



**Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting Held  
January 10, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission was held at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2006 in conference room 1 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

**The following Commission members were present:**

Bernard J. Daney, Chairman
W. Duncan Patterson, Jr., Secretary and Commissioner
H. James Decker, Commissioner
Debbie Killeen, Commissioner
Edward J. Stegemeier, Commissioner

**The following individuals also were present:**

Patricia Murphy, Esq., DOJ, Commission Counsel	Greg Petkiewicz, Delaware Park, Sr. V. P. Track Operations
Michael T. Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture	Joe Rudisill, Delaware Park, Sr. V. P. of Compliance
John F. Wayne, DTRC, Executive Director	Sam Abbey, Delaware Park, Racing Secretary
Francis Swift, DTRC, Investigator	Scott Loomis, Delaware Park, Exec. Dir. Mutuels
John T. Peters, D.V.M. Supervising Commission Veterinarian	Joe Strug, Dalare Assoc., Lab Director
Hugh J. Gallagher, DHRC, Administrator of Racing	Scott Peck, DTHA, President
Fritz Burkhardt, DTRC, Associate Steward	Bessie Gruwell, DTHA, Executive Director
William Fasy, Delaware Park, Chief Operating Officer	Barbara Brown, DTHA, Vice President
Sharon Dominguez, guest	

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Daney called to order the meeting at 10:40 AM and welcomed those in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held November 9, 2005 were distributed for review and upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes were approved as submitted.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Testing/Detention Barn**

Although no discussion was held, the Commission noted the subject was not off the table and public discussions would continue at subsequent Commission meetings.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Engineer's Report**

Mr. Greg Petkiewicz, Delaware Park, Senior Vice President of Track Operations, presented and the Commission accepted the engineer's report certifying the safety of the racing grounds for patron use.

**B. Sign 2006 license for Delaware Park**

The 2006 license granting Delaware Park 136 days of live racing, April 22, 2006 through Sunday, November 19, 2006, was signed by all Commissioners. The original license was submitted to Mr. William Fasy, Delaware Park, Chief Operating Officer and a copy retained by the Commission.

**C. Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program (DCTP)**

Ms. Barbara Brown, Delaware Thoroughbred Horseman's Association (DTHA), Vice President, and Ms. Bessie Gruwell, DTHA, Executive Director, reported approximately 700 horses and 42 farms currently enrolled in DCTP. *(A typewritten report was received from Program Director, Ms. Linda Furlong on 1-17-06 at the DTHA reception at Dover Downs for inclusion in the minutes).* A copy of this report is attached hereto. (Attachment A)

**5. REPORT FROM RACING ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. Licensing Report**

The licensing office will re-open at Delaware Park on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Those Delaware Park staff required to be licensed are encouraged to do so prior to the stable area officially opening to avoid delays in the licensing process due to the arrival of horsemen and horse-related personnel. The stable area is scheduled to officially open to accept horses on March 23, 2006.

**B. Mid-Atlantic Steward's Roundtable**

Mr. Fritz Burkhardt, DTRC, Association Steward, hosted the Mid-Atlantic Steward's Roundtable on November 29, 2005 at the White Clay Golf Club at Delaware Park. This marked the group's third meeting held to discuss uniform rules. Participating states included New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

**C. Jockey's Guild**

Mr. Larry Saumell, The Jockey's Guild (Guild), Representative, phoned Mr. Wayne on January 9, 2006 to advise he would not be able to attend today's meeting due to another commitment in a racing jurisdiction. Mr. Saumell communicated that the Guild was conducting an executive search to fill its' CEO position recently vacated by Dr. Wayne Gertmenian. Several high-profile names in and out of the racing industry are being considered.

**6. REPORT FROM COMMISSION VETERINARIAN – Dr. John Peters, D.V.M.**

**Injury Statistics**

The final *2005 Breakdown/Injury Statistics* was submitted to the Commission. A copy of the report, which is compiled by Dr. Joan D'Alonzo, is attached. (Attachment B)

**7. ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:45 AM upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel related matters.

**8. RETURNED TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Commission was returned to public session at 12:30 PM.

**9. MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Chairman Daney adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

## Attachment A

### DELAWARE CERTIFIED THOROUGHBRED PROGRAM (Dec. 31, 2005)

DCTP 2002:

2002 Applications	Yearlings	Foals	Totals
July-Sept. 2002	13	3	16
Oct.-Dec. 2002	<u>53</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>94</u>
Total horses enrolled during 2002:	66	44	110

DCTP 2003:

2003 Applications	Yearlings	Foals	Totals
Jan.-Mar. 2003	12	1	13
Apr.-Jun. 2003	18	1	19
Jul.-Sept. 2003	25	28	53
Oct.-Dec. 2003	<u>43</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>85</u>
Total horses enrolled during 2003:	98	72	170

DCTP 2004:

2004 Applications	Yearlings	Foals	Totals
Jan.-Mar. 2004	11	0	11
Apr.-Jun. 2004	23	6	29
Jul.-Sept. 2004	12	9	21
Oct.-Dec. 2004	<u>58</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>100</u>
Total horses enrolled during 2004:	104	57	161

DCTP 2005:

2005 Applications	Yearlings	Foals	Totals
Jan.-Mar. 2005	11	0	11
Apr.-Jun. 2005	24	1	25
Jul.-Sept. 2005	66	24	90
Oct.-Dec. 2005	<u>68</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>123</u>
Total horses enrolled during 2005:	169	80	249

**Total DCTP to date: 690**

**2006 DCTP Horses of Racing Age: 604**  
**224 (2 yr. olds), 174 (3 yr. olds), 142 (4 yr. olds), 64 (5 yr. olds)**

DCTP Starters -through 2005 DE Park meet:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Starters</u>	<u># of Starts</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>15% DCTP Earnings</u>	<u>15% Certifier Awards</u>	<u>2005 DCTP</u>
2005	99	366	52	49	53	\$179,690.00	\$193,340.00	\$373,030.00
2004*	56	134	20	19	19	\$44,947.00	\$44,947.00	\$89,894.00
2003*	9	17	7	3	2	\$13,505.00	\$13,505.00	<u>\$27,010.00</u>
<b>* DCTP owners and certifiers received 10% each bonuses in 2003 &amp; 2004</b>							<b>Total DCTP</b>	<b>\$489,934.00</b>

**Current Delaware Farms enrolled: 46**

**Attachment B**

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**DELAWARE PARK  
2005 BREAKDOWN/INJURY STATISTICS**

	4+5/05	6/05	7/05	8/05	9/05	10/05	11/05	2005 total	2004 total	2003 total	2002 total	2001 total	2000 total	1999 total	1998 total
<b># STARTED</b>	1422	1353	1687	1798	1572	1611	659								
<b>running total started</b>	1422	2775	4462	6258	7830	9441	10100	10100	10184	10962	10062	11201	11220	10033	10033
Horses added to Vet's List	32	22	29	41	37	33	16		184	226	156	218	185	145	145
Prerace scratches	17	9	14	16	13	14	7		90	75	55	66	40	*	*
Gate scratches	4	6	5	7	5	3	1		31	30	25	40	35	*	*
Pulled up/ret. lame	7	5	8	15	16	12	7		69	52	89	65	100	97	*
Other	4	2	2	3	4	4	1		20	14	26	11	12	13	*
Removed via Ambulance:															
racing	4	5	7	11	6	9	4		46	40	54	29	52	47	40
training	2	1	1	0	1	1	0		6	2	6	11	*	*	*
<b>Total Fatalities</b>	6	4	5	6	2	5	3		31	25	31	19	28	30	22
# of racing fatalities	2	1	2	3	2	3	2		15	17	18	8	15	18	17
# fatal M-S rac. injuries	2	1	2	3	2	3	2		15	17	17	7	15	16	14
fatal M-S rac. inj./1000 sts (cumulative)**									1.49	1.67	1.56	0.70	1.34	1.43	1.40
# of training fatalities	3	1	2	1	0	1	0		8	3	4	6	10	3	3
Cause of death:															
musculoskeletal injury	4	3	4	4	2	5	2		24	19	21	14	21	26	17
sudden death/heart attack	1	1		2					4	1	3	1	2	2	3
colic										1	3	2		2	
neurologic disease															
colitis										2	1	1	1	1	1
other	1		1				1		3	2	2	2	3		

\*information unavailable  
\*\*sudden deaths not included