

MINUTES
WV RACING COMMISSION
Thursday, November 29, 2012
WV Racing Commission Telephonic Meeting

The WV Racing Commission met on November 29, 2012 to conduct business and consider administrative and personnel matters. Roll call was taken and present was Chairman Joe Smith, with Commissioner Greg McDermott via conference call. Counsel was represented by Kelli Talbott and Anthony Eates. Commissioner Jack Rossi joined, via conference call, prior to Executive Session.

To start off the meeting, Chairman Smith noted that due to a technicality with the Thanksgiving holiday it was necessary to file a day earlier with the Secretary of State's Office notice for this meeting. The Meeting is on the website register but is not on the hard register kept by the Secretary of State and because of that, matters brought forth in today's meeting will have to be reconsidered at the regular meeting on December 10, 2012. These matters will have to be considered as new items at the December 10, 2012 meeting.

Approval of November 1st Minutes

The Commissioners and both attorneys received the minutes from the November 1, 2012 meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. McDermott moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The Commissioners approved the November 1, 2012 minutes by unanimous consent.

Approval of Charles Town Races 2013 stakes schedule

Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Commission approved the 2013 stakes schedule, with the understanding that it would have to be reconsidered as a new consideration at the December 10, 2012 meeting.

Approval of 2013 live racing dates, Wheeling Island Racetrack

Jane Horvath, Wheeling Island, noted they were requesting a change in all matinee post times to 1:15pm and reducing the number of races to 15 for matinee and 13 for evening. Sam Burdette asked how many live race days Wheeling Island will have. Jane Horvath responded 367 performances and 263 live race days. Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Commission approved the 2013 live racing dates for Wheeling Island Racetrack.

Approval of 2013 live racing dates, Mardi Gras Racetrack

Jon Amores informed the Commission that Mardi Gras was proposing 366 performances and 312 live race days. Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Commission approved the 2013 live race dates for Mardi Gras Racetrack, based upon the condition it will have to be reconsidered at the December 10, 2012 meeting.

Request to change post time, Wheeling Island Racetrack

The Commission already approved the change in post time for 2013 earlier in the meeting, however, this request is to make it effective December 1, 2012. Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Commission approved the change in post time at Wheeling Island Racetrack, effective December 1, 2012.

Personnel matters: Greyhound/Thoroughbred Development Fund clerks and inspectors

The Racing Commission needs to make some reductions in personnel expenditures and a way to go about that is by reducing hours for some of the greyhound and thoroughbred fund personnel involved in inspecting and the financial clerks. The hours devoted to these tasks can be reduced while maintaining the Commission's statutory responsibilities. Mr. Amores has met with the individuals affected to discuss these changes. The Commission will discuss specifics in Executive Session. Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Smith, the Commission went into Executive Session. Commissioner Rossi joined the meeting, via conference call.

Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the Commission came out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. McDermott to move forward with the necessary reduction in work hours and fringe benefits of the 2 Thoroughbred Development Fund Clerks, the 2 Thoroughbred Development Fund Inspectors and the 1 Greyhound Development Fund Inspector, seconded by Mr. Rossi. Commission approved with unanimous consent.

Public Comments

Sam Burdette stated his concern of timeliness of inspections of greyhound litters with the reduction in hours of the Greyhound Development Fund Inspector.

Adjournment

The next Commission meeting will be December 10, 2012 at 10 AM, in the Lottery Conference Room.