

BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Directions from the Oklahoma Horsemen's)
Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc.,)
An Oklahoma Corporation, DBA/ Thoroughbred)
2016 Distribution of Purse Funds from Tribal)
Gaming in the Tulsa Area)

November 1, 2015

I.

INTRODUCTION

Oklahoma law, specifically 3A O.S. Section 263 (K), requires compacted tribes within 20 miles of a racetrack (Fair Meadows at Tulsa) that operate certain games must remit a certain portion of the income from those games to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission. Oklahoma law, specifically 3A O.S. Section 263 (L) requires the distribution of those "purse funds" shall be at the direction of the "purse committees", which are the official elected horsemen representatives (TRAO), as designated by particular breeds. The purse committees are to meet and provide direction at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of a calendar year pursuant to certain criteria that the purse committees shall "consider and attempt to achieve" in making their directives.

On October 29, 2015, the TRAO purse committee made findings of fact; they have directed the placement of "purse funds" as stated herein.

Directions for placement of "purse funds" are based on the projected gross revenue the TRAO anticipates will be generated for use by the Thoroughbred industry during the calendar year 2016. This method of allocation is not unlike the projection required by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission for racetrack organization licensees when they project purses for overnight and stakes races listed in their license applications each year, which are also made without any guarantee of the actual income that will be available at the time of the race meetings.

To encourage growth and development of live Thoroughbred horseracing and breeding in this State, and considering and attempting to achieve all criteria set forth in 3A O.S. Section 263 (L), the TRAO "purse committee", respectfully submits these findings of fact and directions to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission for placement and distribution of 2016 "purse funds".

With this document, the TRAO "purse committee" states its objective in directing placement of projected revenue from the "purse fund", and asks the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission to recognize that, in the event the projections are inaccurate, either high or low, for any reason, the TRAO has the right to amend and/or supplement its directions for 2016 "purse fund" distributions.

II.

III.

PROJECTED PURSE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA

REMINGTON PARK

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Distribution

\$15,660,000 (\$26,100 X 600 = \$15,660,000)

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Pari-Mutuel Revenue

\$3,230,682 (\$8,827 X 366=\$3,230,682)

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Gaming Revenue

\$11,734,875 (\$342 X 750 X 366 X 25% /2 = \$11,734,875 -22.50% = \$9,094,529)

\$11,734,875 Gaming Revenue + **\$3,230,682** Simulcast Revenue + **\$694,443** TATPF Supplement
To achieve **\$26,100** average per race

WILL ROGERS DOWNS

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Distribution

\$3,600,000 (\$12,000 X 300 = \$3,600,000)

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Pari-Mutuel Revenue

\$208,620 (\$570 X 366 =\$208,620)

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Gaming Revenue

\$2,346,975 (\$190 X 250 X 366 X 27% /2 = \$2,346,975 – 20% = \$1,877,580)

\$2,346,975 Gaming Revenue + **\$208,620** Simulcast Revenue + **\$1,044,405** TATPF Supplement
To achieve **\$12,000** average per race

FAIR MEADOWS TULSA

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Distribution

\$1,530,000 (\$9,000 X 170 = \$1,530,000)

2016 Projected Thoroughbred Pari-Mutuel Revenue

\$988,200 (\$2,700 X 366 = \$985,500)

\$988,200 Simulcast Revenue + **\$541,800** TATPF Supplement
To achieve **\$9,000** average per race

TULSA AREA TRIBAL PURSE FUNDS

2016 Projected Gross Thoroughbred Revenue

\$3,150,000 (\$262,500 X 12 = \$3,150,000)

TATPF purse revenue will be applied to the respective Thoroughbred purse accounts throughout Oklahoma in an attempt to attain the above mentioned purse levels for Thoroughbreds participating in Oklahoma racing for the calendar year 2016.

Remington Park	\$694,443 (TATPF)
Will Rogers	\$1,044,405 (TATPF)
Fair Meadows	\$541,800 (TATPF)

The total distribution out of the TATPF:
\$2,280,648 (projected)

Difference of **\$869,352 (projected)**

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With the instability of revenue for the last several years, the TRAO is confident the commission will recognize this is merely a projection. The TRAO purse committee may require adjusting the purse structure while purse money is generated at the respective tracks.



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