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NDRC Meeting
State Capitol Building, Peace Garden Room
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND
Thursday, August 29, 2019 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

Minutes

Present: Chairman Dave Piepkorn, Commissioner Shane Martin, Commissioner Linda Bata, Legal Counsel Paul Emerson, Director Jack Schulz, and Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth

By Phone: Commissioner Tim Kreidt

Not Present: Commissioner John Hanson

Others Present: Doug DeMontigny, Joyce DeMontigny, and Scott Horst

Call to Order: Acting Chairman Piepkorn called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Legal Counsel Paul Emerson was introduced as he has taken over for former Legal Counsel Allyson Hicks.

AGENDA

1. **Elect Chairman of the Commission**
2. **Approval of Minutes – May 31, June 5, June 6, June 18 & July 16, 2019 Meetings**
3. **Executive Session:** Stewards Ruling Appeal & Horseman's Complaint
The authority for this Executive Session is N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.1(2)
4. **Fiscal Year/Race Season End Financial Review**
5. **2018 Breed Fund Audit**
6. **2019 Race Meet Reports**
7. **Meeting Minutes from Horse Race North Dakota**

8. **State Audit**
9. **Licensing Procedures Update and Form Updates**
10. **Internship Program Authorization and Funding Request**
11. **Racing Symposium Authorization and Funding Request**
12. **Marketing Program Authorization and Funding Request**
13. **Racing Commission Office Space Update**
14. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
15. **Adjournment**

1. **Elect Chairman of the Commission**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to elect Commissioner Piepkorn as the new Chairman of the Racing Commission. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing not negative vote the motion passed.

2. **Approval of Minutes – May 31, June 5, June 6, June 18 & July 16, 2019 Meetings**

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

Commissioner Bata asked for the motion for the meeting minutes to be split up as she became a Commissioner effective July 1 and would abstain from voting for meeting minutes prior to July 1.

A motion was made by Chairman Piepkorn and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to accept the minutes of May 31, June 5, June 6, and June 18, 2019 as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the meeting minutes of July 16, 2019 as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

3. **Executive Session: Stewards Ruling Appeal & Horseman's Complaint**
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The Executive Session was canceled. No motions needed.

4. **Fiscal Year/Race Season End Financial Review**

Director Schulz provided information regarding the financial review of the current fiscal year for the Racing Commission. This included a comparison of the handle of the prior fiscal year compared to previous years as well as the entire biennium.

No motions needed.

Director Schulz indicated that it was a successful race season this year as there were no drug positives, no equine injuries or deaths at both racetracks. Attendance at both racetracks was good.

No motions needed.

5. **2018 Breed Fund Audit**

Director Schulz stated that the 2018 Breed Fund Audit was completed by Debbie Eisenhauer, CPA and that there were no findings of significance.

No motions needed.

6. 2019 Race Meet Reports

Director Schulz stated that he already covered this while discussing agenda item four.

No motions needed.

7. Meeting Minutes from Horse Race North Dakota

Director Schulz indicated that he still has not yet received the meeting minutes from Horse Race North Dakota. Jay Alsop from Horse Race North Dakota has invited Director Schulz to their September meeting.

No motions needed.

8. State Audit

Director Schulz said that the State Audit has been completed for the 2017-2019 biennium and that there were no findings.

No motions needed.

9. Licensing Procedures Update and Form Updates

Director Schulz outlined the changes/updates that he would like to pursue for all existing Racing Commission forms.

No motions needed.

10. Internship Program Authorization and Funding Request

Director Schulz outlined the State's Internship Program and how it might benefit the Racing Commission to participate in this program. Director Schulz indicated that Rillito Park in New Mexico has partnered with the University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program to run their race meet and has invited him to Arizona sometime in February or March 2020 and he would like authorization to accept the invitation.

The Commissioners asked questions which Director Schulz answered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bata to approve authorization for Director Schulz to go to New Mexico in February or March 2020 to observe the partnership with Rillito Park and the University of Arizona Racetrack Industry Program. Martin – Y, Bata – Y, Piepkorn – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

11. Racing Symposium Authorization and Funding Request

Director Schulz asked for authorization to attend the Racetrack Symposium hosted by the University of Arizona in December and, also asked for authorization for Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth to attend the symposium.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin for Director Schulz and Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth to attend the Racetrack Symposium in December. Bata – Y, Martin – Y, Piepkorn – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

12. Marketing Program Authorization and Funding Request

Director Schulz asked for authorization to proceed with a marketing program for the Racing Commission. The marketing program would include issuing an RFP.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to authorize Director Schulz to issue an RFP for a marketing program for the Racing Commission. Martin – Y, Kreidt – Y, Piepkorn – Y, and Bata – Y. Motion passed.

13. Racing Commission Office Space Update

Director Schulz advised the Commissioners that the Racing Commission has been asked to find a new office space as the current office space is need by the Attorney General's office. Director Schulz is working with John Boyle with Facilities Management to find a new location.

No motion needed.

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

Scott Horst advised that Racing Commission that both he and Dave Gorneau will be appealing the decision made by the Racing Commission.

No motions needed.

15. Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.