

WHRC Commission Meeting
June 10, 2022
At Emerald Downs
Meeting called to order at 9:40 a.m.

- Item #1. Approval of the meeting minutes of April 8, 2022. (Action Item)
Dr. Macomber move to approve, Chairman Lopez 2nd- Motion carries
- Item #2. Commissioners' reports.
- Item #3. ADW License Renewal – TVG (Action Item)
Tom Cassidy with TVG was present via Zoom. There was no issues or significant changes to the license. Dr. Macomber move to approve, Chairman Lopez 2nd – Motion carries
- Item #4. Industry Reports
- a. Emerald Downs report.
Phil Ziegler reported that they have been facing challenging weather for the start of the meet. The stakes races will be starting up soon.
 - b. WHBPA Report; and
Pat Leplay- There was a Horsemen's general meeting was last Friday. It was well attended and there were numerous questions on the HISA implantation. It is apparent that there will be some challenges on the HISA rules. He reported that there were 6 people running for 5 board spots. There will be an election unless one of the nominees withdraws.
Dana Halvorson- The dates for the online auction to have been changed to June 22 through June 28. The WTBOA is in hopes that everyone can participate and if you have anything to donate, they are still accepting.
Dana noted that Jerry Woods, the former president of WTBOA had passed away.
 - c. Sun Downs- All indications are that they intend on applying for dates in 2023.
- Item #5. HISA Update (Action item)
A draft agreement was presented for consideration of approval which would allow the WHRC regulators to enforce the 2000 Safety Rule series of the HISA regulations. Chairman Lopez reported a lot of work was done on the language. A thanks was given to AAG Suzanne Becker as she did a lot of great work on this for the agency. There is risk on both sides, but it is important to sign this agreement so we can keep horseracing in Washington State running as smoothly as possible. If the agency does not sign it, Emerald Downs would be required to find stewards and veterinarians to enforce the HISA rules and the WHRC may need to restructure the revenue stream to adjust for the duties no longer be performed by the commission officials.

Dr. Ragle- Agreed that we needed to do what is best for racing in the state.

Dr. Macomber – To stay in the game, we need to sign the agreement. We are reasonably well prepared to go forward in the process.

Senator Phil Fortunado- Asked if there was legislation needed with this or is it an agreement? Chairman Lopez, no legislation needed at this time.

Rep. Joe Schmick- Not in agreement with HISA, it appears that we don't have options currently.

Mr. Moore- As the commission, we can enforce only enforce published rules, not policy or "houses rules". Signing the agreement would only obligate the agency to enforce rules in the 2000 series. HISA has made it known that rules in the 2100 series that involve racetrack accreditation would be phased in, only the rules in the 2200 series take effect on July 1. The termination date in the agreement is October 15, 2022. This would allow us to ensure this race season is completed and all stakeholders could reassess prior to the 2023 race season.

Move to approve - Motion carries.

Item #6. Executive Secretary's Report.

- a. Wagering Recap (April/May 2022); and
- b. Monthly Financial Statement (March/April 2022).

Item #7. Grant request – Emerald Downs morning veterinarian program (Action Item)

Jack Hodge spoke for Emerald Downs regarding the grant to assist with the costs of having a veterinarian onsite whenever the track is open for training. Seth Flory was on record that the agency could absorb this cost currently without jeopardizing the fund balance.

Chairman Lopez move to approve, Dr. Ragle 2nd – Motion carries.

Item #8. Approval of travel – ARCI summer meeting (Action Item)

Approval for travel for Mr. Moore and Chairman Lopez to attend the summer ARCI Model Rules Committee and Board of Director Meetings in San Diego. It was felt it is important to attend these meetings to stay connected to the industry and updates on HISA rules.

Chairman Lopez move to approve, Dr. Ragle 2nd – Motion carries

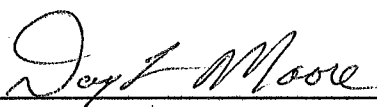
Item #9. Discussion Items - Commissioners.

Legislature Day is July 24th. We have been sending group emails to them to save the date. We have had a lot more response this year 8-10 have responded saying they are coming.

Approval of travel for commissioners on Legislature Day- Dr. Macomber- Move to approve, Dr. Ragle 2nd – Motion carries.

Item #10. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary