

North Dakota Racing Commission Meeting
Phone Meeting
ND Racing Commission Office, Lower Level
500 North 9th Street, Bismarck, ND
Thursday, April 30, 2020 – 10:30 a.m., Central Time

Minutes

Present: Legal Counsel Paul Emerson, Director Jack Schulz and Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth

By Phone: Chairman Dave Piepkorn, Commissioner Linda Bata, Commissioner John Hanson, and Commissioner Tim Kreidt

Not Present: Commissioner Shane Martin

Others on Phone: Doug DeMontigny, Stuart LaFountain, Scott Horst, Mark Bjerke, John Bubel, Andy Maragos, Dave Thompson, and Mike Schmitz

Call to Order: Chairman Piepkorn called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Roll call was taken. Piepkorn – Y, Bata – Y, and Hanson – Y.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes – March 5 & March 26, 2020**
2. **Horse Race North Dakota Audit**
3. **2020 Race Meets**
 - a. ORDA (Chippewa Downs)
 - b. HRND (North Dakota Horse Park)
 - c. Televised and ADW Wagering During the Live Race Meets in North Dakota
4. **Strategic Planning**
 - a. Racing Symposium in 2020
 - b. Tournament Taxation
 - c. Sports Betting Licensing
5. **Budget Items**
 - a. Director's Salary
6. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
7. **Adjournment**

1. **Approval of Minutes – March 5 & March 26, 2020**

Previously, all Commissioners had received a copy of the minutes to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Bata to accept the minutes of March 5 & March 26, 2020, as presented. Commissioner Kreidt and Commissioner Martin were not present. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

2. **Horse Race North Dakota Audit**

Director Schulz updated the Commissioners as to the status of the audit of Horse Race North Dakota.

No motions needed.

Commissioner Kreidt joined the meeting.

3. **2020 Race Meets**

a. ORDA (Chippewa Downs)

Director Schulz provided an update on the status of racing at Chippewa Downs for this year. Doug DeMontigny also gave an update on the dates requested for this year's race meet. Director Schulz recommended starting a week later beginning June 13 or else running the races during August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to revise the race dates for Chippewa Downs from June 13 through July 12 or during August 1 – 30. Horse Race North Dakota is not running on July 11-12. Bata – Y, Hanson – Y, Piepkorn – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

b. HRND (North Dakota Horse Park)

Director Schulz advised that there are no changes necessary for the meet at the North Dakota Horse Park. They are planning on running on July 17 & 18 and July 25 & 26.

No motions needed.

c. Televised and ADW Wagering During the Live Race Meets in North Dakota

Director Schulz stated that there are talks to possibly having the race meets be televised.

No motions needed.

4. **Strategic Planning**

a. Racing Symposium in 2020

Director Schulz stated that he still has plans on the Racing Commission having a booth at the Racing Symposium.

No motions needed.

b. Tournament Taxation

c. Sports Betting Licensing

Director Schulz summarized the legislation that needs to be addressed during the next Legislative session.

No motions needed.

5. **Budget Items**

a. Director's Salary

Director Schulz advised that Commissioners decide on the increase of the Director's salary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Bata to increase Director Schulz's salary 2.5% effective July 1. Hanson – Y, Bata – Y, Piepkorn – Y. Motion passed.

6. Any other business which may properly come before the Commission

Director Schulz told the Commissioners that the Racing Commission is in the process of disposing of the trailers at the ND Horse Park as HRND has a new trailer that they want to bring in.

No motions needed.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.