

NEBRASKA STATE RACING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: November 21, 2016

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

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  
Jeffrey Galyen Commissioner  
Kristopher Covi Commissioner

ABSENT:

The meeting convened at 1:11 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion was to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2016 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was to approve the July, August, September and October 2016 Financial Reports. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF SIMULCAST APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE JULY 19, 2016

Motion was to approve the Simulcast applications received. Motion passed 5-0.

HEARING – 2017 LIVE RACE DATE APPLICATIONS

Motion was to approve the 2017 live race dates as submitted with 57 Thoroughbred dates and 1 Quarter Horse date. The dates are as follows:

Fonner Park	31 days	February 24, 25, 26 March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 May 5, 6
Horsemen's Park		July 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 28 and 29
Columbus Exp & Racing (16 days between)		August 4 – September 4
Lincoln Race Course		September 8 and September 15
South Sioux City		September 16 (backup Sept 17)
Hastings Exp and Racing		1 Day TBD

Motion passed 5-0.

#### HEARING – 2017 SIMULCAST FACILITY APPLICATIONS

Motion was to approve the simulcast facility applications of Fonner Park, Horsemen's Park, Columbus, Lincoln Race Course and Hastings. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was to approve the South Sioux City application. Motion failed 5-0.

#### LINCOLN RACE COURSE WAIVING OF RULES AND APPROVAL OF RACING OFFICIALS

The Commission approved via email to allow Lincoln Race Course to waive the Rules 3.003.02, 3.003.03, 3.003.04 and 3.003.08 for the 2017 live meet. Also the Commission approved via email to approve the Lincoln Race Course Racing Officials for 2017.

#### SOUTH SIOUX CITY RACING AND EVENTS CENTER, INC. WAIVING OF RULES AND APPROVAL OF RACING OFFICIALS

The Commission approved via email to allow South Sioux City to waive the Rules 3.003.02, 3.003.03, 3.003.04 and 3.003.08 for the 2017 live meet. Also the Commission approved via email to approve the South Sioux City Racing Officials for 2017.

#### APPROVAL OF HORSEMEN'S PARK BARN ADDITION

Motion was to approve the proposal to request permission from the Commission to construct an additional barn at the facility in Omaha. Motion passed 5-0.

#### STETSON AND RAMSYE MITCHELL – FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

No one by the name of Stetson or Ramsye Mitchell appeared and no one appeared on their behalf. All exhibits were accepted. Motion was to revoke the 2016 licenses of Stetson Mitchell and Ramsye Mitchell and to make them ineligible for licensing in the future pursuant to Rule 2.002.01 and 10.004 on financial responsibility as it relates to the judgement entered in the Hall County court for \$3,347.18. If they submit an application for 2017 and that balance remains unpaid the application will be referred to the Commission. Motion passed 5-0.

#### ALISON CASTILLO – FALSIFICATION OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Ms. Castillo was present and exhibits were accepted. Motion was to take no action on the charges brought forth. Motion passed 5-0.

#### ROY REINKE – REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS THE LABOR DAY STAKE RACE

Mr. Reinke was present along with his trainer Salvador Arceo. A discussion took place in regards to the split sample of the Labor Day Stake Race.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Communication Horsemen's Park – The State Steward was concerned about the lack of a public address system in the Horsemen's Park stable area and the lack of a telephone system in the steward's stand. Horsemen's Park agreed to install a phone in the steward's stand and would look at providing a public address system in the stable area.

Photo finish – Lincoln Race Course and South Sioux City Event Center – the Commission put the tracks on notice that waiving the photo finish rule will no longer be waived.

Columbus Exposition and Racing outside rail – The Commission had been hearing concerns about the condition of the outside rail of the race track. The Commission asked Columbus to paint the rail.

#### INFORMATION

Equine Piroplasmiasis - The industry was advised the Nebraska Department of Agriculture is looking to require testing for Equine Piroplasmiasis.

Riding Crop – Inform the industry that the Commission is looking to change the riding crop rule.

Safety Helmet – Inform the industry that the Commission is looking to change the Helmet rule.

Jockeys Insurance – Inform the association that the Commission would be requesting copies of their jockey insurance policies.

#### MEETINGS WITH ASSOCIATIONS

Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders' Association  
NE Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Sage  
Executive Secretary