

MINUTES
WV RACING COMMISSION
Monday, July 23, 2012 10:00 A.M.
WV Lottery Conference Room

The WV Racing Commission met on July 23, 2012, at 10:00 AM to conduct business and consider administrative matters. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Joe Smith and Commissioner Jack Rossi, with Commissioner Greg McDermott via conference call. Counsel was represented by Kelli Talbott and Anthony Eates.

Approval of June 19th Minutes

The Commissioners and both attorneys received the minutes from the June 19th, 2012 meetings prior to this meeting. Mr. McDermott moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. The Commissioners approved the June 19th, 2012 minutes by unanimous consent.

Approval of July 22nd Minutes

The Commissioners and both attorneys received the minutes from the July 22nd, 2012 meetings prior to this meeting. Mr. Rossi moved to accept the minutes, Mr. McDermott seconded the motion. The Commissioners approved the July 22nd, 2012 minutes by unanimous consent.

Occupational permit application, Shane Myers

Mr. McDermott moved to defer any discussion until the next meeting due to no documents available. Mr. Rossi seconded it, the Commission deferred it until the next meeting.

Capital improvement request, Charles Town Races, \$13,747 for replacement speakers, amplifiers, and PA system

Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the Commission approved the request, after verifying it was due to storm damage and racing related.

Backstretch workers' pension plan and trust review

Following a meeting on June 5, 2012 with Attorney Mike Foster, an Attorney General's representative, the Governor's representative and Mr. Sturgeon, Mr. Foster gave his revised amendments of the plan to Mr. Sturgeon and the WVRC Executive Director. Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the Commission requested another meeting with Mr. Sturgeon within 15 days, and a final approval of the plan to be done at the next Commission meeting.

Update, Greyhound and Thoroughbred Rules

Ms. Talbott stated that all the Rules are up for Public Comment, with deadlines of August 3rd, 2012 for wagering and August 13th, 2012 for greyhounds and thoroughbreds. She and Mr. Eates will review the comments before the next Commission meeting for approval, then file with the Secretary of State by August 31st, 2012.

Review and recent developments, race-day use of Lasix in Thoroughbreds

Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Commission requested a list of interested parties, including Matt Iuliano of the Jockey Club, HBPA officers, Breeders' Association representatives, and others to Mr. Amores who wish to discuss the Lasix issue.

Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Commission agreed to a one day meeting for the discussion of the Lasix issue, and bringing any possible conclusions to the next subsequent Commission meeting.

Update, WVRC outside audit, Suttle and Stalaker

Mr. Moore stated the new auditors have their required copies of information and will have a draft by Sept.15, 2012. They anticipate the final audit report completed by Oct. 15, 2012.

Approval of new license clerk duties and personnel, Wheeling Island

Mr. Amores updated that the current auditor at Wheeling Island will now perform the license clerk's responsibilities, and the Chief Inspector will handle weekend license requests. Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Commission agreed to rescind the hiring of Debra Reardon for the License Clerk position.

Hearing examiner's recommended decision, Sanderson ejection appeal

Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the Commission approved hearing examiner Jeff Blaydes' decision of the appeal.

Wheeling Island, update on kennel repairs and AC maintenance

Ms. Horvath announced the kennel repairs are current, with five remaining kennels to go, and workers are cleaning the air conditioning units. The contractors are on call 24/7 for emergencies that may occur.

Selection of new testing lab for the greyhound tracks

Mr. Amores stated he is awaiting more information and not currently ready for a decision to present.

Purse request, \$1,345,000, WV Breeders Classics, Ltd.

Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Commission approved the payment.

Ms. Holden invited all to attend October 20, 2012, for the race, which also includes Thursday for the Gala, then Sat. Breakfast of Champions and golfing.

Rose Mary Williams extended Mountaineer Park's invitation to the WV Derby August 4, 2012.

Adjournment

The next Racing Commission meeting is set for August 22, 2012, at the Lottery building, at 10 AM.