

- Eligibility for "Back to Back" Racing
  - Any horse that is eligible for breed fund points in a race may not again be eligible to receive points for a period of four (4) days from that race. For example, horses racing Saturday would not again be eligible until Thursday. This is an equine welfare rule implemented by the Commission to dis-incentivize "back to back" racing. This rule is applicable to in-state and out-of-state racing for all breeds.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bata to accept the recommendation from Director Schulz. Martin – Y, Bata – Y, Hanson – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

Director Schulz also recommended the following for the Breed Fund program:

- Continue to offer the fee reduction of \$250 for a foal that is registered after their foaling year;
- Starting in 2022: have a one-time fee of \$35 for a foal/broodmare/stallion to be in the program;
- All Breed Fund owners must submit to the Racing Commission a list of their registered horses that will no longer be in the Breed Fund program by January 31 of each year.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the recommended changes to the Breed Fund program. Bata – Y, Martin – Y, Hanson – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

## 9. **Internship Program**

Director Schulz provided a review of the Internship Program from 2020 and asked for approval to use the Internship Program again in 2021.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the use of the Internship Program for 2021. Bata – Y, Martin – Y, Hanson – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

## 10. **Racing Symposium**

Director Schulz asked for authorization to send up to 3 individuals to represent the Racing Commission at the University of Arizona Racing Symposium in 2021.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to authorize sending up to 3 individuals to represent the Racing Commission at the University of Arizona Racing Symposium in 2021. Bata – Y, Martin – Y, Hanson – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

## 11. **Marketing Update**

Director Schulz asked for authorization to offer an incentive plan to try and increase the number of OTB's in North Dakota. The plan would award grants up to \$2,500 (per site) out of the Promotion Fund to new or existing OTB's if they stay in business for at least 1 year and be profitable. The OTB would need to provide a P & L to the Racing Commission.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner to amend the motion. Martin – Y, Bata – Y, Hanson – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

**A motion was made** by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bata to authorize Director Schulz to offer an incentive plan to try and increase the number of OTB's by offering grants up to \$2,500 out of the Promotion Fund, if they stay in business for at least 1 year and are profitable. Martin – Y, Bata – Y, Hanson – Y, and Kreidt – Y. Motion passed.

Director Schulz provided an update on his discussions with McKenzie County representatives on the viability of adding a racetrack to their new fairgrounds.

No motion needed.

## 12. **Scheduling 2021 Commission Meetings**

The Racing Commission meetings will be held on the third Thursday of February, April, September & November.