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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting

PUBLIC SESSION

March 13, 2018 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, Sr., Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Harrington Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

Staff member: Dan Kazmaier

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:08 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 returned to Public Session after the Executive Session was complete.

Executive Session:

See Executive Session minutes.

Return to Public Session:

At 10:44 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 February 20, 2018 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Patt Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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NEW BUSINESS:

DHRC Employee Listing for Harrington 2018 Meet:

The DHRC employee list for the upcoming Harrington Meet was reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the employee list as submitted. Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Harrington Pre Meet Inspection:

The Harrington Pre-Meet Inspection will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 9:00. Chairman Steele and Commissioner Liguori will attend.

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 February 1 through February 28, 2018.

Racing statistics: June

Total # of Live Racing Days = 16

Total # Live Races = 208

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,744

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 84.0%

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

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 47

Total Monthly = \$8,060.00/YTD Total = \$25,770.00.

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

Personnel Activities:

N/A

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Commission Meeting 2-20-18

USHWA, Dan Patch Awards in Orlando, FL. February 23 to February 27, 2018.

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Dan Kazmaier

Total # of Rulings: 12

Total fine amount: \$1,925.00

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # Human Drug Tests = 25

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 754 average 47/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 31 no violations/seizures

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Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of starters = 1,744

Post- Race Testing:

212 Blood samples were collected.

161 Urine samples

51 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 75.8%, average time per catch was 35.1 minutes

Judge's Special Tests: 4

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

Accident On/Off Track: None

1 A-Fib, 0 Breakdown, 41 scratches (Sick & Vet)

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

None

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:

February 28th: Responded to Stacey Hofmann concerning a FOIA request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

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 10:51 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2018.