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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

December 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM
Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Andrew Kerber DOJ, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario, Stacey Cohee, DOJ, John Garey, Esq. and Steven Nason.

Staff Member: Lauren Torres

Commissioner Liguori was unable to attend.

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:10 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 10:50 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

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DHRC COMMISSION HEARING: STEVEN NASON- REFUSAL OF OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING -

The hearing was heard on the Steven Nason case and was recorded by a Court Reporter from Wilcox & Fetzer. (see transcript for details of the hearing) Mr. Nason pled responsible in exchange for a reduced penalty. The Commission's ruling was voted on by the Commission. Andrew Kerber, Esquire, Attorney for the Commission, will issue a written decision in due course. Commission Ruling DD-053-18 will be processed and posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the November 13, 2018 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele entertained a motion to approve the public minutes with date corrections. Motion was made by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Berberian. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

DHRC Rules Meeting has been scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 9:00 am. The Rules meeting will take place before the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting.

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 November 1 through November 30, 2018.

Racing statistics: June

Total # of Live Racing Days = 15

Total # Live Races = 202

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1614

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 49.8%

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

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 231

Total Monthly = \$19,595.00/YTD Total = \$101,695.00.

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

Personnel Activities:

N/A

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Mark Davis to Harrisburg Sale 11-4-18 to 11-9-18

Dover Downs First Day of Meet 11-5-18

Commission Meeting 11-13-18

10-23.18 Personnel Interviews

11-8-18 Matron 2YO Filly/Colt Finals

11-15-18 Matron 3YO Filly/Colt Finals

11-29-18 Hap Hansen 3YO Final

11-29-18 DSBF 2YO Filly/Colt Finals

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Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of Rulings: 8
Total fine amount: \$900.00

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Lauren Torres
Total # Human Drug Tests = 15
Positive result: One, Groom: Aaron McRae
Total # Breathalyzer tests = 747 average 50/day, Positive result – None
Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 0
Fingerprints processed= 32

Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # of starters = 1,614
Post- Race Testing:
202 Blood samples were collected.
167 Urine samples
35 incomplete collections (no urine)
Catch Rate = 82.6%, average time per catch was 34.8 minutes
Cobalt Analysis: 25 Pre Race samples collected
Judge's Special Tests: 0
Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None
Accident On/Off Track: Off Track none, On Track none

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

11-28-18 Qualifier Testing 6 horses, 6 trainers
11-28-18 Out of Competition Testing 6 horses, 4 trainers, 2 farms

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sal DiMario asked about the Radiometer machine used by the DHRC. The Radiometer machine is currently under a Service Agreement with Radiometer. The Radiometer machine was purchased by the DHRC and is not leased.

Sal DiMario asked about the USTA Drug review results and if they would be discussed in the next Rules Committee meeting. Mark Davis replied that drug levels are not in the DHRC Rules and we are currently using the levels published by the USTA. This will not come before the Rules Committee.

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 Vice Chairman Wagner.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Next Rules Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00AM
Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019