

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: September 22, 2020

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
Jeffrey Galyen	Commissioner
Shane Greckel	Commissioner
Shelby Bakenhus	Commissioner

ABSENT:

Chm. Lee convened the meeting at 1:44 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 acknowledged Dr. Bill Landis who was the track physician who passed away in June. Mr. Landis was very instrumental in Nebraska Racing and he will be missed.

PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION – ED MARTIN, PRESIDENT ARCI

Ed Martin, President of Association of Racing Commissioners International appeared via Zoom. Mr. Martin gave an overview of the legislated bill that may be affecting all racing jurisdictions. The cost of the bill is unknown and may affect small tracks. In addition, Mr. Martin answered questions presented by the Commissioners and attendees.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Beveridge moved, seconded by Galyen to approve the May 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

Greckel moved, seconded by Beveridge to approve the May, June, July, August 2020 financial reports. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

HEARING - 2020 ADDITIONAL LIVE RACE DATES

South Sioux City and Events Center Inc., dba Atokad Downs will run live racing on October 17, 18, 2020 with a post time of 2:00 pm.

Omaha Exposition and Racing, dba Horsemen's Park will run live racing on October 23, 24, 25, 2020 with a post time of 3:00 pm.

Omaha Exposition and Racing, dba Lincoln Race Course will run live racing on November 1, 2, 2020 with a post time of 4:00 pm.

Columbus Exposition and Racing will run live racing on October 8, 9, 10, 11 2020 with a post time of 1:00 pm.

Hastings Exposition and Racing, dba Fairplay Park will run live quarter horse racing on October 15, 2020 with a post time of 4:00 pm.

Racing officials, takeout rates and waiving of NSRC rules 3.003.04 and 3.003.08 were approved for all tracks. The HBPA supports the racing days, officials, takeout rates and waiving of rules presented. Beveridge moved, seconded by Galyen to approve all requests and amended requests. Voting aye: Lee, Beveridge, Galyen, Greckel and Bakenhus. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT RULING – OMAHA EXPOSITION AND RACING V. NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION

Chris Jerram, Mike Newlin and Bob Moser were present and asked the Commission for a rehearing on the issues related to the Supreme Court Ruling. Chm. Lee advised he was not opposed to scheduling a rehearing but asked that the request be made to the Commission is writing. Margret Landis and June O’Neill addressed the Commission on behalf of the Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders. The Commission took no action.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACTED SALARY INCREASE

Chm. Lee moved, seconded by Galyen to grant a 5% salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 2020 to Executive Secretary, Tom Sage. 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 briefed the Commission on the current gambling ballot initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Sage
Executive Secretary