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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

April 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room

Commission Members Present

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

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Andrew Kerber DAG, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson and DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

DHRC personnel: Lauren Torres

Minutes: Donna Krol

CALL TO ORDER:

At 10:41 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 and March 12, 2019 Commission Meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes was made by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes (with correction) was made by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motions both passed with unanimous voice votes.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

2019 Harrington Paddock Schedule :

Copy was given to the Commission for review. New post time is 4:30 pm with racing Monday through Wednesday.

Harrington Pre-Meet Inspection:

Inspection was scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019. Chairman Steele and Commissioner Berberian attended along with Mark Davis, Lauren Torres and Karen Craft. All went well.

Note: Karen Craft will forward a list of the Harrington security personnel to Mark Davis.

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 March 1 through March 31, 2019.

Racing statistics:

Total # of Live Racing Days = 16

Total # Live Races = 215

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,715

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 80.5%

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

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 75

Total Monthly = \$9,070.00/YTD Total = \$29,445.00

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

Personnel Activities:

N/A

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Rules Meeting 3-5-19

USTA Annual Board Meeting 3-9-19 to 3-11-19

Commission Meeting 3-12-19

DSBF Board Meeting 3-27-19

Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of Rulings: 27

Total fine amount: \$4,100.00

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Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Lauren Torres

Total # Human Drug Tests = 16

Positive result: 1 Trainer William Vandervort

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 712 average 46/day, Positive result – None

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 5

Fingerprints processed= 13

Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # of starters = 1,715

Post- Race Testing:

218 Blood samples were collected.

176 Urine samples

42 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 81.0%, average time per catch was 35.0 minutes

Cobalt Analysis: 24 Pre Race samples collected

Judge's Special Tests: 4

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None

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

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

NONE

FREEDOM of INFORMATION ACT Requests:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Hensley announced that Charles Lockhart has retired effective 4-1-19. Also, there are advertisements regarding the layoffs at Dover Downs. This has been blown out of proportion. There were layoffs as the new company took over, but these were expected and handled well with severance packages.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 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