



NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION

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Director

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NDRC Meeting

State Capitol Building, Fort Union Room

600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. (Central Time)

Minutes

Present: Chairman Mary Ann Durick, Commissioner Shane Martin, Commissioner Timothy Kreidt, Commissioner John Hanson, Director Gunner laCour, and Administrative Assistant Gail Allensworth

Absent: Commissioner David Piepkorn

Others Present: Leon Glasser, Doug DeMontigny, Joyce DeMontigny, David Bernsen, John Bubel, Janelle Mitzel, Brent Brooks, Scott Horst, Mike Schmitz, and Ron Klein

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

Chairman Durick asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Director laCour asked to discuss the new rules for tournament wagers as any other business and change item number 4 on the agenda to number 2.

AGENDA - Amended

1. Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2017 Meeting

2. License Renewals for 2018

a. Service Providers

1. 123Gaming, Inc.
2. B3 Development Group, LLC
3. Bet Twice consulting, LLC
4. eBet Technologies, Inc.
5. The Elite Turf Club, N.V.
6. Horse Races Now, LLC
7. Horse Racing Labs, LLC

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8. I.B.N., LLC
9. Lien Games Racing, LLC
10. MegaTote, LLC
11. PariBet, LLC
12. Skyland Pacific, LLC
13. TopBetta Pty Ltd.
14. WatchandWager.com, LLC

b. **Totalizator Providers**

1. AmTote International, Inc.
2. The Global Tote Limited
3. Las Vegas Dissemination Company, Inc.
4. Sportech Racing, LLC
5. United Tote Company

c. **Site Operators**

1. American Gold Gymnastics
2. Development Homes, Inc.
3. Horse Race North Dakota
4. ND Quarter Horse Racing Association
5. ND Thoroughbred Association
6. Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

3. **Economic Impact Study**

4. **City of Fargo Meeting**

5. **Live Race Date Requests for 2018**

a. **Outdoor Recreation Development Association**

- Chippewa Downs – Belcourt

b. **Horse Race North Dakota**

- North Dakota Horse Park – Fargo

6. **Breeders Fund for 2018**

7. **Any other business which may properly come before the Commission**

- New rules for tournament wagers

8. **Scheduling 2018 Commission Meetings**

9. **Adjournment**

1. **Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2017 Meeting**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to accept the minutes of September 28, 2017 as presented. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

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Director laCour provided a summary on all Service Provider/ADW applicants, Totalizator Provider applicants and Site Operator applicants with a recommendation for renewal of all the licenses. Chairman Durick stated that the motion to renew would be made as a group.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the renewal of all the licenses of the Service Providers/ADWs, Totalizator Providers and Site Operators. Hanson –Y, Martin –Y, Durick –Y, and Kreidt –Y. Motion passed.

3. **Economic Impact Study**

Director laCour stated that NDSU completed the Economic Impact Study in October and provided an overview of the results. A link to the study is on the Racing Commission Website.

No motions needed.

4. **City of Fargo Meeting**

Director laCour gave a synopsis of the meeting with the City of Fargo and Horse Race North Dakota to discuss proposed plans for dealing with the new special assessments.

No motions needed.

5. **Live Race Date Requests for 2018**

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 - Chippewa Downs – Belcourt
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 - North Dakota Horse Park – Fargo

Director laCour stated that ORDA requested a total of 8 days (4 weekends) of racing in 2018 for Chippewa Downs with the following dates: June 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30/July 1. Horse Race North Dakota requested a total of 7 days (3 weekends) with the following dates: July 14/15, 20/21/22 and 27/28.

Director laCour recommended a total of 8 days (4 weekends – Saturday/Sunday) for Chippewa Downs: June 9/10, 16/17, 23/24 and 30/July 1. He also recommended 6 days (3 weekends – Friday/Saturday/Sunday) for the North Dakota Horse Park with the following dates: July 14/15, 20/21/22 (option of running Friday or Sunday) and 27/28.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the race dates recommended by Director laCour for Chippewa Downs and the North Dakota Horse Park for 2018. Hanson -Y, Martin -Y, Durick -Y, and Kreidt -Y. Motion passed.

6. Breeders Fund for 2018

Director laCour provided the outcome of his discussions with the Racing Industry Advisory Committee members for the Breeders Fund for 2018. The Director made a recommendation to keep the levels the same as they were for 2017. \$225,000 available for in-state racing and \$50,000 available for out-of-state racing. The in-state minimum guaranteed Breed Fund pool to remain at \$150,000 and extended through 2021. The out-of-state rules proposed as follows:

- Points will be awarded January 1 through June 8 and July 29 through December 31, 2018;
- No out-of-state points will be awarded for races held June 9 through July 28, 2018;
- Distributions shall be in accordance with current in-state rules;
- It is the responsibility of the foal/mare/stallion owner to provide the Racing Commission with out-of-state results;
- Only official race results from Equibase, Daily Racing Form or Trueform Racing services will be accepted and must be sent to the ND Racing Commission office;
- All results must be postmarked no later than January 2, 2019;
- Any horse that is eligible for breed points in a race may not again be eligible to receive points for a period of four days from that race. This is applicable to in-state and out-of-state racing for all breeds.

Standardbreds awarded the following eligible in-state dates for 2018: March 16 through March 31 (Cal Expo in California) and July 14 through August 6 (Running Aces in Minnesota).

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Kreidt to accept Director laCour's recommendations for the Breeders Fund for 2018. Martin -Y, Kreidt -Y, Durick -Y, and Hanson -Y. Motion passed.

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

- New rules for tournament wagers

Director laCour gave an update regarding the rule changes for fantasy tournaments that are needed to conform to current game offerings. The Director asked for approval to move forward with the Administrative Rule changes for Pari-Mutuel Wagering Systems as presented and to bring back to the Commission after a public hearing.

A motion was made by Chairman Durick and seconded by Commissioner Martin to give Director laCour approval to move forward with the Administrative Rule changes for Pari-Mutuel Wagering Systems. Durick -Y, Martin -Y, Kreidt -Y, and Hanson -Y. Motion passed.

8. Scheduling 2018 Commission Meetings

- The next scheduled meetings will be scheduled for Thursday, February 22 and Thursday, May 3.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Durick requested the meeting be adjourned.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Commissioner Martin. All Commissioners voted aye and hearing no negative vote the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.