



## Ohio State Racing Commission

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### Minutes of the OSRC Meeting held June 29, 2016

1-The Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) held its monthly meeting June 29, 2016 at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, Room 1952, at 10:00 am.

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

3-Commissioner Winters moved to approve the May 23, 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 approvals. Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5-OSRC Executive Director Crawford read a request from the Delaware County Agricultural Society to conduct future win wagering on the 2016 Little Brown Jug; to simulcast all races; to require any horse entered in the Little Brown Jug or Jugette to arrive on the grounds by 11 am two days prior to each race; to waive administrative rule 3769-15-31 (B) (2) and apply the "preference rule" for all overnight races; and approval of the wagering format. Commissioner Book moved to approve the request and Commissioner Winters seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6-Commissioner Winters moved to approve new proposed rules 3769-2-43 and 3769-12-32 (OSRC to determine distribution percentage of VLT income) and Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

7-Executive Director William Crawford gave an update on horse fatalities in Ohio for June 2016. In June there were two fatalities—both Thoroughbreds—one during a workout at Belterra Park and one during a race at Thistledown. There were no Standardbred fatalities in June 2016. For the year to date since January 1, there have been a total of 20 horse fatalities in Ohio—15 Thoroughbred and five Standardbred.

8-Sherry White, OSRC Fiscal Officer, presented the monthly financial report. Ms. White explained that the OSRC is wrapping up the end of the fiscal year in good shape, with revenues up three per cent from last year due to increased licensing, fingerprinting and testing income. The OSRC was ahead by \$233,000 through the end of May 2016

9-OSRC Chairman Robert Schmitz had no comments

10-Tom Aldrich, Northfield Park Vice President, then spoke at length regarding a seven-month, ongoing dispute between his racetrack and the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA). Renee Mancino, OHHA Executive Director and OHHA Vice President Steve Bateson then spoke regarding the same dispute.

11a-In the matter of Trent Tharps requesting a reinstatement of his racing license, Commissioner Winters moved to defer Mr. Tharps' case until the next meeting and Commissioner Munroe seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

11b-In the matter of report and recommendation of the hearing officer regarding James Salerno, who was found to have an injectable on his person on the grounds of Northfield Park, Commissioner Munroe moved to approve the report and recommendation of the hearing officer and Commissioner Koch seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

12-There being no further business, Commissioner Winters moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending or eminent court action with counsel, and Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion and the public meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.

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Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting  
Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 10 am  
77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1960  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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