

NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION
ND Racing Commission Office,
500 N 9th Street, Lower Level, Bismarck, ND
Thursday, May 24, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. (central time)

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Ozbun called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Andy Maragos and Chairman Jim Ozbun. Also present were Racing Commission Director, Winston Satran, Legal Counsel, Bill Peterson and Administrative Staff Officer, Helen Tessmann.

Present by conference call: Commissioner Steve Hartman, Commissioner Tom Senftner and Commissioner Ray Trottier.

Others Present: John Bubel, L.J. Harsche and Gail Hrdlicka.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2012 Meeting**
2. **Condition Books – 2012 Race meets**
 - a. Outdoor Recreation Development Association – Chippewa Downs, Belcourt, ND
 - b. Horse Race ND – ND Horse Park, Fargo, ND
3. **ND Harness Races**
 - Consideration of adding additional dates for racing venue for 2012 Breeders Awards
4. **ND Horsemen's Council Issues or Recommendations**
5. **Any other business which may PROPERLY come before the commission**
6. **Adjournment**

MINUTES

1. **Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2012 Meeting**

Previously, all Commissioners received the April 5, 2012 meeting minutes to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maragos and seconded by Commissioner Senftner to accept the minutes of April 5, 2012 meeting as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

2. **Condition Books – 2012 Race meets**

- a. Outdoor Recreation Development Association – Chippewa Downs, Belcourt, ND
The committee members assigned to review the ORDA Condition Book for the 2012 race meet was completed and changes were recommended. ORDA made the suggested changes and completed the production of the condition book.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maragos and seconded by Commissioner Hartman to approve the ORDA Condition Book for the 2012 race meet. Roll was taken: Maragos-Y, Hartman-Y, Senftner-Y, Trottier-Y and Ozbun-Y. Motion passed.

- b. Horse Race ND – ND Horse Park, Fargo, ND
Horse Race North Dakota submitted the 2012 Condition Book. A considerable amount of information was not included in the first draft. The HRND Condition Book was not accepted as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maragos and seconded by Commissioner Hartman to delegate the approval of the re-submitted and completed Condition Book to the Racing Commission Director,

Winston Satran. Roll was taken: Maragos-Y, Hartman-Y, Senftner-Y, Trottier-Y, Ozbun-Y. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maragos and seconded by Commissioner Senftner to send Director Satran to Fargo to assist Horse Race North Dakota with completing the Condition Book and to assist HRND in preparation for the 2012 race meet. Roll call was taken: Maragos-Y, Senftner-Y, Hartman-Y, Trottier-Y and Ozbun-Y. Motion passed.

Chairman Jim Ozbun will send an e-mail to the HRND Board Members announcing that Director Satran will be going to the race track to review current steps taken to prepare for the race meet.

3. ND Harness Races

- Consideration of adding additional dates for racing venue for 2012 Breeders Awards
Director Satran reported that the ND Harness racers were given two weeks to qualify for breeder's fund awards. Director Satran asked the Commission to extend the Harness races to three weeks because additional races were scheduled for the thoroughbred races in state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Senftner and seconded by Commissioner Trottier to approve three weeks in July for the ND Harness racers to be eligible for the breeders fund awards. Roll call was taken: Senftner-Y, Trottier-Y, Hartman-Y, Ozbun-Y and Maragos-Y. Motion passed.

4. ND Horsemen's Council Issues or Recommendations

None.

5. Any other business which may PROPERLY come before the commission

Commissioners have agreed to attend the races as follows:

Commissioner Senftner	-	Fargo
Commissioner Maragos	-	Belcourt
Commissioner Hartman	-	Belcourt/Fargo

A motion was made by Commissioner Maragos and seconded by Commissioner Senftner to pay for the expenses incurred by the Commissioners who attend the ND race meets in Fargo and Belcourt. Roll call was taken: Maragos-Y, Senftner-Y, Hartman-Y, Trottier-Y and Ozbun-Y. Motion passed,

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.