

MAINE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 8, 2009
Conference Room, Gambling Control Board
Department of Public Safety Office
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

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

Commission Members Absent: Stanley Kuklinski.

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

Commissioner McHale called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING:

1. Mr. Jackson presented the following exhibits into the record: Exhibit 1-Notice of Hearing which including the U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipt documentation; Exhibit 2- Horse Supply Chart for years 1998-2008, and Exhibit 3- Summary Comparison Chart of horse fields for years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 through June 27, 2009. Henry Jackson and Ralph Canney gave testimony regarding the Horse Supply. Staff recommended that the Commission not change the number of dashes at any racetrack for the remainder of this season. Commissioner Tracy made a motion stating that the horse supply is adequate for the number of dashes conducted on the assigned race dates. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Commission took action on the following proposed rules:

Chapter 7, Section 72 Purse Distribution, #3 no written comments were received. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the language as written. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

Chapters 9 Sire Stakes, Section 6 Conditions, Sub-section 7, no written comments were received. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the language as written. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

Chapter 11 Medication and Testing, Section 6 Androgenic-Anabolic Steroids (AAS), no written comments were received. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the language as written. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 0-4 opposed.

Chapter 11 Medication and Testing, Section 7 Out Of Competition Testing, no written comments were received. Commission Tracy made a motion to approve the language as written. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

REPORTS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Diann Perkins addressed the Commission regarding the Judges and fines. She wanted to know if the fines are progressive from track to track or do they start all over.
2. Steve Cobbett representing Scarborough Downs updated the Commission on the backstretch cameras. He said they were up and running on July 4, 2009. The picture is very clear and the robotics are outstanding.
3. Chandler Woodcock representing the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association addressed the Commission. He said he has been working with Steve Cobbett and has established a working relationship with Scarborough Downs. The horses are still coming to the track and we are still racing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director