

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: April 22, 2020

TIME: 11:00 am

LOCATION: Conference Call Only

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS:

Dennis P. Lee Chairman
Janell Beveridge Commissioner
Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner
Helen Abbott Feller Commissioner
Shane Greckel Commissioner

ABSENT:

Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 11:03 am 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the minutes from December 4, 2019. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller. Motion carried.

Greckel moved, seconded by Feller to approve the minutes from February 18, 2020. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

Beveridge moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2020 conference call meeting. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

Galyen moved, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes from the emergency conference call meeting on April 3, 2020 with an amendment. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Feller to approve the February and March, 2020 financial reports. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS REC'D SINCE FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the simulcast agreement submitted by Fonner Park. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REVISED JOCKEY MOUNT FEE DIRECTIVE 20-02

This item was previously approved at the February 18, 2020 meeting. There was an error discovered thereafter. Beveridge moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the revised Jockey Mount Fee Directive. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK – REQUEST TO RUN A SECOND SEASON OF RACING

Beveridge moved, seconded by Greckel to approve the request for Fonner Park to run a

second season of live racing. They will run an additional 12 days May 4, 2020 – May 31, 2020 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a post time of 4:00 pm. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY RACING & EVENT CENTER, INC

Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the requested date change to July 18, 2020 with a backup date of July 19, 2020, a 2:00 pm post time, the waiving of rules 3.003.04 and 3.003.08 and the 2020 takeout rates. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

FONNER PARK OFFERING ADDITIONAL WAGERS AND MANDATORY PAYOUT OF DINSDALE PICK 5

Chm. Lee moved, amended by Galyen and seconded by Greckel to approve the staff previously approved wagers identified as the Pick 4 wager from March 1, 2020, Late Pick 4 wager from April 2, 2020, Early Pick 5 wager from March 26, 2020 and allow for a mandatory payout on April 21, 2020 and to give the Executive Director the authority to approve subsequent mandatory payouts as advised by Fonner Park in May. Galyen amended to include a mandatory payout on April 29, 2020 and on the last day of the upcoming meet which is currently scheduled for May 27, 2020 and to also add that the Commission is ratifying three wagers previously approved an Early Pick 4 a Late Pick 4 and an Early Pick 5 all of which is begin approved under ruling 23.005.07 (2) (c). Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

CHANGE OF RACE DATES – TABLED FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Greckel moved, seconded by Feller to allow the change of race dates for Lincoln Race Course from July 3, 4 and 5, 2020 to June 26, 27 and 28, 2020. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

Galyen moved, seconded by Greckel to increase Columbus Exposition and Racing's live race days to ten from May 29, 2020 through June 21, 2020. With this change we are scheduled to run 52 live race days. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

HASTINGS EXPOSITION AND RACING INC., DBA FAIRPLAY PARK

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the request for a 4:00 pm post time for the live race on May 21, 2020, approval of the 2020 racing officials and approval of the request for the waiving of rules 3.003.08 and 4.9001.16a. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

HORSEMEN'S PARK AND LINCOLN RACE COURSE

Due to Covid-19, live racing in 2020 for Horsemen's Park has been cancelled.

Galyen moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the waiver of State Statute 2-1228 for Horsemen's Park only. The Lincoln Race Course request for a waiver will be considered at a later date. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association – None.

NE Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Lee moved to adjourn at 12:27 pm, seconded by Feller. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Feller, Galyen and Greckel. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Sage
Executive Secretary