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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

March 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Beth Steele	Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Jack Berberian	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, and DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

DHRC personnel: Lauren Torres

Vice Chairman Patt Wagner and Commissioner Liguori and Andrew Kerber were unable to attend.

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:45 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 19, 2019 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Minutes will be approved at the April 9, 2019 Commission Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

Review and Approval of Employee List for 2019 Harrington Meet:

Chairman Steel made a motion to approve the Employee list for the 2019 Harrington Meet (DHRC staff and Jay Baldwin's staff). Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passes with unanimous voice vote.

Harrington Pre Meet Inspection:

Scheduled for Monday April 8, 2019. Chairman Steele and Commissioner Berberian will attend. Meeting time is 9:00am and will meet at the Harrington paddock offices.

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, 2019.

Racing statistics: June

Total # of Live Racing Days = 15

Total # Live Races = 196

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,645

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 85.8%

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

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 76

Total Monthly = \$6,385.00/YTD Total = \$20,375.00

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

Personnel Activities:

N/A

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Commission Meeting 2-19-19

Racing Cancelled 2-20-19 due to weather

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of Rulings: 10

Total fine amount: \$3,400.00

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Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian: continued

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Lauren Torres

Total # Human Drug Tests = 13

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 694 average 46/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 6

Fingerprints processed= 8

Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of starters = 1,645

Post- Race Testing:

270 Blood samples were collected.

227 Urine samples

43 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 84.3%, average time per catch was 34.4 minutes

Cobalt Analysis: 31 Pre Race samples collected

Judge's Special Tests: 3

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

Accident On/Off Track: Off Track none, On Track none

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

2-6-19 Qualifiers 9 Horses tested full analysis & EPO

2-21-19 Qualifiers 11 horses tested full analysis & EPO

2-6-19 OCT 5 Horses

2-13-19 OCT 11 Horses

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 10:00AM

Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2019 at 1:00pm