OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING JUNE 18TH, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keener called the Regularly Scheduled Meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. at Remington Park in the Eclipse Room.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was as follows:

Commissioners answering present Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Marcum, Commissioner Von Hemel, Commissioner Wright, Secretary Sanders, Vice Chair Lucas, & Chairman Keener.

Commissioner Kirk and Commissioner Anderson were absent from the meeting.

A. <u>MINUTES</u>

Commissioner Marcum made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21st, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Commissioner Goumaz seconded the motion. The vote was as follows

Aye: Commissioner Marcum, Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Wright, Secretary Sanders, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Abstain: Commissioner Von Hemel

The motion passed 6-0.

B. <u>MONITORING OF COMPULSIVE GAMING ASSISTANCE PLANS BY</u> <u>RACETRACK GAMING OPERATOR LICENSEES AS REQUIRED IN</u> <u>RULES FOR RACETRACK GAMING</u>

Chairman Keener opened the floor for Dr. Wiley Harwell give comments on the Program. Representatives from Will Rogers Downs and Remington Park gave their support for continuing their programs as presented.

Commissioner Goumaz made the motion to approve Compulsive Gambling Assistance Plans as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Wright Commissioner Marcum, Commissioner Von Hemel, Secretary Sanders, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

The motion passed 7-0.

C. <u>FY-2020 MEMBERSHIP ON THE OKLAHOMA-BRED ADVISORY</u> <u>COUNCIL</u>

Chairman Keener opened the floor for comments on the agenda item. Executive Director Kelly Cathey gave the history on the various positions that make up the Advisory Council. They include the Oklahoma Bred Registrar, representatives from the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horsemen's Groups, as well as Leaders from the various Racing Facilities in the state. After Mr. Cathey's comments, Chairman Keener opened the item for a motion. Vice Chair Lucas made the motion to accept the FY 2021 appointments. Commissioner Von Hemel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Vice Chair Lucas, Commissioner Von Hemel, Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Marcum, Commissioner Wright, Secretary Sanders, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Motion Passed 7-0.

D. <u>CONTINUED DELIBERATIONS ON TRAINER SAMUEL VALDIVIA</u> <u>PETITION FOR APPEAL OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS ORDER</u> <u>19-WRD-053B</u>

Chairman Keener gave the background on the item, after which, Vice Chair Lucas motioned to approve the Final Order 2020-OHRC-0014 as presented. Commissioner Goumaz seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Vice Chair Lucas, Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Marcum, Secretary Sanders, Commissioner Von Hemel, Commissioner Wright, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

The motion passed 7-0.

E. <u>APPEAL HEARING FOR SAMMY K. HOWARD, OWNER/TRAINER</u> <u>REGARDING STEWARD'S ORDER 19-WRD-079A</u>

Chairman Keener announced the agenda item and hearing procedures. At, approximately 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Monty Marcum, Vice Chair Joe Lucas, and General Counsel Sandra Balzer excused themselves from the rest of the meeting. Chairman Keener reassessed the number of Commissioners remaining and announced that the Commission would go forward with the agenda item and the meeting as there was still a quorum present. Attorney Carl Hughes began his statement at 9:46 a.m. and ended at 9:55 a.m. Board of Steward's Attorney, James Rucker, gave his rebuttal from 9:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. Chairman Keener closed the hearing and called for questions and any further discussion. After questions, Chairman Keener called for a motion on the action options, including the option for an Executive Session.

Commissioner Goumaz made the motion to go into Executive Session. Secretary Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Commissioner Goumaz, Secretary Sanders, Commissioner Von Hemel, Commissioner Wright, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Motion passes 5-0. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:07 a.m.

The Chairman called for a motion to come back into Open Session. Commissioner Von Hemel made the motion to return to Open Session. Secretary Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Commissioner Von Hemel, Secretary Sanders, Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Wright, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Motion passes 5-0.

The Commission returned to Open Session at 10:40 a.m.

Upon returning to Open Session, Chairman Keener stated that the floor was open for action. Commissioner Goumaz moved to take preliminary action to affirm the Steward's decision and direct the Commission Legal Advisor to draft a Final Order for consideration at the August 27th, 2020 Meeting. Secretary Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Commissioner Goumaz, Secretary Sanders Commissioner, Von Hemel, Commissioner Wright, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Motion passes 5-0.

F. <u>REQUEST FROM REMINGTON PARK, WILL ROGERS DOWNS AND</u> <u>FAIR MEADOWS TO EXTEND THE SIXTY (60) DAY EXPIRATION ON</u> <u>CASHING TICKETS AS REQUIRED BY THE OHRC RULE OF</u> <u>RACING 325:65-1-34 PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS; VALIDITY</u>

Chairman Keener gave the floor to Kelly Cathey, Executive Director, to make a statement concerning the request. Chairman Keener opened the matter up for discussion and questions to the Commission. There were no concerns or questions and Commissioner Goumaz motioned to grant the extension as requested. Patrons will have until August 1st to process tickets that expired during the Covid–19

restrictions. The motion included a directive to empower the Executive Director to compose a letter to all three facilities and inform them of the Commission's actions. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Wright, Secretary Sanders Commissioner, Von Hemel, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Motion passes 5-0.

F. <u>PROPOSED SLATE OF COMMISSION OFFICERS PRESENTED</u> <u>BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF</u> <u>OFFICERS FOR FY-2021</u>

Commissioner Wright gave a report from the Nominating Committee stating that the current leadership, Wendy Keener as Chairman, Joe Lucas as Vice Chairman, and Keith Sanders as Secretary of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission be retained for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021.

Commissioner Goumaz motioned to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Von Hemel seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye: Commissioner Goumaz, Commissioner Von Hemel, Commissioner Wright, Secretary Sanders, and Chairman Keener.

Nay: None

Motion passes 5-0.

G. <u>REPORTS</u>

Mr. Cathey stated the Commission had received Organization, Racing and Gaming licenses from all facilities and the process of reviewing those licenses for action at the next meeting were underway.

H. ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY FORESEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA

None.

I. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

7/26/2020 - Fair Meadows Race Meeting ended.

8/13/2020 - Deadline for submitting agenda topics for the August 27, 2020 Commission Meeting.

8/21/2020 - Remington Park Thoroughbred Meet scheduled to begin.

8/27/2020 - Commission Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

9/12/2020 - Will Rogers Downs Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa Race Meet scheduled to begin.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Keener declared the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Approved this 27th day of August, 2020

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Wendy Keener, Chairman On behalf of the Commission:

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Kelly G. Cathey, Executive Director KGC/nlm/ 08/28/2020

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this Regular Commission Meeting was originally transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on **October 18th, 2019**, and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view in the lobby of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Oklahoma City on **June 12th, 2020**. The announcement of the CY 2020 Regular Commission Meetings was posted on the OHRC website on **October 18th, 2019**. The agenda for this meeting was posted on the OHRC website, www.ohrc.org, on **May 15th, 2020**.