



**Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
June 21, 2011**

The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., 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, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Henry James Decker, Commissioner
Debbie Killeen, Commissioner
Edward J. Stegemeier, Commissioner

**The following individuals also were present:**

Ed Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
Andrew Kerber, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Commission Counsel
John F. Wayne, DTRC, Executive Director
Robert E. Colton, Delaware Jockeys Association, Director
ToriAnne Davies, University of Delaware, Extension Scholars Intern ( <i>student of Ms. Wickens</i> )
Joseph Gribbin ( <i>affiliation unknown – nothing listed on sign-in sheet</i> )
Bessie Gruwell, DTHA, Executive Director
G. Jack Houghton, Jr., DTRC, Chief State Steward
Madeline Locke, Owner/Trainer, DTHA President
John E. Mooney, Delaware Park, Executive Director of Racing
Shelley Perkins, DTRC, Paralegal I (recording minutes)
John T. Peters, D.V.M., DTRC, Chief Veterinarian
Joseph Rudisill, Delaware Park, Senior Vice President of Compliance
Joseph Strug, Dalare Associates, Inc., Laboratory Director
Francis J. Swift, Jr., DTRC, Inspector
Jane C. Teichner, D.V.M., DTRC, Associate Veterinarian
Paul Trapani, Owner/Trainer, DTHA Board Member
Michael Vild, Esq., Delaware Park, Sr. Vice President of Racing/General Counsel
Carissa Wickens, University of Delaware, Equestrian Program

1. **WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Daney called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion duly made (Killeen) and seconded (Decker) minutes of May 17, 2011 were approved as submitted.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

None offered.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Delaware Park 2011 Capital Budget Update (Through April 2011)**

Discussion points:

- Mr. Vild cited contractual commitment with horsemen to expend certain amount of capital on racing – not specific to “front-side” or “back-side.”
- 4 barn roofs replaced this year.
- Ms. Locke remarked that Delaware Park has spent money in advance of contractual obligation.
- Ms. Locke asked about a detail spending report produced by Delaware Park about four years ago – Chairman Daney referred her to Mr. Vild, and asked Mr. Vild to follow up with Ms. Locke. (*The DTHA was copied on Delaware Park’s budget with a cover letter from Mr. Gentile dated May 18, 2011.*)

B. **Report: International Summit on Race Day Medication, EIPH and the Racehorse**

Secretary/Commissioner Duncan Patterson reported on the “International Summit on Race Day Medication, EIPH and the Racehorse” held in Elmont, New York, at Belmont Park on June 13 -14, 2011. A two-day international summit that focused on race-day Salix as a treatment of exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH), and sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP), the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC). Mr. Patterson is a member of the Drug Testing Initiative (DTI) Task Force providing support and advice to the RMTC on drug testing issues.

**Day One:** First day was designed as an informational session, and open to the public. Primary focus pertaining to the management of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) and to resolve the complex issues of race day medication. Morning session presenters provided an overview of EIPH and its prevalence and impact on horse health, management and treatment alternatives for EIPH, and on race day medication and drug testing. Afternoon session of day one was comprised of three EIPH-related panels:

1. Regulation of race day medications and management of EIPH – international perspectives with Dr. Rick Arthur with panelists Dennis Egan (Ireland), Dr. Ted Hill (U.S.), Bill Nader (Hong Kong), Dr. Brian Stewart (Hong Kong), and Dr. Anthony Stirk (U.K.).
  - a) Bill Nader went to Hong Kong thinking “there’s no way to have racing without Salix,” but had since changed his mind – even though Hong Kong pollution is notorious and the horses are housed in air-conditioned apartment-like structures.
2. Management of EIPH from a trainers’ perspective moderated by Dr. John Kimmell with panelists trainers Christophe Clement (U.S./France), Richard Mandella (U.S.), H. Graham Motion (U.S.) and John Size (Hong Kong/Australia).
  - a) Richard Mandella commented that a cause of bleeding needs to be identified. Many times bleeding is caused by respiratory infection or the presence of mucus. Generation of both trainers and veterinarians that have always used Salix – the challenge is changing the paradigm.

3. Management of EIPH from a veterinarian's perspective moderated by Dr. Scott Palmer with panelists Dr. Rod Daniel (U.S), Dr. Scott Hay (U.S.), Dr. John McVeigh (South Africa/U.K./France).

**Day Two:** Designed to identify and examine information from day one and to define a consensus where possible. Core question that had to be answered is how to address race day medication. Participants were divided into nine tables of about five or six people each. Mr. Patterson was seated with Ms. Lisa Underwood the executive director in Kentucky, Dr. Tom David of Louisiana Racing Commission, Dr. Ed Robinson from University of Michigan, and Dr. Bill Moyer, President of AEEP. Topics included how race-day medications are applied, stable area security, penalties, and the need for continued study of EIPH.

Six thought processes were discussed:

1. Short and long term bleeders
2. Racing industry
3. Alternate
4. Changes in business model
5. Reconcile international
6. How can medication conforms revitalize U.S. racing

Mr. Patterson reported that the issue is on-going and consensus among attendees to the summit was that Salix (Furosemide) is used as a crutch – 80 % don't need it – general consensus that it's a performance enhancer.

The matter will be discussed further at Saratoga and this will still be an issue next spring; but we are down the path to no race day Salix.

## 5. **REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### A. **Summary of Activities Report**

Executive Director Wayne reported activities during the period May 1 – 31, 2011.

#### **License Office Activity year to date as of May 31, 2011:**

Persons fingerprinted = 63

Fingerprinting fees collected = \$3,476.00

DTRC licenses issued = 3,238

License fees collected = \$48,840.00

### B. **Licensing Staff Compliments**

Secretary/Commissioner Patterson complimented the license staff stating they were "three of the best licensing people in the industry; they are heads above other tracks." Ms. Geri Wilson, Ms. Ruth Lee, and Mr. Jose Bazan are the three members of the licensing staff.

Mr. Wayne added that he has received letters and emails from racing participants that have complimented the licensing staff for their professional conduct and courtesy. Copies of these correspondences have been placed in their respective personnel files.

6. **REPORT FROM CHIEF COMMISSION VETERINARIAN**

A. **Veterinary Health Statistical Report**

Dr. Peters reported 3 fatalities during the reporting period April 30-May 31, 2011. Two occurred during racing and one during training. In addition to those 3 fatalities there was 1 fatality due to neurologic disease. In June, to-date, 1 fatality that occurred during racing – the horse suffered a fracture of the cannon bone plus a p1 fracture in the (right below the ankle joint).

B. **Mosquito Control**

No problems reported.

C. **PRE-RACE SCRATCHES**

14 pre-race scratches were reported.

7. **REPORT FROM DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION (DTHA)**

A. **Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program Report**

Reported activity through May 31, 2011:

Number of Starters	=	145
Number of Starts	=	186
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Finishes	=	25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Finishes	=	26
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Finishes	=	22

25% DCTP Earnings	\$103,414.86
25% Certifier Awards	\$103,414.86
Total Annual Awards	\$206,829.72

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Daney solicited comment from those in attendance.

**John E. Mooney** – Biggest negative has been not having New York off-track betting – and numerous scratches caused pool cancellations. Two weeks ago 2.8 million – reason for the uptick was the great card that day and we didn't lose in pools.

**Robert Colton** – Nutrition meeting/workshop this fall. Delaware Jockey's Association now on Facebook.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:15 a.m., upon a motion duly made (Decker) and seconded (Killeen) the Commission was moved into executive session to discuss pending legislation.

At 12:15 p.m. the Commission was returned to public session.

10. **ADJOURN**

At 12:17 p.m. the meeting was adjourned. The Commission will meet next on Tuesday, July 19, 2011.