

Minutes of the OSRC Meeting held August 30, 2016

1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) held its monthly meeting August 30, 2016 at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, Room 1960, at 10:00 am.

2-OSRC Chairman Robert K. Schmitz called the meeting to order. Commissioners Gary Koch, Todd Book, Mark Munroe and Thomas Winters were present.

3-Commissioner Winters moved to approve the June 29, 2016 OSRC meeting minutes. Commissioner Munroe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

4-Commissioner Munroe moved to approve the ratification of the Executive Director's report. Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5A-OSRC Chairman Schmitz read a waiver of Surety Bond for the Dayton Real Estate Ventures LLC Meeting, list of officials, number of races in wagering format, post times, simulcast schedule, and letter to the fire marshal. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the requests and Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5B-OSRC Chairman Schmitz read a waiver for the Youngstown Real Estate Ventures LLC Meeting, list of officials, number of races in wagering format, post times, simulcast schedule, and letter to the fire marshal. Commissioner Munroe moved to approve the requests and Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6- OSRC staff member Marty Evans gave an overview of racing date submission by commercial permit holders for 2017, stating that the applications are a near carbon copy of the 2016 dates. OSRC Chairman Schmitz requested that this overview be put on the September OSRC meeting agenda.

7-Dr Jim Robertson, OSRC consulting veterinarian gave an update on horse fatalities in Ohio for July and August 2016. In July and August there were five Thoroughbred fatalities. Dr Robertson suggested the need for a national harness racing database for the purpose of reporting Standardbred fatalities.

8-Sherry White, OSRC Fiscal Officer, presented the monthly financial report. Ms. White explained that the OSRC wrapped up the end of the fiscal year in good shape, and began July on a bit of shaky ground, due mostly to timing of payments that had not occurred the previous year. She cited the increase in payments to the Dept. Of Agriculture, of 20 percent, as an example.

9-OSRC Chairman Schmitz commented that the racing season was progressing nicely with Super Night on the horizon (Sept. 3), the Little Brown Jug at the Delaware County Fairgrounds (Sept. 22) and The Best of Ohio events (Oct. 29) at Mahoning Valley. Dr. Jim Robertson mentioned the ARCI Town Hall Meeting at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway on Sept. 15, and encouraged all to attend.

Dr. Robertson then morphed into discussing the Cobalt Study being undertaken by The Ohio State University Veterinary College and the effects of the medication upon horses. Dr. Robertson stated that research has shown to have an adverse effect on the well-being of the horse during a pilot study, when horses were administered high doses of Cobalt Chloride. Dr. Robertson said he felt the study was making great progress and generated numerous data and that it was important to present the data scientifically in academic journals for peer review. He stated emphatically that administering Cobalt Chloride is detrimental to the horse in the short term.

10-There were no public comments.

11a- In the matter of report and recommendation of the hearing officer regarding Robert Schulz, Charles Febus recommended that Mr. Schulz be issued a thousand dollar fine and one-year suspension. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the report and recommendation of the hearing officer and Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

11b-In the matter of report and recommendation of the hearing officer regarding Trent Tharps, Jr., Charles Febus said he would modify his previous recommendation so that Mr. Tharps, Jr., would be granted a probationary license. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the report and recommendation of the hearing officer and Commissioner Munroe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

11c-In the matter of report and recommendation of the hearing officer regarding Daryl Hooser, Charles Febus said that he believes Mr. Hooser should be granted a license, based on the fact that Mr. Hooser completed an anger management course in 2015. Commissioner Munroe moved to approve the report and recommendation of the hearing officer and Commissioner Book seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

12-In the matter of settlement agreement regarding Alvin Bright, Charles Febus recommendation is that the OSRC accept and adopt the settlement agreement in that Mr. Bright would pay a \$500 fine, return the purse, and serve a seven-day fine beginning Sept. 6, 2016. Commissioner Winters moved to approve the report and recommendation of the hearing officer and Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

13-There being no further business, Commissioner Koch moved to adjourn and Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion and the public meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 10 am
77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1960
Columbus, Ohio 43215
