
A meeting of the racing commission wasn't held in December of 2015

Minutes of the Meeting Held on December 18, 2014

- 1.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert K. Schmitz at 10:00 am in Room West B & C on the 31st floor of the Riffe Center located at 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio, pursuant to due notice.
- 2.** Roll call. The following commissioners were determined to be present: Todd Book, Gary Koch, Mark Munroe and Thomas Winters.
- 3.** Approval of minutes from the meeting held on November 20, 2014: Motion by Commissioner Winters, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
- 4.** Ratification of executive director approvals: Motion by Commissioner Munroe, second by Commissioner Winters, unanimously approved.
- 5. Executive Director's Report:**
 - A. Northfield Park**
 - 1.** In a letter from the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association dated November 20, 2014, a notice of approval of a request by Northfield Park to have November 17, 2014 declared a live racing day pursuant to Chapter 3769.089(9)(C) of the Ohio Revised Code. Racing was cancelled due to unsafe track conditions. Motion by Commissioner Winters, second by Commissioner Koch, unanimously approved.
 - 2.** In the same letter, a request to pay \$13,000 from the purse pool to the owners of the 130 horses entered to race and not scratched on November 17, 2014. Motion by Commissioner Munroe, second by Commissioner Koch, unanimously approved.
- 6.** In a letter from the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund dated December 18, 2014, a request to consider approval of the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes Program. Highlights of the program include an increase (\$25,000) in the purse for each of the eight championships for 2- and 3-year-olds to \$225,000; the scheduling of \$50,000 championships for horses 4-year-old and up at Dayton Raceway in October; and total purses estimated to exceed \$5 million. Motion by Commissioner Winters, second by Commissioner Koch, unanimously approved.
- 7.** In a letter from the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Program dated December 17, 2014, a request to consider approval of the 2015 program. Highlights of the program include an increase (\$25,000) in the purses of 36 stake races to \$75,000; breeders' awards to broodmare and stallion owners will double to an estimated \$1.39 million and \$265,000 respectively; and the amounts expected to fund overnight purses for Ohio-breds and supplements to other races will increase from \$1.02 million in 2014 to \$2.32 million in 2015. Motion by Commissioner Winters, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
- 8.** Update on construction underway at Miami Valley Gaming and Racing: General Manager Jim Simms reported on the progress made on nine specific improvements, including the installation of an infield totalisator board that will also feature a video monitor; four upgrades to the building housing the paddock; the installation of a parking pad for the track ambulance; and the installation of a paved walkway to the winners' circle.
- 9.** Consideration of Resolution 2014-31 to allow the executive director to approve certain requests: Assistant Attorney General Andromeda Morrison read from the resolution that permits Executive Director William Crawford to authorize certain recurring requests. Resolution 2014-31 was offered by Commissioner Winters. Motion by Commissioner Munroe, second by Commissioner Winters, unanimously approved.
- 10.** Update on horse racing fatalities: Executive Director Crawford presented the report and said there have been 40 thoroughbred and seven harness racing fatalities resulting from racing or training during 2014. This compares with a total of 46 during the same period of time in 2013.

- 11.** Monthly Financial Report: Fiscal Officer Sherry White made the presentation.
- 12.** Appointment of the Ohio racing industry's settlement agent for 2015: Executive Director Crawford said the commission is required by the Ohio Revised Code to appoint this agent on an annual basis although beginning July 1, 2015, each permit holder may elect to handle this chore instead. He outlined the responsibilities of the settlement agent. By law, only Thistledown or Northfield Park may serve in this capacity. A motion to approve Northfield Park as the Ohio Racing Industry's Collection and Settlement Agent for 2015 by Commissioner Book. Second by Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.
- 13.** Update on the status of agreements being negotiated by permit holders and representatives of horsemen.
 - A. Belterra Park:** Belterra Park General Manager Kevin Kaufman and Ohio Benevolent and Protective Association General Manager Dave Basler addressed the commission. Mr. Basler said as a result of recent conference calls, he believes approximately 20 issues have been reduced to two or three.

Chairman Schmitz said it would be prudent if a signed agreement was reached by the January meeting of the commission.
 - B. Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway:** Mark Loewe, represented the racetrack, and Jerry Knappenberger, representing the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, said negotiations have yet to begin in earnest.
- 14.** Chairman's Comments: Chairman Schmitz said the commission plans to address driving rules, especially as they relate to whipping and kicking. The commission will examine rules in other jurisdictions, and receive input from horsemen and permit holders in an attempt to update the appropriate rule or rules by the middle of 2015.

Chairman Schmitz said current medication rules, and actions or undertakings by the Association of Racing Commissioners International and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium are very important to the Ohio State Racing Commission. The commission can be expected to address current medication issues as early as during the next meeting in January.
- 15.** Public Comments: Attorney John Izzo, representing the Jockeys' Guild, asked if, in light of a recent incident at Hollywood Gaming at Charles Town Races in West Virginia, the commission is aware of any systems in place to warn jockeys of loose horses or other potential dangers at Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course.

Mr. Loewe, representing the racetrack, said lights and horns have been installed to warn jockeys of dangerous conditions. Executive Director Crawford said if a problem occurs during a race and the stewards activate the warning lights, jockeys have been instructed to pull up their horses. If this occurs, the race will be declared no contest.
- 16.** Executive Session (if necessary). A motion to go into executive session by Commissioner Winters to discuss the hiring, promotion or compensation of a public employee. Second by Commissioner Book. In a roll call vote, Chairman Schmitz voted aye, Commissioner Winters voted aye, Commissioner Book voted aye, Commissioner Koch voted aye and Commissioner Munroe voted aye. Motion approved unanimously. Chairman Schmitz said it was the intent of the commission to adjourn and conduct no further business after returning from executive session.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 10:00 am
77 South High St., Columbus, Ohio,
31st Floor – Room South B & C

OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2014-31

WHEREAS, Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code authorizes the Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) to regulate and preserve the integrity of horse racing in Ohio;

WHEREAS, Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code and the administrative rules adopted thereunder authorize the Commission to approve or ratify certain regularly-occurring, non-licensing events;

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that certain of these ministerial and regularly-occurring, non-licensing events are ministerial in nature;

WHEREAS, the Commission has employed an Executive Director to perform the day-to-day and ministerial acts of the Commission;

WHEREAS, the Commission now wishes to delegate certain ministerial tasks to the Executive Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission that the Executive Director is DELEGATED and AUTHORIZED to approve the following ministerial acts without further ratification by the Commission:

- (A) Authorizing changes of racing officials;
- (B) Authorizing the uncoupling of entries;
- (C) Authorizing special event status;
- (D) Authorizing changes of post times;
- (E) Authorizing changes in wagering formats;
- (F) Authorizing simulcasting for specific programs prior to noon;
- (G) Authorizing approval of Host/Guest product list and changes;
- (H) Authorizing extension of jockey apprentice weight.
- (I) Authorizing approval of fine money expenditure
- (J) Authorizing approval of live race day pursuant to 3769.089 (9)(C)
- (K) Authorizing approval of payments to owners from purse pool for a cancelled live race day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation of Commission authority is subject to the following further conditions:

- (AA) The Executive Director shall prepare a summary of all delegated tasks and submit to the Commission at least monthly;
- (BB) This delegation of authority shall expire on December 31, 2015.

Adopted: 12/18/2014



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December 17, 2014

William Crawford, Executive Director
Ohio State Racing Commission
77 S. High St. - 18th Floor
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am pleased to present the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes Program for consideration by the Ohio State Racing Commission. Members of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund, Senena Esty, Kevin Greenfield and myself, received input from various facets of the state's harness racing industry before endorsing the racing program for next year that follows. The OSDF Committee conducted meetings in Columbus earlier today, on October 22, and on November 10.

Harness industry participants expressed approval of the 2014 Ohio Sires Stakes Program during each of the meetings. Highlights for this year included:

1. Races featuring total purses of \$4,720,000, a record amount;
2. Championships for 2- and 3-year-olds featuring \$200,000 purses, resulting in a single night of racing with total purses of \$2.055 million, also a record;
3. The reinstatement of championships for horses over the age of three; and
4. A 25.4 per cent increase in the number of starters.

For the year ahead, changes made to the program endorsed by the committee include the following:

1. Total Ohio Sires Stakes purses can be expected to exceed \$5 million in 2015 (with all races for Ohio-bred harness horses exceeding \$9.25 million);
2. The OSDF is endorsing a contribution to fund equine research in the state for the first time since 2005; and
3. Minor changes to racing conditions. One permits horses to enter detention barns for championships six hours prior to the scheduled post time instead of six hours prior to the scheduled post time of the first race.

The development fund committee would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of the 2015 Ohio Sires Stakes Program.

Sincerely

Richard McClelland,
OSDF Chairman

2015 Ohio Sires Stakes Conditions – 2- and 3-Year-Olds

1. Nominations. Nominations for 2- and 3-year-olds must be **postmarked** no later than **March 15 2015**. If that date falls on a weekend, the deadline is the succeeding Monday. Some post offices do not routinely postmark mail. Nominators mailing close to the deadline should make sure the letter is postmarked by a postal employee. Nominations of unnamed horses will not be accepted. If a horse's name is changed after it was nominated, the nominator must advise the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF). A horse nominated at one gait may move to the other gait by advising the OSDF, provided the horse has not previously raced in a leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes.

2. Payments:

The fee for any horse nominated to all four sires stakes races:	\$500
The fee for any horse nominated to any single race:	\$200
The starting fee for all series races is:	\$500

There are no sustaining payments due. On all four-race payments, \$75 will go to each series race and \$200 to the championship. On individual race payments, the entire \$200 payment will go to the series race. All nominating and starting fees must be paid in U.S. currency. A horse entered by a nominator who pays fees with a dishonored check may be dropped from the eligibility list and the matter may be referred to the Ohio State Racing Commission under Ohio Administrative Rule 3769-17-42. All payments are forfeited. The appropriate amount of money will be shifted to the new gait if an eligible horse changes gait.

3. Entries. Starters in legs or championships shall enter at the regular time practiced at that racetrack. Each race is a one-mile dash.

4. Requirements to start. At time of **ENTRY**, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements below. A one second allowance on time requirements will be granted on entries taken through the first leg of each series race for 2- and 3-year-olds. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

Trotters:	Trotters:	Age	Pacers:	Pacers:
Half-Mile	Five-Eighths or Larger		Half-Mile	Five-Eighths or Larger
2:07 or faster	2:05 or faster	2-Year-Olds	2:03 or faster	2:01 or faster
2:04 or faster	2:02 or faster	3-Year-Olds	2:00 or faster	1:58 or faster

5. Scratches. Horses scratched sick or lame from any purse race may not race in an Ohio Sires Stakes leg or championship until the seventh (7th) day after the date of the race from which the horse was scratched; and then only with a veterinarian's permission slip.

6. Starting. Horses on the starting gate are limited to nine on five-eighths mile tracks and eight on half-mile tracks. In any leg if 11 or more horses enter, the race will be contested in two divisions. Thereafter, if 20 or more horses enter, no division shall be raced with more than one trailer. All divisions shall be raced on the advertised date unless postponed pursuant to condition #10.

7. Starters. If less than five horses enter any leg, the race shall be cancelled and trainers so notified. Each horse entered shall be entitled to an equal share of all money paid in nominating fees credited to that leg. All available points will be divided equally based upon the number of horses entered by using the points awarded system for each leg as described in the conditions for "Championship Races." Each horse entered will be awarded one additional point as if the horse started in the race.

8. Purses. All nominating and starting fees will be added to the purse. No funds for a race shall be allocated to and paid to a permit holder by the OSDF unless the permit holder adds at least twenty per cent to the amount allocated by the OSDF, and not less than five thousand dollars to each race. The OSDF shall add a minimum of \$33,000 per leg. The total purse will be divided equally between divisions. The minimum purse for each division shall be \$40,000. The maximum purse for one division shall be \$45,000. The purse for each championship shall be \$225,000 guaranteed.

9. Eligibility. Foals eligible shall be only those sired by a standardbred stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception. No filly may enter colt and gelding legs. No colt or gelding may enter filly legs. Any foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible when in compliance with United States Trotting Association rule number 26.24.

10. Cancellations. If circumstances prevent racing any leg or championship at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OSDF Committee may reschedule it on another date or at another track.

11. Rules/Rulings. Rules of the Ohio State Racing Commission to govern. The OSDF Committee has final authority to determine any questions related to horse eligibility and interpretation of the conditions. All Ohio Sires Stakes must be scheduled as betting races unless approved by the OSDF.

12. Sample Testing. All horses entered in Ohio Sires Stakes may be subject to TCO₂ testing.

2- & 3-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Starters in championships are limited to the number of horses the starting gate will accommodate. Starters do not need to meet requirements contained in Condition four (4). All horses receiving points in the legs may enter a Championship, but only the number of horses allowed on the Starting Gate at the host track with the highest point totals of those entered will be selected as starters. Points will be awarded in each leg or division of such leg of the series as follows: **Win-50, Second-25, Third-12, Fourth-8, Fifth-5, and All Starters-1**. In the event of a dead-heat, horses shall receive the standard distribution of points for their particular order of finish. For the purpose of awarding points to qualify for the Championship, each division shall be considered a race.

Points shall be awarded according to the placings of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for championships. Any pending appeal of a ruling issued by the judges shall not alter the placing determined by the judges. If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the last position in a Championship, the horse with the highest OSS earnings for the current year will be the last starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the last starter shall be drawn by lot.

Two also-eligible horses may be drawn. The higher point winner shall be assigned also-eligible #1. If also-eligible horses tie in points, the horse with the higher OSS earnings for the current year would be also-eligible #1. If the tie is not broken by money earned, also-eligible #1 shall be drawn by lot. Also-eligible horses may move in if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the track hosting the Championship. Starters shall declare in at the usual time practiced at that track for overnight entries. **All horses entered in the Championships shall be required to report to the detention area at the racetrack hosting the Championships at least six hours prior to the advertised post time of the championship race entered.** Any horse late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

Starting Fee for All 2- and 3-Year-Old Championships: \$1,000

2015 Ohio Sires Stakes 4-Year-Old & Up Conditions

Nominating Payments due June 1, 2015

- 1. Nominations.** Nominations of \$250 must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2015**. If that date falls on a weekend, the deadline is the succeeding Monday. Some post offices do not routinely postmark mail. Anyone mailing close to the deadline should make sure the letter is postmarked by a postal employee. All nominating and starting fees must be paid in United States currency. There is no sustaining payment. The starting fee for each championship is \$500. If six separate betting interests are not entered for any championship, that championship may be cancelled and all nomination fees will be divided equally among those horses entered.
- 2. Eligibility.** Four-year-old & up trotters and pacers sired by a stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception. Any horse scratched sick or lame from any purse race may not race in a championship or elimination unless seven days have passed from the date of the race from which the horse was scratched. Any foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible when in compliance with United States Trotting Association rule number 26.24.
- 3. Requirements to start.** At time of entry, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements below. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

Trotters	Trotters	Pacers	Pacers
Half-Mile Track	Five-Eighths or Larger	Half-Mile Track	Five-Eighths or Larger
2:01 or faster	1:59 or faster	1:57 or faster	1:55 or faster

- 4. Purses.** All nominating and starting fees will be added to each championship. No funds for a championship shall be allocated to or paid to a permit holder by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF) unless the permit holder adds at least twenty-five per cent to the amount allocated by the OSDF to each championship. Purses for all eliminations will be \$15,000. The OSDF and the host racetrack shall share the total cost of all elimination races equally. Purse distribution for championships and eliminations: 50%, 25%, 12%, 8%, 5%.
- 5. Rules/Rulings.** Rules of the Ohio Racing Commission to govern. The OSDF Committee has final authority to determine any questions related to eligibility and interpretation of the conditions.
- 6. Entry/Starting.** If ten or more horses enter any championship, one or more elimination races will be held one week prior to the day of the championship. If circumstances prevent racing any Championship at the scheduled track on its advertised date, the OSDF Committee shall reschedule the race on another date or at another track. Horses on the starting gate are limited to nine on five-eighths mile tracks and eight on half-mile tracks. If 11 or more horses enter any elimination, the race will be contested in two divisions. Thereafter, if 20 or more horses enter, no division shall be raced with more than one trailer. Eliminations shall be raced on the advertised date unless postponed. Deadlines for entry follow:

Trotting or Pacing Stallions or	Enter on October 14 by 9:00 am for championships on October 24. The \$500 starting fee is due at that time. Eliminations, if needed, on October 17. There is no additional fee
Trotting or Pacing Mares:	Enter on October 12 by 9:00 am for championships on October 23. The \$500 starting fee is due at that time. Eliminations, if needed, on October 16. There is no additional fee

- 7. Championship Starters.** Each race is a one-mile dash. If an elimination race is necessary, the first nine finishers shall qualify for the championship. If there are two eliminations, the first four finishers in each division qualify for the championship along with the fifth place finisher who has the most earned money in Ohio during the year of the Championship. If there are three eliminations, the first three finishers in each division will qualify for the Championship. **All horses entered in the Championships shall be required to report to the detention area at the racetrack hosting the Championships at least six hours prior to the advertised post time of the championship entered. Any horse late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.**

2015 OHIO SIRES STAKES SCHEDULES
Four Legs with \$40,000 minimum purses and
Eight \$225,000 Championships for 2- and 3-Year-Olds
Four \$50,000 Championships for 4-Year-Olds and Up

* Afternoon Racing Program Scheduled

Chronological

Date	Day	Track	Age, Sex & Gait	Leg
May 1	Friday	Miami Valley	3-year-old filly trot 3-year-old filly pace	1
May 2	Saturday	Miami Valley	3-year-old colt trot 3-year-old colt pace	1
June 6	Saturday	Scioto Downs	3-year-old colt trot 3-year-old colt pace	2
June 12	Friday	Northfield Park	3-year-old filly trot 3-year-old filly pace	2
July 3	Friday	Northfield Park	2-year-old filly trot 2-year-old filly pace	1
July 4*	Saturday	Scioto Downs	2-year-old colt trot 2-year-old colt pace	1
July 17	Friday	Northfield Park	3-year-old colt trot 3-year-old colt pace	3
July 24	Friday	Northfield Park	2-year-old colt trot 2-year-old colt pace	2
July 25	Saturday	Scioto Downs	2-year-old filly trot 2-year-old filly pace	2
Aug 14	Friday	Northfield Park	3-year-old filly trot 3-year-old filly pace	3
Aug 21	Friday	Northfield Park	2-year-old colt trot 2-year-old colt pace	3
Aug 21	Friday	Northfield Park	2-year-old filly trot 2-year-old filly pace	3
Aug 28	Friday	Scioto Downs	3-year-old filly trot 3-year-old filly pace	4
Aug 29	Saturday	Scioto Downs	3-year-old colt trot 3-year-old colt pace	4
Sept 4	Friday	Scioto Downs	2-year-old filly trot 2-year-old filly pace	4
Sept 5	Saturday	Scioto Downs	2-year-old colt trot 2-year-old colt pace	4
Sept 12	Saturday	Scioto Downs	Super Night: Eight \$225,000 Championships for 2- and 3-Year-Olds	
Oct 23	Friday	Dayton Raceway	4-year-old & up Mare Trot 4-year-old & up Mare Pace	
Oct 24	Saturday	Dayton Raceway	4yo & up Horse/Gelding Trot 4yo & up Horse/Gelding Pace	

By Division

2-Year-Old Colt Trot		2-Year-Old Filly Trot	
1	Scioto Downs July 4*	1	Northfield Park July 3
2	Northfield Park July 24	2	Scioto Downs July 25
3	Northfield Park Aug 21	3	Northfield Park Aug 21
4	Scioto Downs Sept 5	4	Scioto Downs Sept 4
Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12	Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12

2-Year-Old Colt Pace		2-Year-Old Filly Pace	
1	Scioto Downs July 4*	1	Northfield Park July 3
2	Northfield Park July 24	2	Scioto Downs July 25
3	Northfield Park Aug 21	3	Northfield Park Aug 21
4	Scioto Downs Sept 5	4	Scioto Downs Sept 4
Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12	Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12

3-Year-Old Colt Trot		3-Year-Old Filly Trot	
1	Miami Valley May 2	1	Miami Valley May 1
2	Scioto Downs June 6	2	Northfield Park June 12
3	Northfield Park July 17	3	Northfield Park Aug 14
4	Scioto Downs Aug 29	4	Scioto Downs Aug 28
Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12	Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12

3-Year-Old Colt Pace		3-Year-Old Filly Pace	
1	Miami Valley May 2	1	Miami Valley May 1
2	Scioto Downs June 6	2	Northfield Park June 12
3	Northfield Park July 17	3	Northfield Park Aug 14
4	Scioto Downs Aug 29	4	Scioto Downs Aug 28
Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12	Ch	Scioto Downs Sept 12

\$50,000 4-Year-Old & Up Horse/Gelding Trot		\$50,000 4-Year-Old & Up Mare Trot	
Ch	Dayton Raceway Oct 24	Ch	Dayton Raceway Oct 23

\$50,000 4-Year-Old & Up Horse/Gelding Pace		\$50,000 4-Year-Old & Up Mare Pace	
Ch	Dayton Raceway Oct 24	Ch	Dayton Raceway Oct 23

Ohio Standardbred Development Fund 2015 Budget

Estimated Revenue in 2015	\$225K Finals
1. Pari-mutuel tax	\$850,000
2. Casino tax revenue	1,422,000
3. Nominating payments	280,000
4. Stallion registrations/renewals	5,000
5. OHHA proposed VLT support	4,200,000
2015 Total	\$6,757,000

Estimated expenses in 2015	
1. Payments to purses	\$4,067,000
2. Advertising	75,000
3. Promotion	100,000
4. Miscellaneous	15,000
2015 Total	\$4,257,000

Results

Estimated Gain/Loss from 2015 activity	\$2,500,000
Estimated Fund balance January 1, 2015	\$1,450,000
Estimated Fund balance January 1, 2016	\$3,950,000

December 16, 2014

Ohio State Racing Commission
77 High Street, 18th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Committee Recommendations

Gentlemen,

The Thoroughbred Advisory Committee members, Robert Frost and Klampton Williams, held a Public meeting today to discuss the expenditures of the funds available in the Thoroughbred Fund account. The following nine items were discussed.

1. 2015 OTRF Rules and conditions
2. 2015 OTRF Stakes schedule
3. OHBPA recommendations
4. OTBO recommendations
5. OTBO request for \$21,000 Promotional Monies
6. Presentation Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine
7. Presentation Ohio Department of Agriculture
8. Review of 2015 OTRF budget
9. Discussion of OTRF marketing

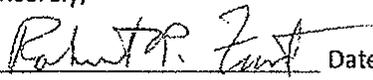
Based upon these proceedings the Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Committee would like to submit the following recommendations to the Ohio State Racing Commission for consideration and approval effective January 1, 2015.

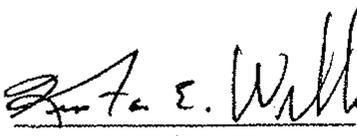
1. **Approve**
2. **Approve**
3. **Approve** OHBPA recommendations listed below;
 - A. We recommend that broodmare and stallion awards be paid to the breeders of horses finishing first, second or third in any eligible race with the percentages paid remaining at the current levels. In 2014 only the winning horse has been eligible for broodmare and stallion awards.
 - B. We recommend that all Ohio-bred stakes which had advertised purses of \$50,000 in 2014 be increased to \$75,000 in 2015.
 - C. We recommend that the OTF monies available for each Ohio restricted race (excluding stakes) be increased by 50% from the current levels.

D. We recommend that wins in Ohio restricted races not be counted for eligibility purposes when Ohio-breds race in open non winners other than, two other than and three other than allowance races. As an example, beginning January 1, 2015 the condition of a first level open allowance race would read "Non winners of a race other than maiden, claiming, starter or Ohio-bred."

4. OTBO recommendation, (same as OHBPA recommendations)
5. **Approve**
6. Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine presentation. **Approve** \$100,000.00 funding.
7. Ohio Department of Agriculture presentation. Under review.
8. 2015 OTRF budget review completed, **Approved**.
9. **Approve** allocation of \$75,000.00 for marketing. Review additional \$75,000.00 funding during June 2015 Advisory meeting.

Sincerely,


Date: 12-17-14
Robert Frost


Date: 12-17-14
Kimpton E. Williams

Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund 2015 Rules & Conditions

Eligibility:

To qualify for Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund money in 2015, a horse must be registered under the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Program.

Conditions:

1. All Ohio-funded stakes races must go if there are five or more separate betting interests. The Race Secretary shall request uncoupling for common betting interests. The Ohio State Racing Commission may, in its discretion, uncouple the common betting interests.

If an Ohio-funded stakes race draws four or fewer separate betting interests and the track elects not to permit wagering on this race, the race will be run as an exhibition and the purse will be dropped to Ohio Fund Money. Any Ohio-funded stakes race scheduled at one mile on the main dirt track will move to the next available longer distance if more than eight horses are entered.

All Ohio-funded stakes race nomination blanks will read as follows: A fee of \$50 each shall accompany the nomination. Entry fees shall be 1% of the State's share of the total purse, which shall be due at the time of entry. An additional fee of 0.65% of the gross purse will be required to start. Nominating and entry fees shall be returned to excluded horses.

All Ohio-funded stakes races will be funded as follows: **35%** from the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund and **65%** from the horsemen's purse fund.

2. No Ohio Thoroughbred Fund Stake will be split. All Ohio Thoroughbred Fund stakes that have more entries than the starting gate will hold will be drawn under the following guidelines:

- (A) Horses with the highest earnings in the year of the stake as calculated at time of closing and preceding year are preferred;
- (B) When an Ohio Thoroughbred Fund Stake has more entries than the starting gate will hold, there shall be sixteen horses drawn into a race on the dirt and fourteen for the turf. At scratch time if one or both horses with the lowest earnings should draw in they will race from their assigned post positions at time of draw. Nominating and entry fees will be returned to owners of excluded horses;
- (C) Scratch time for all Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stakes shall be at the normal time of the track hosting the race;
- (D) A horse may be nominated to more than one Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stake on the same race day, and may be entered in more than one Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stake, but must declare in only one stake by normal scratch time of the host track;
- (E) In order to enter a horse in any Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund stake race a horse shall have but not limited to:
 - (1) The required number of published workouts;
 - (2) A gate card;
 - (3) Be tattooed.
- (F) Purse Distribution for Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund races: 1st-60% 2nd-20% 3rd-10% 4th-5% 5th-3% 6th-2%.

3. The following stakes races shall be known as the "Best of Ohio Series" and shall be funded as follows:

State Share: \$262,500 Horsemen's Share: \$487,500 Total Purse: \$750,000

Each Stake race shall consist of a maximum of 14 horses, eligibility to be determined by money earned. Eligible horses racing at least once in Ohio during **2015** credited with **2014** and **2015** earnings. Non-starters in Ohio during **2015** credited with **2015** earnings only. Should horses tie for eligibility, the following order will be used to determine participation: (a) Horses with the highest total earnings in the year of Stake and preceding year; and (b) Lottery.

Date	Track	Stake	Purse	Distance	Weight
Oct. 10	Thistledown	J.W. Galbreath	\$150,000 — 2-year-old filly	1 1/16 mi.	Fillies 117 lbs.
Oct. 10	Thistledown	Juvenile	\$150,000 — 2-year-old	1 1/16 mi.	Colts/Geldings 120lbs.; Fillies 117 lbs.
Oct. 10	Thistledown	Sprint	\$150,000 — 3-year-old & up	6 furlongs	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122; fillies/mares allowed 3 lbs.
Oct. 10	Thistledown	Distaff	\$150,000 — 3yo & up, fillies/mares	1 1/8 mi.	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122 lbs.
Oct. 10	Thistledown	Endurance	\$150,000 — 3-year-old & up	1 1/4 mi.	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122; fillies/mares allowed 3 lbs.

4. Ohio overnight races must be written in the following categories:

- a. 2-year-olds;
- b. 2-year-old fillies;
- c. 3-year-olds;
- d. 3-year-old fillies;
- e. 3-year-old and up; and
- f. 3-year-old and up fillies/mares.

5. Two-year-olds shall not be required to carry more than 122 lbs.
6. At least 50 per cent of all overnight races must be written for fillies.
7. Should any fund overnight race fail to be contested due to insufficient entries, the lists of entries made in such race shall immediately be posted in a conspicuous place on the Horsemen's Bulletin Board. Failure to do so shall be grounds for penalties or sanctions by the Commission.
8. At least one Ohio-funded overnight race shall be scheduled on every day of racing at each track. At his discretion, each Racing Secretary may schedule more than one Ohio-funded race each day, taking into consideration the total amount of overnight money and supplement money allotted in 2015 versus the total number of race days per year at each track. Overnight and supplement allotments for 2015 are as follows:

Track	Days	Allotment	Percentage
Belterra Park	93	\$736,427	31.8%
Mahoning Valley	100	\$789,698	34.1%
Thistledown	100	\$789,698	34.1%
Total	293	\$2,315,832	

9. In all overnight fund races, the amount of the purse put up by the track (Horsemen's purse fund) must be at least equal to the amount of contribution from the Ohio thoroughbred race fund. In no event may the track's share of the purse be less than the amount the track would normally pay for the same class of race.

10. Ohio maiden races for 2-year-olds must be written starting June 1, and will then be offered in a timely manner at each track. Ohio maiden races for 3-year-olds and up must be held every ten days beginning on the first day of the 2015 racing season. Races such as non-winners of two, non-winners of a race other than, non-winners of three, non-winners of two races other than, non-winners of four, non-winners of three races other than should also be spaced throughout the book.

Racing Secretaries must send proof copies of condition books to members of the Commission and Advisory Committee 10 days prior to the printing of said condition book.

11. All Ohio-funded **non-claiming** races, scheduled on the main track, must go if there are six or more betting interests. Any such races scheduled on the turf must go if there are ten or more betting interests. **All Ohio-funded non-condition claiming races shall be used with 8 or more betting interests. Registered Ohio-breds shall be preferred in all claiming races after any condition eligibility preference has been observed.** If an Ohio-funded overnight race draws more entries than the gate will accommodate, the race may be split. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund share of the purse may be split accordingly.

12. All Ohio-funded maiden non-claiming races shall be split when there are sufficient entries for each division to contain at least eight separate betting interests. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund share of the purse may be split accordingly.

13. In the event an adequate number of Ohio Accredited horses are entered in any Ohio-funded overnight race, the Racing Secretary may request approval from the Executive Director of the Commission to split the race into an Ohio-Accredited and an Ohio-foaled race.

14. The following schedule shall be used for all Ohio overnight races:

ALLOWANCE WITH LIFETIME CONDITIONS: The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund will provide the following to each purse for the following categories:

a. Maiden (non-claiming)	\$7,500
b. Non-winners of 2 or non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming	7,800
c. Non-winners of 3 or non-winners of 2 races other than maiden or claiming	8,700
d. Non-winners of 3 races other than maiden or claiming or never won a race or 2 races at one mile or over other than maiden or claiming	8,700

ALLOWANCE OTHER THAN LIFETIME CONDITIONS: Each track shall write an Allowance race for, other than lifetime conditions, at least once per month **\$9,000**

CLAIMING RACES / STARTER RACES.

All Ohio Claiming races \$20,000 and above receive	\$4,500
All Ohio Claiming races below \$20,000 and above \$6,500 receive	3,900
All Ohio Claiming races \$6,500 and below receive	3,000

15. All Ohio-registered thoroughbreds that win or finish second or finish third in open races under the following categories shall be supplemented as indicated below. An open race is any race that is not limited to horses

foaled in a specific state, sired by stallions standing in a specific state, or horses sold at a certain auction. Purses shall be supplemented as follows:

Accredited (non claiming): \$10,500 (first finisher); \$3,000 (second); \$1,500 (third)	Total	\$15,000
Open maiden allowance \$7,000 (first finisher); \$2,000 (second); \$1,000 (third)	Total	\$10,000
Open allowance non-winner of 2 or non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming \$7,000 (first finisher); \$2,000 (second); \$1,000 (third)	Total	\$10,000
Open allowance non-winner of 3 or non-winners of 2 other than maiden or claiming \$7,000 (first finisher); \$2,000 (second); \$1,000 (third)	Total	\$10,000
Open allowance non-winner of 4 or non-winners of 3 other than maiden or claiming \$7,000 (first finisher); \$2,000 (second); \$1,000 (third)	Total	\$10,000
Open allowance \$7,000 (first finisher); \$2,000 (second); \$1,000 (third)	Total	\$10,000
Claiming Races / Starter Races		
Open claiming \$20,000 and above \$2,800 (first finisher); \$800 (second); \$400 (third)	Total	\$4,000
Open claiming \$6,500 up to \$20,000 \$1,120 (first finisher); \$320 (second); \$160 (third)	Total	\$1,600
Open claiming \$6,500 and below \$700 (first finisher); \$200 (second); \$100 (third)	Total	\$1,000

Wins in Ohio restricted races will not be counted for **eligibility purposes** when **Ohio-Breds** race in open allowance non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming or starter, open allowance non-winners of 2 other than maiden or claiming or starter, open allowance non-winners of 3 other than maiden or claiming or starter.

16. Each Condition Book shall contain a list of all Ohio-funded races to be carded for the ensuing 15-day period beyond the current Condition Book. The list shall identify the date, purse, and distance of each Ohio-funded race. In all condition books and racing programs the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund logo shall be used to identify all Ohio-restricted races.

17. Pursuant to Section 3769-5-66, paragraphs (A)(1) & (A)(2), Breeders' Awards shall be established as follows:

- A. Broodmares**
- All races other than claiming or starter allowance, **15% of winner's share of purse, 15% of second place share of purse, and 15% of third place share of purse**
 - All claiming and starter allowance races, **10% of winner's share of purse, 10% of second place share of purse, and 10% of third place share of purse**
- B. Stallions**
- All races other than claiming or starter allowance, **10% of winner's share of purse, 10% of second place share of purse, and 10% of third place share of purse**
 - All claiming and starter allowance races, **5% of winner's share of purse, 5% of second place share of purse, and 5% of third place share of purse**

18. In order to receive a Broodmare or Stallion Award, a breeder must have a current breeder's license issued by the Ohio State Racing Commission.

The following were considerations taken into account while developing the 2015 stakes schedule:

- Races for 3-year-old colts and races for older males have been scheduled as far apart as possible.
- Races for 3-year-old fillies and races for older mares have been scheduled as far apart as possible.
- Races have been distributed between racetracks to afford as much equity as possible based upon the number of racing dates and moneys generated for the program at each track. Every effort has been made to avoid having consecutive races at any one single racetrack.

An "Ohio-bred" for the purpose of these conditions means one registered with the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund. These conditions are subject to interpretation, review and revision at any time by the Ohio State Racing Commission. All decisions made by the Ohio State Racing Commission with respect to these rules and regulations shall be final.

OHIO THOROUGHBRED FUND SPECIAL ACCOUNT

2015

Projected Credits	\$8,373,268.00
Projected Debits	\$5,369,332.00
Projected Balance	\$3,003,963.00

	2014 adjusted	2015 proposed
Debits		
Broodmare Awards	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 1,385,000.00
Stallion Awards	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 265,000.00
Advertising / Marketing	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Promotions / Research		\$ 121,000.00
Overnights	\$ 725,386.00	\$ 1,711,200.00
Supplements	\$ 293,760.00	\$ 604,632.00
Stakes	\$ 910,000.00	\$ 1,207,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,747,146.00	\$ 5,369,332.00
Credits		
Beginning Balance	\$ 955,593.00	\$ 2,225,021.00
Receipts	\$ 825,000.00	\$ 776,000.00
HBPA (VLT)	\$ 1,364,327.00	\$ 3,500,000.00
Casino Tax	\$ 1,552,247.00	\$ 1,552,247.00
Nom. & Entry Fees	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
Registration Fees	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,972,167.00	\$ 8,373,268.00

Revised Code Section 3769.083 (B):

Not less than ten nor more than twenty-five per cent of the total money to be paid from the fund for all types of races shall be allocated to races restricted to accredited Ohio thoroughbred horses.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3769.083 (C)(2):

Twenty-five per cent of the total moneys to be paid from the fund for stakes races shall be allocated to races for only accredited Ohio thoroughbred horses.

Of the proposed **\$1,207,500** in stakes purses, **\$341,250** is for stakes open to **Accredited** Ohio thoroughbred horses only. Of the proposed **\$3,523,332** to be paid from the fund for all races, at least **\$352,333** but no more than **\$880,833** will be allocated to races restricted to **Accredited** Ohio thoroughbred horses (which includes the funds paid in stakes races).

2015 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes Schedule

DATE	STAKE	AGE/CONDITION	TRACK	DISTANCE	PURSE
28-Mar	The Southern Park Stakes	3-Year-Old (F)	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	\$75,000
18-Apr	The Howard B. Noonan Stakes	3-Year-Old	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	75,000
2-May	The Dr. T.F. Classen Memorial Stakes	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
2-May	The Ed Babst/Albert Palacios Memorial	3-Year- Old & up	Belterra Park	6 furlongs	75,000
9-May	The Tall Stack Stakes	3-year-Old	Belterra Park	6.5 furlongs	75,000
16-May	The Michael F. Rowland Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
17-May	The Tomboy Stakes	3-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/16} mi. (T)	75,000
31-May	The Green Carpet Stakes	3-Year-Old	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/16} mi. (T)	75,000
6-Jun	The Michael G. Mackey Memorial-Angenora	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
14-Jun	The Sydney Gendelman Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/16} mi. (T)	75,000
27-Jun	The J. William Petro Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	1 ^{1/16} miles	75,000
4-Jul	The Daniel Stearns Cleveland Gold Cup	3-Year-Old	Thistledown	1 ^{1/8} miles	75,000
12-Jul	The Cincinnati Stakes	3-Year-Old Accredited (F)	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/16} mi. (T)	75,000
12-Jul	The Hoover Stakes	2-year-Old	Belterra Park	5 ^{1/2} fur.	75,000
18-Jul	George Lewis Memorial	3-year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	1 ^{1/8} miles	75,000
25-Jul	The Miss Ohio Stakes	2-Year-Old (F)	Thistledown	5 ^{1/2} fur.	75,000
26-Jul	The Norm Barron-Queen City Oaks	3-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/8} miles	75,000
8-Aug	The Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes	2-Year-Old	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
9-Aug	The Horizon Stakes	3-Year-Old Accredited	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/16} mi. (T)	75,000
9-Aug	The Vivacious Handicap	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Belterra Park	1 ^{1/16} mi. (T)	75,000
15-Aug	The Honey Jay Stakes	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
29-Aug	The Tah Dah Stakes	2-Year-Old (F)	Belterra Park	6 furlongs	75,000
29-Aug	The Pay The Man Stakes	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	1 ^{1/16} miles	75,000
5-Sep	The Governor's Buckeye Cup	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	1 ^{1/4} miles	75,000
12-Sep	Loyalty Stakes	2-year-Old Accredited	Belterra Park	6 furlongs	75,000
19-Sep	The Scarlet & Gray Handicap	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
26-Sep	The Catlaunch Stakes	3-year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	1 ^{1/16} miles	75,000
10-Oct	The Best of Ohio Distaff	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	1 ^{1/8} miles	150,000
10-Oct	The Best of Ohio Endurance	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	1 ^{1/4} miles	150,000
10-Oct	The Best of Ohio Sprint	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	6 furlongs	150,000
10-Oct	The Juvenile Stakes	2-Year-Old	Thistledown	1 ^{1/16} miles	150,000
10-Oct	The John W. Galbreath Memorial Stakes	2-Year-Old (F)	Thistledown	1 ^{1/16} miles	150,000
24-Oct	The Diana Stake	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	75,000
31-Oct	The Emerald Necklace Stakes	2-year-Old (F) Accredited	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	75,000
31-Oct	The Cardinal Handicap	3-year-Old & up	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	75,000
7-Nov	Ohio Debutante Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Mahoning Valley	1 ^{1/16} miles	75,000
21-Nov	The First Lady Stakes	3-Year-Old (F)	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	75,000
21-Nov	The Glacial Princess Stakes	2-Year-Old Accredited (F)	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	75,000
28-Nov	The Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Mahoning Valley	1 ^{1/8} miles	75,000
5-Dec	The Joshua S. Radosevich Memorial-Ohio Freshman Stakes	2-Year-Old Accredited	Mahoning Valley	6 furlongs	75,000
5-Dec	The Bobbie Bricker Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Mahoning Valley	1 ^{1/16} miles	75,000