

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: January 29, 2021

TIME: 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Nebraska Racing Commission
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM. To join the Zoom Meeting: use this link

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Meeting ID: 896 0156 3808

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P. Lee	Chairman
Janell Beveridge	Vice Chairperson
Jeffrey Galyen	Commissioner
Shane Greckel	Commissioner
Shelby Bakenhus	Commissioner

ABSENT:

Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 2:37 pm in compliance with the provision of Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411 and Governor Ricketts- Executive Order No. 20-36. Corona Virus- Public Meeting Requirements Limited Waiver. 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Beveridge moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK OFFICE HOURS

Fonner Park Office Hours – The office at Fonner Park will be open:

- February 1 – February 5 from 8:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00
- February 8 – February 12 from 8:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00
- February 15 – Closed Due to State Holiday
- February 16 – February 21 from 8:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00

LABORATORY UPDATE FROM TRUESDAIL LABORATORIES' STAFF

Dr. Anthony Fontana and Randy Gates appeared on behalf of Truesdail Laboratories and discussed several updates.

DISCUSS AND ADOPT A POSITION ON CURRENTLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATIVE BILLS

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| LB73 | Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried. |
| LB365 | Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried. |
| LB371 | Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Galyen to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen. Abstaining: Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried. |
| LB536 | Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried. |

- LB545 Greckel moved, seconded by Galyen to oppose. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.
- LB560 Greckel moved, seconded by Bakenhus to support. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.
- LB561 Greckel moved, seconded by Galyen to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.
- LB580 Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.
- LB608 Greckel moved, seconded by Galyen to adopt a neutral position. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.
- LR26CA Greckel moved, seconded by Chm. Lee to take no action on this. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Greckel to authorize Tom Sage to testify and respond on behalf of the Commission as it relates to these bills. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RULINGS FOR POSITIVE TESTS OF 7-NOR-7 CARBOXYCANNABIDIOL

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to accept and approve the rulings for M. A. Johnson and Jim Cranwell. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen and Bakenhus. Abstained: Greckel. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK APPROVAL OF OFFICIALS AND TAKEOUT RATES

Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the officials for Fonner Park. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

The takeout rates were amended to include a pick 4 at 20%. Take out for win, place and show is 18%. For daily double, exacta, pick 3 and pick 5 (jackpot format) is 20%. For trifecta and superfecta is 25%. Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the takeout rates as amended. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

RECESS

Chm. Lee announced the Commission would take about a 5 minutes recess. The Commission recessed at 4:17 pm and reconvened at 4:30 pm.

OER REQUEST TO REVIEW/RECONSIDER NSRC ORDER

Request tabled to allow the newer Commissioners time to review the case file from previous hearings, give Fonner Park's counsel until February 15, 2021 to submit to the Commission a response to the motion for reconsideration by OER and to give OER's counsel until February 22, 2021 to respond to Fonner's response. No Action taken. Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to table this until the next meeting which is to be determined. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

DIRECTORS UPDATE

Tom Sage stated that Rules and Regulations gaming are in the process and we are waiting on our appropriations to get some extra help.

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to assign Shane Greckel to reach out to his contacts to inform the proper officials of the positions of the Commissions. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association – None.

NE Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association – Lynn Schuller mentioned being prepared to work on the architectural process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Request to add the Quarter Horse Association to the Meetings With Associations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Tom Sage
Executive Secretary