



**Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 20, 2009**

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 10:00 AM, in the second floor conference room of the Horsemen's Office located on the grounds of Delaware Park, 777 Delaware Park Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19804.

**The following commission members were present:**

Bernard J. Daney, Chairman
W. Duncan Patterson, Secretary arrived at 10:35 a.m.
Henry James Decker, Commissioner
Debbie Killeen, Commissioner
Edward J. Stegemeier, Commissioner

**The following individuals also were present:**

John F. Wayne, DTRC, Executive Director
Andrew Kerber, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Commission Counsel
Robert E. Colton, Delaware Jockey's Association, Director
Bessie Gruwell, DTHA, Executive Director
G. Jack Houghton, Jr., DTRC, Chief Steward
John E. Mooney, Delaware Park, Executive Director of Racing
Scott Peck, DTHA, President, Owner/Trainer, and DCTP Certified Farm
Shelley Perkins, DTRC, Paralegal I (recording minutes)
John T. Peters, D.V.M., DTRC, Chief Veterinarian
Ramon Rodriguez, TRPB, Agent
Joseph Rudisill, Delaware Park, Senior Vice President of Compliance
Joseph Strug, Dalare Associates, Inc., Laboratory Director
Francis J. Swift, Jr., DTRC, Inspector
Paul Trapani, Horse Owner
Michael Vild, Esq., Delaware Park, Vice President and General Counsel

1. **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**  
Chairman Daney called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM and welcomed those in attendance.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Upon a motion duly made (Stegemeier) and seconded (Killeen) minutes of September 22, 2009 were approved as submitted.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **4mm Toe-Grab Emergency Rule**  
Executive Director Wayne reminded Delaware Park that the DTRC emergency rule expires October 21, 2009.  
  
Delaware Park Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Mr. Vild, stated written notice was forthcoming to the Commission from Delaware Park indicating Delaware Park's house rule adoption was already in place and is consistent with the DTRC's emergency regulation.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Request for 2010 Live and Simulcasting Dates**  
Delaware Racing Association requested 363 days of simulcasting from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. In addition they requested 116 days of live racing. Harty and Harty will be the auditors and Scientific Games' Autotote subsidiary is under contract to provide tote services. The engineers and insurance reports will be provided as required.  
  
Upon a motion duly made (Decker) and seconded (Stegemeier) approval was granted as submitted.
  - B. **Shock Wave Therapy during Winter Stabling**  
Mr. Mooney reported someone on his staff in the Racing Office would be available to assist with compliance of the Shock Wave Therapy DTRC Rules and House Rules..
  - C. **Bleeders List and/or Vet's List during Winter Stabling**  
Executive Director Wayne reported a State Commission Veterinarian would be available on the same paid basis as previous years.
5. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
  - A. **Summary of Activities Report**  
Report submitted for the period September 1-30, 2009.
  - B. **2010 License Fees**  
The matter was tabled for Executive Session.
6. **REPORT FROM CHIEF COMMISSION VETERINARIAN**
  - A. **Veterinary Health Statistical Report**  
Report submitted through October 20, 2009.  
  
Dr. Peters reported two deaths in September 2009 – both horses were wearing 2mm or queen's plate. Three deaths from racing in October 2009 – two experienced previous knee problems; and one previous ankle problems.
  - B. **Shock Wave Therapy Report**  
Added to the list are 22-23 horses.  
  
Dr. Peters reported that, overall, the track and racing surface have been very good and the breakdowns are becoming less and less because of that.

7. **REPORT FROM DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

A. **Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program Report**

Report submitted through September 30, 2009.

Number of Starters 270

Number of Starts 800

1<sup>st</sup> Place 90

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 102

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 104

Farm enrollment up from 68 last year (2008) to 102 this year (2009).

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. **Delaware Jockey's Association – Nutrition Initiative**

Mr. Robert Colton, Director of the Delaware Jockey's Association reported that a survey of the Delaware Park Jockey Colony is underway. The survey is being administered under the direction of Dr. Sue Snider of the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension.

B. **Steward's Office**

Commissioner Stegemeier inquired about current conditions relating to privacy in the Stewards' offices.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:45 AM, upon a motion duly made (Decker) and seconded (Stegemeier) the Commission was moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

At 11:17 AM, upon a motion duly made and seconded the Commission was returned to public session.

10. **ADJOURN**

At 11:24, upon a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned.