

MAINE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 10, 2010
Conference Room, Gambling Control Board
Department of Public Safety Office
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Commission Members Present: Chairman George McHale, James Tracy, Stanley Kuklinski and S. Todd Bradley.

Staff Members Present: John H. Richards, AAG, Henry Jackson, and Carol Gauthier.

Commission Chair, George McHale, called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS:

1. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Commission members reviewed the Written Decision of the 2010 License Renewals for the Off-track Betting Facilities. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the Written Decision as presented. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 4-0.
2. Commission members reviewed the Written Decision and Addendum of the 2010 License Renewals and Race Date Assignments for the live racing facilities which included granting authority for full card simulcasting at the two Commercial Racetracks during their Regular Meet. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the Original Written Decision and the Addendum decision regarding the Investigation of Penn National as presented. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 4-0.
4. The Commission reviewed the 2010 Sire Stakes Race schedule. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the proposed 2010 Sire Stakes Race schedule as presented. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

REPORTS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commission members reviewed a letter from Michael Andrew, President of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owner's Association to reconsider opening the race date hearing in regards to the number of dashes. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Commission discussed the issue. Commissioner Tracy stated that there was not enough new information to reopen the race date hearings. Commissioners Bradley and Kuklinski agreed with Commissioner Tracy. Commissioner McHale said it was a compromised decision at the hearings. Commissioner McHale called for a vote of the motion on the floor. Vote 0-4. Motion failed.
2. Henry Jackson presented the proposed rule changes as requested by staff and interested parties for the Commission's review. Mr. Jackson will work on the language for the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Commission reviewed the minutes of October 28, 2009 and November 12, 2009. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director