

NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION
NDRC Meeting
State Capitol Building, Fort Totten Room
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND
Thursday, August 20, 2020 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

Minutes

Present: Administrative Officer Gail Allensworth

Others Present: Leon Glasser, and Janelle Mitzel

By Phone: Commissioner Linda Bata, Commissioner John Hanson, Commissioner Shane Martin, Legal Counsel Paul Emerson, and Director Jack Schulz

Others by Phone: Scott Horst and Doug DeMontigny

Call to Order: Commissioner Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

AGENDA- updated

1. **Elect Chairman of the Commission**
2. **Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2020 Meeting**
3. **Fiscal Year Report 2019-2020**
4. **2019 Breed Fund Audit**
5. **2020 Race Meet Reports**
6. **Internship Program Update**
7. **HRND Items**
 - a. Audit Report
 - b. 2020 Meet Report
 - c. 2019 Holdback Request
8. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**
9. **Adjournment**

1. Elect Chairman of the Commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bata to elect Commissioner Hanson as the new Chairman. Commissioner Kreidt was not present. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote, the motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 30, 2020 Meeting

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the minutes of April 20, 2020, as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote, the motion passed.

3. Fiscal Year Report 2019-2020

Director Schulz reviewed the financial information that had been previously sent to the Commissioners.

No motions needed.

4. 2019 Breed Fund Audit

Director Schulz presented the results of the 2019 Breed Fund Audit by Debbie Eisenhauer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bata to approve the Breed Fund Audit. Martin – Y, Bata – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

5. 2020 Race Meet Reports

Director Schulz provided an overview of the ND Horse Park meet at Fargo. As Chippewa Downs is still racing, the final report will be presented at the November meeting.

No motions needed.

6. Internship Program Update

Director Schulz updated the Commissioners on the Internship Program.

No motions needed.

7. HRND Items

a. Audit Report

Director Schulz went over the HRND audit report from CHRIMS. HRND did not spend \$2,595 from the Purse Fund grant in 2019. HRND sent the funds back to the Racing Commission after the audit.

b. 2020 Meet Report

This item was previously discussed in agenda item 5.

c. 2019 Holdback Request

Director Schulz stated that HRND requested the \$20,000 which was held back from the 2019 Promotion Fund Grant. They missed the reporting deadlines by several months and submitted receipts that were not from the race meet which triggered the audit that was done by CHRIMS. Director Schulz recommended not giving HRND the \$20,000 holdback funds from the Promotion Fund grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bata and seconded by Commissioner Martin to deny the full request and approve giving HRND \$10,000 from the holdback. Bata – Y, Martin – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

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

Director Schulz informed the Commissioners that ORDA requested an additional weekend of racing at Chippewa Downs. The dates requested were September 5 & 6. Doug DeMontigny was on the phone and the Commissioners asked questions which Mr. DeMontigny answered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin to approve the additional dates. There was no second, the motion failed.

Additional questions were asked by the Commissioners to Director Schulz. Director Schulz answered the questions and recommended not granting the additional dates to Chippewa Downs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bata to approve the dates of September 5 & 6 for Chippewa Downs racing. Martin – Y, Bata – Y, and Hanson – Y. Motion passed.

9. 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 11:57 a.m.