

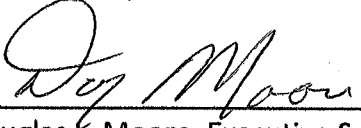
WHRC Commission Special Meeting
August 3, 2022
Zoom
Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners moved to executive session to discuss possible litigation. Reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

Item #1. Injunction regarding use of the riding crop and affect in Washington. A federal judge in Louisiana has granted an injunction on the entire HISA rules in that state and West Virginia. It was unclear whether the injunction in respect to the riding crop use is geographic centric or if that rule is on hold in all jurisdictions. Discussion surrounded as to whether the WHRC will continue to enforce the HISA rules or go back to the WHRC rules. Mindy Coleman, legal counsel for the Jockey's Guild stated that their organizations members feels that all jockeys regardless of location are covered by the injunction. There are numerous filings that may be heard quickly on motions to clarify the judge's injunction. Chair Lopez made a motion to suspend the HISA crop rule until the courts have decided on the injunctions. There was not a second, the motioned failed. Dr. Ragle stated that he felt that it was counterproductive to continue to change the rules what has seemed like a weekly basis, and it was best to stay consistent at this time. Dr. Macomber stated his position was to honor the agreement with HISA and if there are challenges HISA would be responsible by the agreement to defend any legal action. Mr. Moore reported that on the conference call last week with HISA their legal counsel asked that states continue to enforce the rule but suggest to the jockeys to appeal any sanctions until the matter is settled. Mindy Coleman reminded the commission that the crop rules cover not only jockey's but exercise riders during morning training. There is still an ongoing issue with the availability of the crops, HISA has indicated that they do not wish to enforce the crops for exercise riders until a later date. Pat LePley indicated that the WHBPA supports the Jockey's Guild stance.

Item #2. Louisiana lawsuit – Washington State options
Moved back into executive session at 11:54 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.



Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary