

MAINE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 12, 2009  
Conference Room, Gambling Control Board  
Department of Public Safety Office  
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Commission Members Present: James Tracy, Mary-Anne E. Martell S. Todd Bradley, and Stanley Kuklinski.

Commission Members Absent: George McHale.

Staff Members Present: John H. Richards, AAG, Henry Jackson, Ralph Canney and Carol Gauthier.

Commissioner James Tracy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

On a motion from Commissioner Kuklinski and seconded by Commissioner Martell, the minutes of April 15, 2009 were approved as written. Vote 4-0.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING:

1. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ralph Canney updated the Commission regarding the backstretch cameras. Scarborough would have them in place late June or early July. Bangor Raceway was not at the meeting to update the Commission on the backstretch cameras, but was meeting with representatives regarding this issue.
2. Chandler Woodcock representing Maine Harness Horsemen's Association addressed the Commission on the starting gate. Scarborough Downs is testing the starting gate before the races to make sure the starting gate is functioning properly. Commissioner Tracy informed Henry Jackson to send a letter to Dan Ward or track management stating what he or track management is doing to correct this problem. Commissioner Tracy would like a copy of the letter sent to the vendor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commission discussed the Sire Stakes base purse. Commissioner Kuklinski made a motion to accept the base purse as presented. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0. Diann Perkins asked the Commission for permission to come back if there was a big change. Commission agreed.
2. Commissioner Kuklinski made a motion to table the Capital Improvements submitted by Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs until the June meeting. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.
3. Commission reviewed the Consent Agreement between the Commission and Shawn Thayer. Commissioner Kuklinski made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement with the 90 day suspension. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

REPORTS:

1. None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry W. Jackson  
Executive Director