

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Indiana Horse Racing Commission

March 15, 2016

Indiana State Library, Author's Room 203
315 W. Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Commission members present: Thomas Weatherwax, Chairman; Greg Schenkel, Vice-Chairman, George Pillow, member; Susie Lightle, member; and William McCarty, member. Also present were Mike Smith, IHRC Executive Director; Lea Ellingwood, IHRC General Counsel; Holly Newell, IHRC Deputy General Counsel; Jessica Barnes, IHRC Director of Racing and Breed Development; Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Hoosier Park; and Jon Schuster, Vice President and General Manager of Racing Indiana Grand Racing & Casino.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Weatherwax called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Weatherwax swore in Court Reporter Robin Martz.

II. Approval of minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Schenkel moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of January 13, 2016. Commissioner McCarty seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Agenda

Note: All items on the agenda were transcribed by a court reporter from Stewart Richardson. Transcripts are available at www.in.gov/hrc.

1. Chairman's introduction of new Executive Director, Mike Smith.
2. Consideration of Settlement Agreement in IHRC Staff vs. Kelly Goodwin.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the agreement. Vice Chairman Schenkel seconded the motion. The settlement was approved, 5-0.

3. Consideration of Settlement Agreement in IHRC Staff vs. Randy Haffner.

Vice Chairman Schenkel moved to approve the agreement, and Commissioner Lightle seconded the motion. The commission voted 5-0 for approval of the Settlement Agreement.

4. Consideration of emergency rules regarding:

Standardbred

- 71 IAC 3-2-9 Judge's list
- 71 IAC 3-9-3 Timing races
- 71 IAC 4-4-10 "In Today" program
- 71 IAC 7-1-28 Qualifying races
- 71 IAC 7-3-7 Driving rules
- 71 IAC 7-3-13 Whip restrictions
- 71 IAC 7-3-22 Driver must be seated
- 71 IAC 7-3-24 Horse falls on track

Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse

- 71 IAC 4.5-4-10 “In Today” program
- 71 IAC 6.5-1-4 Prohibitions (Claiming of Horses)

All Breeds

- 71 IAC 9-1-13 Pools dependent on betting interests
- 71 IAC 9-4-17 Pentafecta wagering

General Counsel, Lea Ellingwood recommended approval of all of the emergency rules and authority to move forward with the two regular rules under the regular rule writing process.

Commissioner McCarty moved to adopt the rules as recommended by counsel. Commissioner Pillow seconded the correctly stated motion. The approval vote was unanimous at 5-0.

5. Review of commission rulings: January 1, 2016-February 29, 2016.
6. Approval of Hoosier Park’s 2016 Standardbred racing officials list pursuant to 71 IAC 3-1-2.1.

Commissioner Lightle move to approve the 2016 Standardbred racing officials list, and Commissioner McCarty seconded. The list was approved, 5-0.

7. Approval of Indiana Grand’s 2016 Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse racing officials list pursuant to 71 IAC 3.5-1-3.

Commissioner Lightle move to approve the 2016 Standardbred racing officials list, and Commissioner McCarty seconded. The list was approved, 5-0.

8. Consideration of the 2016 Agreement Between Hoosier Park, LLC and the Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA).

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve both the 2016 Agreement Between Hoosier Park and the Indiana Standardbred Association (ISA) and the 2016 Agreement Between Centaur Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Indiana Grand Racing and Casino and the Indiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. (IHBPA). Vice Chairman Schenkel seconded. The commission approved, 5-0.

9. Consideration of the 2016 Agreement Between Centaur Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Indiana Grand Racing and Casino and the Indiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc. (IHBPA).

See Agenda Item No. 8.

10. Consideration of 2016 Agreement Between Centaur Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Indiana

Grand Racing and Casino and the Quarter Horse Racing Association of Indiana (QHRAI) Contract (*was incomplete at time of meeting*).

Commissioner McCarty moved to authorize Executive Director Smith to approve the agreement between Centaur and the Quarter Horse Racing Association once it is complete. Commissioner Lightle seconded the motion. The motion carried, 5-0.

11. Approval of split sample laboratories for 2016 and beyond pursuant to 71 IAC 8-4-3 and 8.5-3-3.

Commissioner Pillow moved to approve the split sample laboratories. Commissioner Lightle seconded. The commission approved the labs, 5-0.

I. Old Business

Commissioner McCarty sought clarification on the timing of notification to trainers of positive tests and the opportunity to avail themselves of the split lab testing.

Executive Director Smith noted that the RMTC recommended withdrawal times will no longer be posted on the IHRC's website. A link will be provided to the RMTC site.

II. New Business

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2016 at Hoosier Park in Anderson. There was no other new business to discuss.

III. Adjournment

Chairman Thomas Weatherwax adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.