

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 04, 2019
TIME: 1:30 pm
LOCATION: Nebraska Racing Commission
Conference Room
5903 Walker Avenue
Lincoln NE

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P. Lee Chairman
Janell Beveridge Vice Chairperson
Helen Abbott Feller Commissioner

ABSENT:

Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner

Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 1:37 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 acknowledged the passing of Commissioner Tom Patterson and expressed the Commission's deepest sympathies.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Feller moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2019 meeting. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the July, August, September and October 2019 financial reports. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS REC'D SINCE JULY 31, 2019

Beveridge moved, seconded by Feller to approve the simulcast applications received from Fonner, Omaha, Lincoln and Columbus. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

HASTINGS EXPOSITION AND RACING INC., dba Fairplay Park

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Feller to ratify the approval of the 4:00 pm post time, the 2019 racing officials, the request for temporary exception of NSRC Rules 3.003.08.4, 9.001.16 and 9.001.16A, the waiving of rules 3.003.08.4 and 9.001.16A. The request to run 13 year old "Takin on Equatics" was not approved. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY RACING AND EVENTS CENTER, INC., dba Atokad Downs

Feller moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the 2019 racing officials. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

OMAHA EXPOSITION & RACING INC., dba Lincoln Race Course

Feller moved, seconded by Beveridge to ratify the approval of the 2019 racing officials with a change of Russell Scott replacing Bob Young and the waiving of rules 3.003.04 and 3.003.08. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

COMMISSION FUNDING

Director Tom Sage gave a review of the decline in funding. Chm. Lee expressed the open invitation for the public to review all revenue and expenditures.

STATE STATUTE 2-1206 TRACK BONDS

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the Commission policy and track bond amounts as presented and as required by State Statute. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

HEARING 2020 LIVE RACE DATES & SIMULCAST FACILITY APPLICATIONS

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Feller to approve the Live Race Dates for 2020 to be:

Fonner Park - Grand Island

February 21, 2020 – May 2, 2020

31 Days of Live Racing

Columbus Exp & Racing – Columbus

May 29, 2020 – June 28, 2020

11 Days of Live Racing

Atokad – South Sioux City

September 12, 2020

1 Day of Live Racing

Horsemen’s Park - Omaha

May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 2020

7 Days of Live Racing

Lincoln Race Course – Lincoln

July 3, 4, 5, 2020

3 Days of Live Racing

Hastings Exp. & Racing - Hastings

TBD, 2020

1 Day of Live Racing

Beveridge moved, seconded by Feller to also approve the simulcast applications for 2020 for Fonner Park, Horsemen’s Park and Lincoln Race Course. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried. Feller moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the application for Hastings for Quarter Horse simulcasting in the clubhouse only.

DIRECTOR’S THOUGHTS AND ISSUES FOR 2020

Director, Tom Sage thanked the tracks for running their live races consecutively. He also mentioned some possible changes for 2020 including:

- Reduction of licensing hours
- Online licensing (racingcommission.nebraska.gov)
- Test barn and office help
- Fingerprinting hours

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association – Zach Made discussion of Breeder’s funds.

NE Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association – Bob Moser discussed jockey mount fees and HBPA involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Lee mentioned copies were available of the final order of Historic Horse Racing. The meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Sage
Executive Secretary