

# Minutes of the Meeting Held on May 12, 2011

1. Chairman Ben Rose and Executive Director Paul M. Nick of the Ohio Ethics Commission presented background information to Chairman Robert Schmitz and the following Ohio State Racing Commissioners present: Todd Book, Ted Brown, William Koester and B.J. Roach.
2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on April 14, 2011. Upon motion by Commissioner Book, second by Commissioner Brown, unanimously approved.

## 3. Executive Director's Report:

### A. Beulah Park

1. In a letter dated April 14, 2011, a request for Matt Hook to announce the races on May 7, 2011. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Brown, approved unanimously.
2. In a letter dated April 14, 2011, a request to drop non-live host status on October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2011, and on December 25, 2011; and to add non-live host status on April 20, 22, 27 and 28, 2011, October 16 and 23, 2011 and December 26, 2011. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Brown, unanimously approved.
3. In a communication dated April 16, 2011, a request to staff the temporary hospital with a paramedic and an emergency medical technician on April 18, 2011. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Book, second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.
4. In a letter dated April 28, 2011, a request to treat the Kentucky Oaks on May 6, 2011, and Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks/Kentucky Derby Double on May 7, 2011 as special events. The request has the support of the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (HBPA) and was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Koester, unanimously approved.
5. In a letter dated April 29, 2011, a request to use \$2,000 from the purse account to reimburse owners that entered horses in two races cancelled on March 15, 2011. This request has the support of the HBPA. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.

### B. River Downs

1. In a letter dated April 22, 2011, River Downs requested approval of the following: A performance bond for the PNK (Ohio) LLC Meeting #2.
2. List of Officials. All have been certified as competent for their positions by General Manager Kevin Kaufman.
3. Number of Races
4. Wagering Format
5. Post Times
6. Simulcasting Schedule
7. Prices
8. Letter to State Fire Marshal. River Downs submitted this letter on March 30. Motion to approve items 1-8 by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
9. In a letter dated April 19, 2011, a request to treat the Kentucky Oaks on May 6, 2011, Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks/Kentucky Derby Double and Kentucky Oaks/Woodford Reserve/Kentucky Derby Pick 3 on May 7, 2011, Black-Eyed Susan on May 20, 2011, and Preakness on May 21, 2011 as special events. The request has the support of the HBPA and was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Koester, unanimously approved.
10. In a communication dated May 3, 2011, a request to treat April 29, April 30, May 1, May 4, May 5, May 6, May 7 and May 8, 2011 as live racing days. All days were lost as a result of Ohio River flooding. The request has the support of the HBPA and was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.
11. In a letter dated May 9, a request to treat May 11 and May 12, 2011 as live racing days. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.

### **C. Thistledown**

1. In a letter dated April 14, 2011, a request to change post time to 2:30 pm on May 7, May 14, and June 11, 2011. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
2. In a letter dated April 21, 2011, a request to change the cost of the daily live racing program from \$1.50 to \$2.00. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Brown, unanimously approved.
3. In a communication dated April 6, 2011, a request to treat the Kentucky Oaks on May 6, 2011, Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks/Kentucky Derby Double and Kentucky Derby Day Pick 6 on May 7, 2011, Black-Eyed Susan on May 20, 2011, Preakness on May 21, 2011, Belmont and Brooklyn Handicap/Belmont Double on June 11, 2011, and Travers and Bernard Baruch/Travers Double on August 27, 2011 as special events. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Brown. Under discussion, Dave Basler said the Ohio HBPA has not granted approval for the last four named races or wagers because requests from all thoroughbred racetracks have not been received. Commissioner Koester moved to amend the motion by deleting the Belmont, Brooklyn Handicap/Belmont Double, Travers and Bernard Baruch/Travers Double from consideration for approval. Second by Commissioner Brown, unanimously approved.
4. In a communication dated May 9, 2011, a request to employ Roger Bowman as clerk of scales and Susan Conklin as clocker. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.

### **D. Lebanon Raceway**

1. In a communication dated April 15, 2011, a request to remain closed on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. This was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
2. In a letter dated May 5, 2011, a request to treat the Illinois Derby on April 9, 2011, Arkansas Derby, Instant Racing Breeders Cup and Premier Pick 4 on April 16, 2011, Blue Grass on April 16, 2011, Kentucky Oaks on May 6, 2011, Kentucky Derby and Oaks/Derby Double on May 7, 2011, Preakness, Preakness Pick 4 and Pimlico Special/Preakness Double on May 21, 2011, Belmont on June 11, 2011, Meadowlands Pace on July 16, 2011, Haskell on July 31, 2011, Hambletonian on August 6, 2011, Arlington Million on August 13, 2011, and the Breeder's Crown Final on October 29, 2011 as special events. The request has the support of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association (OHHA) and was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Koester, unanimously approved.

### **E. Northfield Park**

1. In a letter dated May 4, 2011, a request to treat the Kentucky Derby on May 7, 2011, Preakness on May 21, 2011, Belmont on June 11, 2011, Meadowlands Pace on July 16, 2011, Haskell on July 31, 2011 and Breeder's Crown Final on October 29, 2011 as special events. The request has the support of the OHHA and was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Brown, unanimously approved.

### **E. Raceway Park**

1. In a letter dated April 20, 2011, a request to treat the Arkansas Derby, Instant Racing Breeders Cup and Oaklawn Premier Pick 4 on April 16, 2011, Dubai Duty Free, U.A.E. Derby, Dubai Shaheen Classic, Dubai Golden Shaheen, Dubai World Cup and Godolphin Mile on March 26, 2011, Illinois Derby on April 9, 2011, Commonwealth Breeders Cup and Blue Grass on April 16, 2011, Kentucky Oaks on May 6, 2011, Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks/Kentucky Derby Double and Kentucky Derby Day Pick 6 on May 7, 2011, Preakness, Preakness Pick 4 and Pimlico Special/Preakness Double on May 21, 2011, Belmont on June 11, 2011, Meadowlands Pace on July 16, 2011, Haskell Invitational on July 31, 2011, Hambletonian on August 5, 2011, Arlington Million on August 13, 2011 and Breeders Crown Final on October 29, 2011 as special events. The request has the support of the OHHA and was approved by the executive director subject to commission ratification. Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Koester, unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Host/Guest/Additional Simulcast Product for June, 2011. Commissioner Book moved to approve the submissions by River Downs, Thistledown, Lebanon Raceway, Northfield Park, Northfield Park on behalf of Cedar Downs, Raceway Park and Scioto Downs. Second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.
5. Requests for the expenditure of fine money:

- a. **Thistledown:** In a communication dated May 2, 2011, a request for the expenditure of \$1,000 for a horsemen's cookout on July 4, 2011; \$3,500 for a Family Day outing at Cedar Point on August 2, 2011; and \$3,500 for the HBPA Horsemen's Award Banquet on August 30, 2011. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
- b. **Lebanon Raceway:** In a communication dated May 4, 2011, a request for the expenditure of \$1,500 for a horsemen's party to be held in conjunction with the racing of the James K. Hackett Memorial on May 21, 2011. Motion by Commissioner Roach, second by Commissioner Brown, unanimously approved.

**6.** In the matter of:

- a. **John Wedge III** – Mr. Wedge was present, sworn, and testified before the commission. Motion by Commissioner Roach to approve a probationary license as a groom, provided Mr. Wedge continues to observe the conditions of state probation. Second by Commissioner Koester, unanimously approved.
- b. **Jessie Hinkle** – Mr. Hinkle was present, sworn, and testified before the commission. Upon motion by Commissioner Brown to approve licensing Mr. Hinkle on a probationary basis, second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.

**7.** Monthly Fiscal Report: The report was presented by Fiscal Officer Sherry White.

**8.** Compliance Report: The report was presented by Chief Investigator Steve Zaper.

**9.** OSRC Standing Committee Reports: There were none.

**10.** Public Comment: Raceway Park General Manager Bill McLaughlin addressed the commission.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** There was none.

**11.** Executive Session if necessary: There was none.

Chairman Schmitz acknowledged that all commissioners were present and asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner Roach, unanimously approved.

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Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.  
77 South High St., Columbus, Ohio  
31st Floor, Room East B

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