

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MARCH 31, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Leonard called the Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Commission to order at 9:39 a.m. in Track North at Remington Park Racetrack and Casino, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Commission members answering roll call were Commissioners Bollenbach, Goumaz, Lucas, Marcum, Money, Sanders and Chairman Leonard. Commissioners Harrell and Kirk were unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Sandra Balzer, Commission Counsel, was present as well as the following Commission staff members: Mr. Kelly Cathey, Ms. Robin Helt, Ms. Mandy Hadley and Ms. Bonnie Morris. Approximately nine persons attended and signed the registry which is part of the record.

MINUTES

Commissioner Bollenbach made a motion to approve the drafted Minutes of the February 18, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Meeting as presented. Commissioner Goumaz seconded the motion. The vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Mr. Bollenbach, Ms. Goumaz, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Marcum,
Ms. Money, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leonard

Absent: Mr. Harrell, Mr. Kirk

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

POSSIBLE FINAL ACTION ON PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS TO A RACING RULES

Background

At the January 14, 2016 Commission meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules recommended amendments to OAC 325:25-1-10, Horses Ineligible to Start in a Race, to address the ineligibility of a horse to start in a race if the Owner or Trainer is

suspended or ineligible for a license or ineligible to participate under the rules of any Turf Governing Authority or Stud Book Registry.

At that meeting, the Commission approved opening the permanent rulemaking process to consider the proposed amendments. The Notice of Rulemaking Intent was published in the February 16, 2016 issue of *The Oklahoma Register*. The Public Hearing was held March 21, 2016. No written comments were received.

The Commission also approved the amendments through the emergency rulemaking process in order to have a faster effective date. Governor Fallin approved the amendments with a February 15, 2016 effective date. The emergency approval will stay in place until September 14, 2017. If the Legislature adopts the same amendments under the permanent rulemaking process, the effective date would be sometime in 2016, superseding the September 14, 2017 date.

Current Consideration

Commissioner Goumaz made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the racing rule. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Ms. Goumaz, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Bollenbach, Mr. Marcum, Ms. Money,
Mr. Sanders, Mr. Leonard

Absent: Mr. Harrell, Mr. Kirk

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

COMMISSION'S AUTHORIZATION OF CHAIR'S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REORGANIZED AD HOC COMMITTEES

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to authorize the Commission Chair to appoint members to reorganized Ad Hoc Committees. Commissioner Goumaz seconded the motion. The vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Mr. Sanders, Ms. Goumaz, Mr. Bollenbach, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Marcum,
Ms. Money, Mr. Leonard

Absent: Mr. Harrell, Mr. Kirk

The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

APPOINTMENT OF REORGANIZED AD HOC COMMITTEES

Chairman Leonard announced the following appointments to reorganized Ad Hoc Committees:

Legislative

Chair: Commissioner Lucas

Commission Members: Commissioners Leonard, Kirk, Bollenbach

Ex-Officio Members and Commission Staff: Kelly Cathey [Executive Director], a representative from the two horsemen's organizations [TRAO and OQHRA] and a representative from the Attorney General's Office

Rules and Medication [combination of Two Current Committees]

Chair: Commissioner Goumaz

Commission Members: Commissioners Lucas, Leonard, Money

Ex-Officio Members and Commission Staff: Kelly Cathey [Executive Director], a representative from the two horsemen's organizations [TRAO and OQHRA], Neal Leader*, Commission Veterinarian, Commission Staff Attorney, and a representative from the Attorney General's Office

*Mr. Leader agreed to serve on the Rules and Medication Committee in retirement.

Budget and Finance, Technology and Facilities

Chair: Commissioner Sanders

Commission Members: Commissioners Kirk, Lucas, Leonard [as Current Chair of Full Commission]

Ex-Officio Members and Commission Staff: Kelly Cathey [Executive Director], Robin Helt, a representative from the two horsemen's organizations [TRAO and OQHRA], a representative from Remington Park and one from Will Rogers Downs, and a representative from the Attorney General's Office

Oklahoma-Bred/Oklahoma Thoroughbred Retirement Fund

Chair: Commissioner Leonard
Commission Members: Commissioners Lucas, Marcum, Harrell
Ex-Officio Members and Commission Staff: Kelly Cathey [Executive Director], a representative from the two horsemen's organizations [TRAO and OQHRA], a representative from the Attorney General's Office and Commission Staff [to be named as needed]

Industry Relations/Issues

Chair: Commissioner Leonard
Commission Members: Commissioner Sanders, Goumaz, Harrell
Ex-Officio Members and Commission Staff: Kelly Cathey [Executive Director], a representative from the two horsemen's organizations [TRAO and OQHRA], a representative from Remington Park and one from Will Rogers Downs, a representative from the Attorney General's Office and Commission Staff [to be named as needed]

REQUEST FOR OKLAHOMA-BRED FUNDING BY THE THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA AND WILL ROGERS DOWNS

The Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma [TRAO] and Will Rogers Downs [WRD] submitted a March 17, 2016 letter, requesting Commission approval for funding from the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund Special Account for two new stakes races to be held at WRD during the CY 2016 Thoroughbred race meeting. The proposed payout percentage would be 60/20/11/6/3. The requested Oklahoma-Bred funding breakdown follows:

	Purse Supplements	Broodmare Awards	Stallion Awards	Total
Three-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Stakes Race	\$ 5,000	\$3,400	\$1,600	\$10,000
Three-Year-Old Filly Stakes Race	\$ 5,000	\$3,400	\$1,600	\$10,000
Total	\$10,000	\$6,800	\$3,200	\$20,000

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve Oklahoma-Bred funding in the amount of \$20,000 for two new stakes races at Will Rogers Downs. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion. The vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Mr. Lucas, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Bollenbach, Ms. Goumaz, Mr. Marcum,
Ms. Money, Mr. Leonard
Absent: Mr. Harrell, Mr. Kirk
The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF HAIR TESTING FOR CLENBUTEROL AT THE
AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION'S [AQHA] 2016 BANK
OF AMERICA RACING CHALLENGE REGIONAL QUALIFYING RACES
TO BE HELD IN OKLAHOMA**

Chairman Leonard announced that this agenda topic had been removed from Commission consideration at this meeting.

REPORTS

The following reports were made:

1. Chairman Leonard, Commissioner Lucas and Mr. Cathey, Commission Executive Director, attended the RCI [Racing Commissioners International] Annual Conference, March 22-25, 2016.
2. Commissioner Lucas reported on legislative bills being tracked.
3. Commissioner Sanders reported on activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Budget and Finance.

**ANY MATTER NOT KNOWN ABOUT OR WHICH COULD NOT HAVE
BEEN REASONABLY FORESEEN PRIOR TO POSTING THE AGENDA**

There was no such matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Leonard made the following announcements:

1. Live racing has returned to two of the Commission-licensed racetracks:
 - Remington Park's Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa race meeting began on Friday, March 11, 2016.
 - Will Rogers Downs's Thoroughbred race meeting began on Monday, March 14, 2016.
2. The Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma will hold its annual awards program on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, 777 W. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, OK. Cocktail hour is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with dinner, auction and awards presentation to follow. The Commission will present CY 2015 Oklahoma-Bred Year-End Champion Awards for Thoroughbreds. The RSVP deadline is Monday, May 2, 2016.
3. The CY 2017 racetrack racing and gaming license applications will be distributed on Friday, April 15, 2016, for completion by June 1, 2016.
4. The Association of Racing Commissioners International [RCI] is hosting a series of "Town Hall" Meetings and focus groups around the country. The meetings are being held to explore possible solutions to problems facing the industry and its participants that impact the integrity of the sport. Owners, breeders, horsemen, vets, track officials, regulators and fans are all welcome to provide input.

Horsemen are invited to participate in the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016, starting at 10:30 a.m., at Remington Park in Track North. There is no cost to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Approved this 19th day of May, 2016.

Ran Leonard, Chairman

On Behalf of the Commission:

ATTEST:

Kelly G. Cathey, Executive Director
KGC/bjm/4/14/16, 5/13/16., 5/19/16

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this regular Commission meeting was originally transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on August 24, 2015; and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view in the lobby of Remington Park, One Remington Place, Oklahoma City on February 12, 2016. The announcement of the CY 2016 Commission meetings was posted on the OHRC website on December 17, 2015. At the February 18, 2016 meeting, the Commission rescheduled the March, 2016 meeting from March 24, 2016 to March 31, 2016. Notice was made of the Secretary of State's website as well as the Commission's website. On March 25, 2016, the agenda for this meeting was posted on the OHRC website, www.ohrc.org, and placed in the Commission's mall display case at the Commission's Shepherd Mall home office, 2401 N.W. 23 Street, Suite 78, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.