

WHRC Commission Meeting

July 22, 2022

At Emerald Downs

Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m.

- Item #1. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 10, 2022. (Action Item)  
Motion to approve, Dr. Macomber- move, Dr. Ragle- 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Item #2. Commissioners' reports.
- Item #3. ADW License Renewal – Watch and Wager.com (Action Item)  
Represented by Ed Comins. Motion to approve, Dr. Macomber- move, Dr. Ragle- 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Item #4. ADW License Renewal – Xpress Bet (Action item)  
Represented by Gene Chabrier. Motion to approve, Dr. Macomber- move, Dr. Ragle- 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.
- Item #5. Industry Reports
- a. Emerald Downs report;  
Phil Ziegler – There was a 2.6 million record handle on July 17. They have been working with HISA, their technology is catching up with the rules, and is much smoother now. Corgi races are on for this Sunday along with Washington State Legislature's Day. Capping attendance at 7700. Sunday the Seattle Times wrote an article on Emerald Downs, Phil will send the link out.
  - b. WHBPA report;  
Pat LePley - The HBPA has also been trying to assist horsemen with compliance with HISA. Trying to ensure that a horse is registered with HISA, Emerald Downs has been excellent to work with. Not everyone knows what to do, it is difficult to figure out the best response to the problem. From the administrative end, there has been a considerable amount of time figuring out who is responsible for what. Has spoken with House and Senate, preparing a legislative response regarding the expenses and burden to the State of Washington of HISA without contribution from the Federal Government.  
The National HBPA meeting is on August 3 & 4. We will learn more about the level of litigation with HISA regulations from other jurisdictions.  
Complaints: whip rules, not allowing jockeys to ride their horses to get the best finish possible, registered horses are still showing as unregistered.  
Biggest issues on entries are horses that have been off 365 days.  
Trainers' manual specifies a series of steps to enter a horse that has been

be considered a good use of our resources this year to keep the cost for the horsemen down.

Chairman Lopez move to support request. Commissioners agree to supporting the horsemen. This will ensure there is no impact on the horsemen this year. Dr. Ragle motion to approve, Dr. Macomber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries.

- Item #7. Executive Secretary's Report.
- e. Wagering Recap (June 2022); and
  - f. Monthly Financial Statement (May 2022).

The State of Washington Audit of the WHRC's licensing and financial processes has been completed and there were no adverse findings.

Items requested for the September agenda were HISA projections for the equine medication program and ADW bond requirements.

- Item #8. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission
- Pat LePley - The purses have been more robust, record number of claims for horses, 46 horses claimed in July so far. Up over 50% this year in total number of claims. If we revisit the legislation that would return the sales tax on claims to the industry it may cover the HISA fees in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.



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Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary