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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

May 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Delaware Department of Agriculture- Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Beverly Steele	Chairman
Patt Wagner	Vice Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Stephanie Liguori	Commissioner
Jack Berberian	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Dover Downs Vice President of Racing Charles Lockhart, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson, HRI Facilities Manager Karen Craft and Stacey Cohee, DOJ.

DHRC staff members: Dan Kazmaier

Lauren Torres and Donna Krol were not able to attend this meeting.

Minutes: Judy Davis-Wilson

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission will return to Public Session after the Executive Session is completed.

Executive Session:

See Executive Session minutes.

Return to Public Session:

At 10:37 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the April 11, 2017 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes as submitted. Motion was made by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:

Executive Director: Activity Summary Report

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of April 1st through April 30th, 2017.

Racing statistics:

Total # of Live Racing Days = 12

Total # Live Races = 148

Average # Races per Day = 14

Total # of Starters = 1,129

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 88.4%

*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 60

Total Monthly = \$5,480.00/YTD Total = \$48,445.00.

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines).

Personnel Activities:

Chief Investigator, Lauren Torres and Presiding Judge, Dan Kazmaier attended the ROAP Continuing Education at Delaware Park on 4-3-17 & 4-4-17.

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

ROAP Continuing Education on 4-3-17 & 4-4-17.

Commission Meeting on 4-11-17.

Harrington Pre-Meet Inspection on 4-13-17.

Move from Dover Downs to Harrington on 4-14-17.

ARCI 2017 Annual Conference in South Carolina on 4-17-17 to 4-21-17.

DSBF Board Meeting on 4-26-17.

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 5

Total fine amount: \$700.00

Post-Race Positive Test: None

Qualifier Positive Test: None

Positive Pre Race Blood Gas Test: None

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # Human Drug Tests = 11

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 542, average 45/day, Positive result – 1, Trainer: Jason Fizell (second violation)

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 30 no violations/seizures

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Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of starters = 1,129
Post- Race Testing:
149 Blood samples were collected.
130 urine samples
19 incomplete collections (no urine)
Catch Rate = 87.3%, average time per catch was 34 minutes
Judge's Special Tests: 3

Accident: None

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

2 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 18 sick

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

None

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT, Requests:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Boese requested the details on the extenuating circumstances regarding the Leigh Raymer ruling. Discussion on whether the ruling was appropriate and why Tyler Raymer and the Raymer Stables were not suspended as well. Mark Davis will look in to the DHRC Rules and Regulations for clarification.

CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session. Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM – RESCHEDULE to 6-20-17

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Minutes amended 6-21-17.