

Oregon Racing Commission Annual Report

1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES

RACES AND PURSES FOR HORSES AND GREYHOUNDS

During the 1999-00 fiscal year there were 2852 live pari-mutuel races run in the state of Oregon. Of these races 1,749 were for greyhounds and 1,103 were for horses. In addition to the races that were run live in Oregon, there were an additional 53,670 simulcast races brought in from other states. 31,689 of these races were greyhound races and 21,981 were horse races. Of the simulcast races Multnomah Greyhound Park brought in 23,169 of the races (14,654 greyhound and 8,515 horse); Portland Meadows brought in 30,501 of the races (17,035 greyhound and 13,466 horse). On the Summer Fair circuit there were 344 live races, 204 of which were simulcast to off track sites in the state.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Of the twelve regularly scheduled commission meetings for the fiscal year 1999-2000, ten were held in the Portland area. The June 1999 meeting was held in Grants Pass during the Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association meet. The October meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum and rescheduled as a telephone conference call 6 days later.

CONFERENCES AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the 1999-2000 fiscal year the executive Director attended the North American Pari-Mutuel Regulators' Association Fall and Spring Conferences. This is a new association of racing commissions that was incorporated in June of 1997 to more fully address the needs of racing commissions. In less than one year the association grew from the original 13 members to 19 members and at present stands at 23 member jurisdictions.

LEGISLATION RELATED TO RACING

The Racing Commission does not have any legislative concepts filed for the next (2001) legislative session.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SIMULCASTING AND INTERACTIVE WAGERING TOTALIZATOR HUBS

Two Hubs began operation during the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The first was Television Gaming Network / National Thoroughbred Racing Association which

began operating in Oregon during the month of September 1999. The second was The Greyhound Channel which began operation in April of 2000.