen to also ratify the approval of waiver of rules and takeout rates. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK

Beveridge moved, seconded by Bakenhus to approve the takeout rate (except for Omni). Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the Racing Officials as submitted. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the Omni Wager and takeout rates. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF GAMING FORMS

Chm. Lee moved, seconded, and amended by Galyen to approve the Authorized Gaming Operators License Application, Multi-Jurisdictional Personnel History Questionnaire and Key Persons License Application. This approval also includes for the staff to make corrections as needed. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

DIRECTIVES

Greckel moved, seconded by Fulton to approve Directives 01-22 thru 22-22 as amended and read into record. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

LABORATORY

Tom Sage gave an update on the new laboratory, Industrial Labs. Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Greckel to approve subsequent to a contract. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY RACING & EVENTS CENTER

Galyen moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the Live Race Date for June 26, 2022, with a backup date of June 17, 2022, the waiver of rules and the takeout rates. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Tom Sage gave an update on rules, licensing, office changes and personnel information for gaming. He explained the process of approving the gaming rules. He then thanked everyone for being patient with the process.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association – Zach Mader gave an update.

NE Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association – HBPA in support of bills and breeder's comments.

NE Quarter Horse Racing and Breeders Association – Updating website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:59 pm the Commission went into recess. At 3:09 pm the Commission came back from recess after discussing pending litigation and IT security issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Lee moved to adjourn at 3:09pm. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel, Bakenhus and Fulton. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Sage
Executive Secretary