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NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION
Telephone Meeting
ND Racing Commission Office
500 North 9th Street, Lower Level, Bismarck, ND
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – 10:00 AM, Central Time

Minutes

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Ozbun called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Director Gunner laCour, Administrative Assistant Gail Allensworth

By Phone: Chairman Jim Ozbun, Commissioner Mary Ann Durick, Commissioner Ray Trottier, Commissioner John Hanson, and Legal Counsel Edward Erickson

Not Present: Commissioner David Piepkorn

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes – November 5 Meeting**
2. **Administrative Rule Change: Pari-Mutuel Wagering Systems & Simulcasting**
3. **Triple Breed Fund Points**
4. **Breed Fund Distributions for July 26 – Race 5**
5. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
6. **Adjournment**

1. **Approval of Minutes – November 5 Meeting**
Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the minutes to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durick and seconded by Commissioner Trottier to accept the minutes of November 5, 2015, as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

2. **Administrative Rule Change: Pari-Mutuel Wagering Systems & Simulcasting**

Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the Administrative Rule Changes.

Director laCour provided a summary of the Administrative Rule Changes which includes: 1) adopting the ARCI Model Rules; 2) addressing some special issues including the legislation from last session regarding the letter of credit in place of a Bond; 3) preventing pool manipulation; 4) requiring ADW's to have problem gambling information on their websites; 5) updating the wagering section – to adopt all standard wagers with ARCI Model Rules and tournament-style wagering. Director laCour asked for approval to send these rule changes to the Attorney General's office and to move forward with the changes pending the approval from the Attorney General's office.

A motion was made by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Durick to approve sending the Administrative Rule Changes to the Attorney General's office and to move forward once approval is received from the Attorney General. Ozbun – Y, Durick – Y, Trottier – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

3. **Triple Breed Fund Points**

Director laCour indicated that this was historically applied to races that had a purse of \$25,000 or above to qualify for Triple Breed Fund Points. Director laCour recommended awarding Triple Breed Fund Points for races that had a purse of \$25,000 or above and stated that it only affected one race this year – the Northern Plains Futurity.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durick and seconded by Commissioner Trottier to award Triple Breed Fund Points for races that had a purse of \$25,000 or above. Durick – Y, Trottier – Y, Ozbun – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

4. **Breed Fund Distributions for July 26 – Race 5**

Director laCour gave an update regarding the proposed settlement for trainer Amanda Haar and owner Ramon Salvidrez. Based on no response from either of the parties, Director laCour recommended awarding points and breed fund awards based on the current results of the race. If the results would change due to a disqualification then there would be further distribution of funds which would cost the NDRC an additional \$756.31. Director laCour asked for approval to award the additional \$756.31 if there is a disqualification in this race.

A motion was made by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Durick to give approval to Director laCour to award an additional \$756.31 if there ends up being a disqualification in this race. Ozbun – Y, Durick – Y, Hanson – Y, and Trottier – Y. Motion passed.

Edward Erickson asked for a pre-approval to allow him to transfer the matter to litigation in regards to the proposed settlement for trainer Amanda Haar and owner Ramon Salvidrez if he still has not received from either of those parties by December 31 of this year.

A motion was made by Chairman Ozbun and seconded by Commissioner Trottier to give approval to Edward Erickson to transfer the matter to litigation if he does not hear from either Amanda Haar or Ramon Salidrez by December 31, 2015. Ozbun – Y, Trottier – Y, Durick – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

5. **Any other business to come before the Commission**

6. **Adjournment**

Chairman Ozbun requested the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.