

WHRC Commission Meeting
October 8, 2021
Via Zoom

Present were: Robert Lopez, Chairman; Dr. Everett Macomber, DVM, Commissioner; Dr. Claude Ragle, DVM, Commissioner; Doug Moore, Executive Secretary; Melanie Bowdish, Confidential Secretary, Amanda Benton, Deputy Secretary, Ken Doll, Steward, Ex-Officio member, Representative Joe Schmick

1. Approval of the meeting minutes of September 10, 2021. (Action Item) – Dr. Claude Ragle, motion to approve, Chairman Lopez 2nd - motion carries
2. Commissioners' reports
Mr. Lopez attended a ARCI Executive committee meeting.

Representative Schmick- inquired about any future legislation he needs to know about?

3. Industry Reports
 - a. Emerald Downs report;
Phil Ziegler- concluded the meet. Emerald announced another 10% purse increase for next year and looking at keeping most of the other incentive programs for next year. Simulcasting continues at the track every Wed-Sun.
 - b. WHBPA report;
 - c. WTBOA report; and
Anne- The WTBOA sale last month was really positive. Next thing we are working on is the stallion season auction, which paid out \$35K in sales incentive bonuses this year and \$8500 in Wa. Homebred awards. Having sales online has been helpful.
 - d. Sun Downs report.
Shorty- They have a contract to review with the county and are planning on racing next spring.
4. Annual review of Source Market Fees (Informational item)
5. Update on Washington Bred Owners/Breeders Awards (Information item)
A total of \$401,198.91 was generated for the owners awards and \$212,731,008 for the breeders awards. These are preliminary figures that may change slightly. Staff hope to have the report submitted to Office of Financial Management (OFM) to process the awards by November 1st, or shortly after.

Macomber: How does this compare to last year? Mr. Moore: The awards are up slightly from last year.

6. Report on Proposed rule changes (Discussion item)

- a. WAC 260-48-915 Quintfecta Pools With Carryover;
- b. WAC 260-49-070 Distribution of Source Market Fees;
- c. WAC 260-60-410 Claimed horse - in whose interest run - Delivery and passage of title;
- d. WAC 260-28-295 Trainer responsibility;
- e. WAC 260-70-640 Permitted medication; and
- f. Possible new section - Interarticular injections - restrictions

More discussion and public comment will be taken before moving forward with the medication rules.

- 7. Report on Federal Legislation (Informational item, possible Executive Session)
 - Several lawsuits out there alleging that HISA was “unconstitutional” with two out of the six states that have joined the lawsuit not having pari-mutuel racing, but the concern is giving a non-governmental agency regulatory authority. The three person board has been put together to draft the rules,.
 - Memo sent out from ARCI about what they know and don’t know. HISA is still planning on taking effect on July 1, 2022. Originally there was going to be an the opt in for standard bred and quarter horses, but that is now off the table. We may have two sets of rules to run under. Any positive tests will not go to the racing commission but instead to a HISA board, and the state will no longer have jurisdiction.
 - Discussion on rules and status of this legislation will continue.
- 8. WHRC Meeting Dates for 2021 (Action Item) – Dr. Everett Macomber move to approve, Dr. Claude Ragle 2nd, motion carries
- 9. Executive Secretary’s Report
 - a. Wagering Recap (September 2021);
 - b. 2021 Live Meet Wagering; and
 - c. Monthly Financial Statement (August 2021)

The WHRC's fund balance has stabilized with the increase in the pari-mutuel tax and the general fund allocation. DES budget analyst Seth Flory projects some loss over the next biennium, but operations should not be in jeopardy for the near future.

- 10. Emerald Downs Racing, LLC - A grant request to fund the morning veterinarian to be present during training hours was submitted. (Action item) – Chairman Lopez move to approve, Dr. Claude Ragle 2nd, motion carries.
- 11. Discussion Items - Commissioners
- 12. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.



Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary