



Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission

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Matthew H. Mead

Minutes of the July 21, 2017, special meeting of the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission held in Evanston, Wyoming at Wyoming Downs Race Track commencing at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

Members in attendance:

- Randy Leinen, President**
- Jacqueline Crow, Vice President**
- Mantha Phillips, Commissioner**
- Danny Glick, Commissioner**
- Troy Broussard, Commissioner**
- Bob Davis, Commissioner**

Administrative staff:

- Charles E. Moore, Executive Director**
- Michael T. Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General**
- Brande Koltiska, Wagering Coordinator/Licensing**
- Chris Walsh, Investigator/Simulcast Steward**
- Tom Sweet, Investigator**

Commissioner Glick attended telephonically.
Commissioner Berry was absent.

Guests:

- Eugene Joyce, WHR LLC.**
- Nina Condos, WHR LLC.**
- Suzi Copenhaver, WHR LLC**
- Eric Nelson, WD LLC.**
- Jodi Lopez, WD LLC.**
- Frank, Lamb, WD LLC.**
- Judy Horton, WD LLC.**
- Cliff McCarlie, WD LLC.**
- Barb Daniels, WABRA**
- Bob Daniels, WABRA**
- J. Curtis Linnell, TRPB**

- Tim Peters, TRPB**
- Dr. Wade Johnson, DVM**
- Beth Johnson, Horsemen**
- Terry Vondy, Horsemen**
- Chad Giles, Horsemen**
- Glade VanTassell, Horsemen**
- Ron Moosman, Horsemen**
- William Brown, WPMC Steward**
- Tom Davis, WPMC Steward**
- Pat Mackey, WPMC Steward**
- Judy Spurlin, WPMC License Clerk**

Item #1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., President Leinen presiding.
Wyo. Stat. § 11-25-104(b) a majority of the commission constitutes a quorum and a majority vote of a quorum may act for the Commission. **We have a quorum.**

Item #2 Agenda

A. Adopt Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Broussard to adopt the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Item #3 Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the May 19, 2017 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Crow and seconded by Commissioner Broussard to approve the minutes as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Item #4 General Commission Business

A. Presidents report. President Leinen reported and made comments regarding the Agency Audit, OTB's and the Races. **No action.**

B. Wagering & Licensing reports. Miss Koltiska provided the semiannual wagering reports, city and county distributions and licensing report. She noted the total wagering handle for historic Horse Racing is well over 195 million dollars (January 1-July 1, 2017). **No action.**

C. Equine Health, Bio Security & Track Security. Director Moore referenced the WPMC website which has all of the health requirements and noted the two brochures provided by the RMTC (Herbal and Homeopathic remedies: Understanding the Risk & Responsibly Managing Your Horse's Environment). **No action.**

D. State Breed Registrar report. Miss Koltiska provided the most current statistical report on the number of "Accredited Wyoming Bred Horses." She also presented the "Frequently Asked Questions" document intended to provide guidance when registering and participating in the "Accredited Wyoming Bred" program. The document will be placed on the WPMC website as well as forwarded to our email list. **No action.**

E. WPMC Financial report/discussion. Director Moore explained the financial reports. Upon completion, a motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the reports as submitted. **Motion carried.** A brief discussion ensued regarding the Commissions cash reserves. **No action.**

E. Directors report. Director Moore gave status reports on the following items. **No action.**

- a. Audit of agency.
- b. Commission will again be reviewing license and permitting fees for 2018.
- c. Form an OTB working group, embracing technology.
- d. Record management system; Investigative and Breeders Award Fund. Director Moore expressed the imminent danger if a proper system is not implemented, the concerns were shared by the Commissioners. Director Moore will continue to review the available systems and solutions.
- e. Interim Legislative Committee Meetings.
- f. 2019-2020 Biennium Budget.

F. Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau-J. Curtis Linnell, Executive VP. The TRPB delivers to the Commission statistical audit reports as well as data reviews. The TRPB staff just completed an onsite review of the four OTB's located in Rock Springs and Evanston, their report will be forth coming. Commission Investigators Walsh and Sweet assisted in those reviews. Mr. Linnell appreciates the opportunity to provide services to the Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission and looks forward to a long working relationship. **No action.**

Item #5 Wyoming Downs LLC

A. Live Race Meet update. Mr. Lamb, General Manager for Wyoming Downs Race Track gave a brief summary of the season (4-weeks completed). **No action.**

B. A request to utilize "Tote Ninja" (Digital Design Labs). Mr. Nelson, Wyoming Downs LLC, gave an overview of the product and intended use. A motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Crow to approve the request. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General, expressed his concern with the way the proposal was presented and the intended use. The question was called for. **Motion failed.**

C. A request received July 7, 2017 to move the WD Laramie OTB location from 421 Boswell Drive to 750 North 3rd Street #666, Laramie WY. Mr. Nelson, Wyoming Downs LLC, gave an overview of the proposal. *The submission was incomplete.* The Commissioners ask the staff to review the documentation process and clarify for future reference. A motion was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Crow to approve the request upon completion of the following; County Commission approval, City permits if necessary, Site drawings to include placement of all equipment and security cameras and finally provide the security plan intended to control access by the general public. **Motion failed, without prejudice.**

D. A request received July 7, 2017 to move the WD Sheridan OTB location from 841 Broadway to 1294 Coffeen Avenue, Sheridan WY. Mr. Nelson, Wyoming Downs LLC, gave an overview of the proposal. *The submission was incomplete.* The Commissioners ask the staff to review the documentation process and clarify for future reference. A motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Broussard to approve the request upon completion of the following; County Commission approval, City permits if necessary, site drawings to include placement of all equipment and security cameras and finally provide the security plan intended to control access by the general public. Barbara Daniels WABRA expressed their membership's concern with signage on such a busy main street. **Motion failed, without prejudice.**

The Commissioners recessed for ten (10) minutes.

Item #6 Wyoming Horse Racing LLC

A. Live Race Meet update. Mr. Joyce, General Manager for Wyoming Horse Racing LLC, gave a brief update of the upcoming season. **No action.**

B. A request received July 7, 2017 to utilize the "Exact Multi-Game Solution." Mr. Joyce, General Manager for Wyoming Horse Racing LLC, briefed the Commission on the "Exacta Multi-Game Solution". The Commission staff noted the GLI verification and all supporting documentation was provided. A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Crow to approve the request as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Item #7 Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission Rules

A. Chapter 4 Information Practices-Public comment period closed June 16, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adopt the rules as submitted. **Motion carried.**

B. Chapter 8 Conduct of Races-Public comment period closed June 30, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Broussard to adopt the rules as submitted. **Motion carried.**

Item #8 Wyoming All Breeds Racing Association

A. A request for funding, Pursuant to Chapter 8 Section 6(f) for twenty-seven hundred (2,700.00) dollars. A motion was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the request as presented. A lengthy discussion ensued as to the awards going to only members of the WABRA-2 Inc. Director Moore mentioned an AG's opinion several years ago regarding a question of membership to receive Breeders Award funding and noted the Wyoming Constitutional violation. Mr. Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General expressed his concern as well. **Motion failed.**

Upon further consideration Barbara Daniels WABRA-2 Inc, President amended her request to the following; requesting five hundred (500.00) dollars to be used for jackets issued to the winners of the Wyoming Bred Futurity, Derby and Maturity. A motion was made by Commissioner Broussard and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve a lesser amount of five hundred (500.00) dollars to be used for the purchase of jackets and given to the winners of the Wyoming Bred Futurity, Derby and Maturity only. The previously noted races are not exclusive to any membership. **Motion carried.**

Item #9 General Discussion

A. An open discussion regarding track regulatory issues and horsemen concerns, the discussion is open to all interested parties. Several horsemen expressed their concerns about the race track surface at Wyoming Downs. Specifically; the base is hard and the material on top (cushion) is in need of replacement and renovation. The horsemen are concerned about the high number of breakdowns this season. A lengthy discussion ensued with the Commissioners expressing their concerns regarding the health, safety and welfare of the equine athletes. The Commissioners discussed a safety committee and other options to improve the track surfaces statewide. Mr. Lamb, General Manager for Wyoming Downs Race Track acknowledged the horsemen's concerns, and said the track is in need of renovation and their plan is to do so prior to opening next year. Mr. Lamb noted they do utilize Steve Woods as a track consultant, Mr. Woods has been at the facility on two (2) occasions. Mr. Lamb said, "WD will continue to communicate and be available to the horsemen, and address the issues as best as they can for the remainder of the season." **No action.**

Commissioner Glick left the call prior to commencing with Item #9.

Item #10 Executive Session

The Commission may open an executive session at any point to discuss all matters identified in this agenda, pursuant to W. S. § 16-04-405(a). **No action.**

Item #11 Meeting Dates

A. The next scheduled Commission meeting is September 8, 2017 in Casper, WY at Central Wyoming Fairgrounds. **No action needed.**

Item #12 Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Crow and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Approval Date: 09/08/17

Submitted by: Charles E. Moore, Executive Director