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NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION
NDRC Meeting
Comfort Inn, Meeting Room E
1030 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND
Tuesday, January 31, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

Minutes

Present: Chairman Jim Ozbun, Commissioner Mary Ann Durick, Commissioner David Piepkorn, Commissioner Shane Martin, Commissioner John Hanson, Legal Counsel Edward Erickson, Director Gunner laCour, and Administrative Assistant Gail Allensworth

Others Present: Patrick Neely, Kevin Hall, Ray Reid, Lacey Anderson, John Bubel, Mike Schmitz, Leon Glasser, Leigh Backhaus and Levi Otis

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Ozbun called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Ozbun asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Director laCour asked to add an item after item two on the agenda. The item to add was a reduced fee licensing schedule. Chairman Ozbun asked for a motion to accept the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Durick to accept the agenda with the change requested by Director laCour. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

AGENDA- Amended

1. **Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2016 Meeting**
2. **2016 Breed Fund Corrections**
3. **Reduced Fee Licensing Schedule for 2017**
4. **Racing Commission Related Legislation**
5. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
6. **Adjournment**

1. **Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2016 Meeting**

Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the minutes to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durick and seconded by Commissioner Piepkorn to accept the minutes of November 17, 2016 as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed. Commissioner Hanson was not present.

2. **2016 Breed Fund Corrections**

Director laCour stated that Arlie Roller contacted the Racing Commission after the Breed Fund awards went out in December to notify us that he did not receive all of his funds. His horse, Report to Ole, placed third in the second race of June 12, 2016 at Chippewa Downs and was not included in the award received. The placing was missed by the Breed Fund Administrator when inputting the data. As all funding had already been calculated and awarded it requires additional Breed Fund dollars above what was previously approved by the Commission to pay Mr. Roller. Director laCour requested \$694.68 from the Breed Fund to pay the remaining award to Mr. Roller.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Durick to approve paying Arlie Roller \$694.68 from the Breed Fund for Report to Ole who placed third in the second race of June 12, 2016 at Chippewa Downs. Martin – Y, Durick –Y, Ozbun –Y, and Piepkorn –Y. Motion passed. Commissioner Hanson was not present.

3. **Reduced Fee Licensing Schedule for 2017**

Director laCour explained that in the past couple of years the Racing Commission has offered a reduced fee application schedule in order to reduce the long wait times on the first day at Chippewa Downs as well as offering horsemen savings on licensing. He asked for a variance to offer this and provided a fee schedule with a deadline of May 15.

A motion was made by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Piepkorn to approve the variance to offer a reduced fee licensing schedule with a deadline of May 15 for the horsemen. Ozbun –Y, Piepkorn –Y, Durick – Y, and Martin –Y. Motion passed. Commissioner Hanson was not present.

4. **Racing Commission Related Legislation**

Director laCour provided a summary on SB 2221 which is a bill being partnered by Lien Games Racing and Exacta Systems. The bill would make pari-mutuel historic horse racing legal and makes it subject to the same licensing and oversight mechanisms currently in place for ADW's and simulcasting. The bill also provides that this pari-mutuel gaming is taxed at a total 1.25% rate as compared to the .25% total rate on ADW's. Of this 1.25%, .5% goes to the Racing Commission's three continuing appropriation funds with the remainder split evenly to the city, county and state where the sites operate. The number of sites would also be limited to ten sites in the state. Director laCour then introduced Kevin Hall with Lien Games and Patrick Neely with Exacta Systems.

Kevin Hall and Patrick Neely gave a presentation to the Commissioners on how the historic horse racing works, the auditing involved and the timeframe for becoming operational in the state should the bill pass. The Commissioners asked questions and Mr. Hall and Mr. Neely answered their questions.

Director laCour recommended supporting SB 2221.

A motion was made by Commissioner Piepkorn and seconded by Commissioner Martin to support SB 2221. Piepkorn –Y, Martin –Y, Ozbun –Y, Durick–Y, and Hanson –Y. Motion passed.

5. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**

6. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Piepkorn and seconded by Commissioner Durick to adjourn the meeting. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.