

MAINE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

May 30, 2007

Conference Room, Gambling Control Board
Department of Public Safety Office
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Commission Members Present: Chairman George McHale, James Tracy, Mary-Anne E. Martell, Stanley Kuklinski, and S. Todd Bradley.

Staff Members Present: John H. Richard, AAG, Henry Jackson, Ralph Canney, and Carol Gauthier

Commission Chair, George McHale, called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

Reappointed Commission member, George McHale and newly appointed Commission members, S. Todd Bradley and Mary-Anne E. Martell were sworn in by Ralph Canney.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2007 as presented. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.

ADJUDICATORY HEARING:

1. Mr. Shawn Thayer was not present at the hearing. The Commission reviewed the consent agreement between Mr. Thayer and the Commission. On a motion from Commissioner Kuklinski and seconded by Commissioner Tracy, Commissioner McHale signed the consent agreement. Vote 5-0.
2. Mr. Tuttle was not present at the hearing. The Commission reviewed the consent agreement between Mr. Tuttle and the Commission. On a motion from Commissioner Kuklinski and seconded by Commissioner Tracy, Commissioner McHale signed the consent agreement. Vote 5-0.
3. Mr. Robertson, Jr. was not present at the hearing. After a brief discussion, Commission members agreed to continue this item to the June 2007 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Harvey was not present for his hearing. On a motion from Commissioner Tracy and seconded by Commissioner

Kuklinski, Commissioner McHale signed the consent agreement. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A list of judges was presented to the Commission members. After a brief discussion, Commission Tracy make a motion to approve the list. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.
2. Mr. Omar (Buddy) Burke, Sr. addressed the Commission on a request to allow the amateur drivers a blacket license for a limited number of drives. The Commission discussed the issue and agreed to have this item placed on the rulemaking agenda.
3. Commissioner Kuklinski discussed a possible rule change requiring the track management to withhold a portion of the purse for winning drivers. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kuklinski requested to have this item placed on the rulemaking agenda. Commissioner McHale asked if we had a rule in place regarding the financial responsibilty. Mr. Jackson said we would need to do a 30 day written comment period for rulemaking on this rule. Commissioner McHale placed this item at the top of the rulemaking agenda.

REPORTS:

1. Mr. Jackson updated the Commission on Northern Maine Fairs' proposal for an extended race meet as required by the 2007 Race Date Decision. A letter from NMF was received in the office stating that they would be redrawing their extended race meet because of certain circumstances. Commissioner Tracy could not agree with the letter sent from NMF and requested a new letter be sent.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Diann Perkins updated the Commission on the amount of colts and fillies for this year. She said there was an increase in the 2 year olds.
2. Mr. Jackson stated that the base purse for the Sire Stakes would be \$7,000 and to reevaluate in August. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to accept the base purse as presented. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director