

WHRC Commission Meeting
April 8, 2022
At Emerald Downs
Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

- Item #1. Approval of the meeting minutes of March 11, 2022. (Action Item)
Dr. Ragle, move to approve, Dr. Macomber, 2nd- Motion carries
- Item #2. Commissioners' reports.
- Item #3. ADW License Renewal (Action Item)
Matthew Feig and Melanie Frank and Tony Allevato were present for the hearing representing NYRABets. Dr. Macomber asked if their license renewal in Oregon, (as the hub), already in place. The answer was yes.
Dr. Ragle, move to approve, Dr. Macomber, 2nd- Motion carries
- Item #4. Industry Reports
- a. Emerald Downs report;
Phil Ziegler reported that with five weeks left until opening day there are a little over 400 horses on the grounds. This is similar to the numbers in 2021. Emerald Downs is recruiting more horses in the next month or so by offering numerous incentives. They continue getting the facility ready and are planning on a return of all the activities and promotions from pre-covid years, (Fireworks show, Indian relay, corgi and weenie dog race, etc.) coming back at the track this season.
Dr. Macomber asked how is the incentive program being received? Phil reported that they have gotten a lot of good feedback, and feels it is going well.
 - b. WHBPA Report; and
MaryAnn O'Connell- The HBPA had a board meeting earlier in the month, approved the purse fee schedules officially. Assigned committees and preparing for HBPA elections. Changed our bi-laws for more people to be eligible to run for the board. Budget and financials approved.
 - c. WTBOA Report.
Ann-Kathrin Zemann reported that the awards banquet went well, made more this year than last year without the auction. May 26-31 they are planning on having the online auction. If anyone would like to donate items they are more than welcome.
- Item #5. HISA Update (Informational item)
May 2nd is the deadline to let HISA know whether the WHRC will be collecting and/or paying the initial assessment fees.

The second piece currently is the voluntary implementation agreement for the WHRC to do the enforcement of the rules for HISA. The commission is in the process of negotiations with HISA representatives, including the WHRC AAG. The options are whether the WHRC is going to sign agreement and perform the enforcement duties or are we going to remand this back to HISA to do this work. If that happens HISA would simple delegate the responsibility back to Emerald Down to supply the officials and pick up the costs.

MaryAnn- New Jersey put the burden on HISA to run the program. She asked what does that involve. It would be expected that Emerald Downs would have to have hire at least one Steward, and a regulatory vet to perform the duties of rules that preempt the WAC's.

- Item #6. Ownership change - Club Hollywood Casino, Shoreline- Shawn Weintraub has applied as the new operator for the OTB. (Action Item) Move to approve, Dr. Macomber, 2nd Dr. Ragle. Motion carries.
- Item #7. Emerald Downs request to offer handicapping contests - 2022 (Action Item) After a review of WAC 260-48-960 and RCW 67.16.251 it was concluded that handicapping contests may be offered online with a partnership with as licensed ADW as long as Emerald Downs is a partner and all WAC requirements were met. Dr. Macomber move to approve, Dr. Ragle 2nd. Motion carries.
- Item #8. Adoption Hearings: (Action Items)
- a. WAC 260-28-295 Trainer responsibility- Mr. Moore- at this time recommend to withdraw proposal, it is in the HISA rules effective 7/1.
Dr. Macomber- approval now gives trainers an opportunity to get used to the program.
Dr. Macomber, move to approve. Dr. Ragle 2nd. Motion carries
 - b. WAC 260-70-625 Intrarticular injections - restrictions (New Section)-
MaryAnn asked Dr. Ragle and Dr. Macomber if an intrarticular plasma injection was given would that apply to this rule. Dr. Ragle responded that those type of injections have a different property than steroid injections which is what is the purpose of this rule change. Dr. Macomber agreed that a stand down time for corticoid steroids was the primary goal.
Chairman Lopez asked that a policy statement be prepared to give the stewards clarifying the intent of the rule regarding corticoid steroids.
Mr. Moore reported that there will be a special meeting in late April to discuss the HISA fee assessment and that a policy statement for presentation would be presented at that time.
Dr. Macomber move to approve, Ragle 2nd. Motion carries.
 - c. WAC 260-70-640 Permitted medications. This amendment only clarifies the penalty class for an NSAID stacking violation. Dr. Macomber, move to approve, Dr. Ragle 2nd. Motion carries
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Item #9. Executive Secretary's Report.

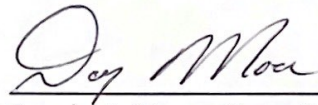
- a. Wagering Recap (March 2022); and
- b. Monthly Financial Statement (February 2022).

Monthly revenue was slightly below projections, but expenses came in under to offset the difference. Fund balance remains healthy and stable, although the fiscal analyst still projects a loss of \$200,000 for the biennium.

Item #10. Discussion Items - Commissioners.

Item #11. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary