

MINUTES

OREGON RACING COMMISSION September 10, 2009

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the Harney County Chamber of Commerce in Burns, Oregon. Commissioners in attendance were Chair Kerry Johnson, Chris Dudley and Michael Huber, DVM. Vice Chair Robson and Commissioner Williamson were excused.

Chair Johnson introduced a guest, Harney County Judge Steven E. Grasty, who welcomed the commission to Harney County.

1. Approval of Agenda

Chair Johnson announced the removal of item number five (GLJ Gaming, LLC, Hub License Application) from the agenda.

ACTION: MOTION (Dudley) Approve agenda.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

2. August 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION (Dudley) Approve minutes as submitted.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

3. Oregon HBPA Proposed Fiscal Budget for 2009-2010

Dick Cartney, Executive Director, was present to answer questions. Information and discussions included the following:

The budget this year was the same as it had been in recent years. They received a large portion, \$150,000, from the purse account in accordance with their contract with Portland Meadows. The remaining funds were provided from cash on hand and some other revenue sources, such as the share they receive from the track video lottery money and from uncashed vouchers.

⇒ In response to Commissioner Dudley's question, Mr. Cartney stated the budget period was twelve months. He explained it coincided with the Portland Meadows Race Meet because that was when the funding from the purse account started.

⇒ When Commissioner Huber asked what benevolence referenced, Mr. Cartney explained that was funding for members and their employees who were hurt, or sick and unable to work.

⇒ In response to Commissioner Dudley's question about membership, Mr. Cartney stated they did not require dues for membership. He explained anyone who started a Thoroughbred in a race in Oregon automatically became an OHBPA member with the option to opt out. He stated members included owners, trainers and their employees. He clarified that there was a more specific requirement for those members who would then qualify for benefits which included dental, vision, benevolence, and other programs.

ACTION: MOTION (Huber) Approve the Oregon HBPA's Fiscal Budget for 2009-2010

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

4. Oregon OTOBA Proposed Fiscal Budget for 2009-2010

Wendie Hayes-Pounds, Executive Director, was present to answer questions. Information and discussions included the following:

They expected a significant decrease in funding this year, which the budget reflected. They would also have to use some of the funds from their reserve account to cover programs approved in the budget from last year.

⇒ In response to Executive Director Ever's question, Ms. Hayes-Pounds explained they could only use uncashed voucher revenue for educational purpose, not for benevolence, because of their status as a 501-C5 corporation.

⇒ When Commissioner Dudley asked where the OTOBA revenues would decrease, Ms. Hayes-Pounds responded that they expected a reduction in revenue from the source market fees as well as from the breakage from Portland Meadows handle, due to the economy. She explained the source market fee funding came from the OTOBA's percentage share, an amount based on the OHBPA's contract with Portland Meadows.

ACTION: MOTION (Huber) Approve the OTOBA's Fiscal Budget for 2009-2010
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

5. OQHRA Proposed Fiscal Budget for 2009-2010

Executive Director Randy Evers stated no one from the association could be present in Burns. He explained there was nothing controversial in the budget and he recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Huber) Approve the OQHRA's Fiscal Budget for 2009-2010
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

6. Sub-Committee Update Reports

a. Advanced Deposit Wagering and Multi-jurisdictional Hubs

Nothing to report.

b. Best Practices

Nothing to report.

b. Budget and Hub Funds

Vice Chair Robson was not present.

c. Medication and Horse Welfare

Commissioner Huber reported that the subcommittee had finalized their suggestions relating to horse safety and welfare for the upcoming race meets. He stated he would have the document printed and circulated via email to all of the stakeholders so that they could comment on the recommendation at the next meeting which would be held at Portland Meadows on September 21, 2009.

7. Harney County Fair, Rodeo and Race Meet Post Time Change Request

Don Slone, Manager, explained they had moved up Friday's post time from 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm in order to better coordinate the races and the rodeo events which would be occurring at the same time. He added they had also been concerned it might get too dark to race if they had the later post time.

8. Action on the Final Order by Default for Delbert H. Holcomb

ACTION: MOTION (Dudley) Adopt the Final Order by Default which would allow Mr. Holcomb to reapply for licensure in six months.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

9. Action on the Final Order by Default for Hector R. Romero

ACTION: MOTION (Dudley) Adopt the amendment to the Final Order by Default for Romero that stipulates he is unable to reapply until May 18, 2011.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

ACTION: MOTION (Dudley) Adopt the Final Order by Default as amended.

VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

10. Confirmation of Next Commission Meeting – October 15, 2009 in Portland.

All present indicated they would be able to attend the meeting.

11. Public Comment

⇒ Harvey Boyle, Josephine County Fair Board, stated the commission's letter requiring them to resurface the track before next year's race meet "nudged" them into action. They would begin the process to replace and resurface the track next week. He explained the estimated cost was \$165,000 and they had been able to raise all but \$35,000. He added they were continuing to try to find additional donations.

He requested a letter from the commission that would clarify for the Josephine County Fair Board that the commission would grant their race dates for next year, once they had replaced the track surface.

→ Executive Director Evers explained the commission did not approve the race dates until they'd received the actual race meet application. However, he agreed to send a letter to the fair board explaining that hub funds had been allocated for the race meet and that it would be the commission's intention to approve the race dates in the future once the racing surface was replaced.

On behalf of the commission, Commissioner Dudley announced Presiding State Steward Bob Blair's upcoming retirement and presented Mr. Blair with a plaque in appreciation for his 20 years of service to the Oregon Racing Commission. In response, Mr. Blair stated, "It's been a pleasure to serve all of you. One thing about racing in Oregon; it is exciting."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.