

Washington Horse Racing Commission
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
November 13, 2020

Present were: Executive Director Doug Moore, Deputy Director Amanda Benton, Confidential Secretary Melanie Bowdish, Ken Doll, Commissioner Claude Ragle, Chairman Bob Lopez, Commissioner Dr. Everett Macomber, Dr. Friedman

Members of the Public attending were: Mark Hanson, Lanna Allen, Philip Ziegler, Suzanne Becker, Mike Wilson, Patrick Lepley, Mike Wilson, Ann Sweet, Eddie Martinez, Jack Hodge, Maryann O'Connell

Item #1. Approval of the meeting minutes of October 9, 2020.
Macomber moved, Ragle second to approve

Item #2. Commissioners' reports.
ARCI Board of Directors meeting- Lopez attended,
ARCI Model Rules committee meeting- Lopez attended.
Macomber attended Wa Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders meeting.

Item #3. Industry Reports.

- a. Emerald Downs report;
Phil- Submitted report in writing, documenting end of season, WHRC, stakeholders, everyone involved. Mar-Oct no one in the racing industry reported any COVID issues. Safety of the horses, not a single catastrophic breakdown during the whole race. Thank you to everyone involved in making the season a success. Beta testing technology- based on the safety aspect measuring horses strides, were able to do every race on the card until the end of the season.
- b. WHBPA Report;
Patrick Lepley- Hopeful to work with Emerald Downs for the next meet. Hoping to start mid may and go through December.
- c. WTBOA Report; and
Anne Sweet- Congratulations to the horseman for a successful meet. Sky and Season auction, mid December go towards bonus funds. Gave away \$27,000 in bonus funds.
- d. Sun Downs Report.

Item #4. Owners/Breeders Awards Update- Hoping to get these out by Thanksgiving or the week following, working on verifying the purse earnings. Amanda is working with Jan Baez, Yvonne Doll, and Stephen to get numbers clarified as quickly as we can.

Item #5. Hearings before the commission: Heribert Martinez - WHRC 2020-007 (Possible closed session)

Item #6. Review of public comments regarding proposed rule amendments (Discussion item)

- a. WAC 260-40-130 Horse must be on grounds prior to racing
- b. WAC 260-70-625 Intra articular injections - Restriction (New Section)
- c. WAC 260-70-640 Permitted medication

Item #7. Executive Secretary's Report.

- a. Wagering Recap (October 2020); and
- b. Monthly Financial Statement (September 2020)

Item #8. Discussion Items - Commissioners.

Item #9. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission.