

WHRC Commission Meeting
February 11, 2022
Via Zoom Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

- Item #1. Approval of the meeting minutes of January 14, 2022. (Action Item)
Move to approve, Dr. Macomber, 2nd Dr. Ragle- motion carries.
- Item #2. Commissioners' reports.
Mr. Lopez attended HISA meeting that discussed the fees that may be charged to the States and tracks and how they are calculated.
- Item #3. Legislation update (Informational Item)
Mr. Moore reported on HB1928, which had a hearing with the House Appropriations Committee, testimony went well. It was moved out by Executive session and we received word last night it will be on the floor for a vote which is encouraging. It will still be an uphill battle with the Senate but we appear to have support.
Pat LePley indicated that they may have some Senators that will help moving it in the Senate if it passes the House.
Mr. Moore reported that in the House hearing that a number of 4-H groups and other equine groups signed in to support which should assist when legislators review the record.
- Item #4. Industry Reports.
- a. Emerald Downs report;
Phil Ziegler- Keeping an eye on the House Bill. Preparing the barn for horses to move in, they will begin moving 2/25 and training on 2/28.
Dr. Macomber- Were there any changes in policy regarding the downgrading the Longacres Mile status?
Phil reported that the Graded Stakes Committee would not revisit the decision, but he is working on getting the Grade III status back in 2023.
 - b. WHBPA report; and
Pat Lepley- Our board has been working extremely hard, contacts with legislatures regarding the house bill. We plan on holding a board meeting to set a plan.
HPBA has approved the stakes and purse schedule. Had two meetings this past week with Bret Anderson (Emerald Downs),
The HPBA contacted the National HPBA regarding the downgrading of the Longacres Mile to get the status returned to a grade 3 race.
MaryAnn- Will be attending the Race Track Chaplaincy meeting in South Carolina and then headed to Oaklawn for the National HBPA meetings.
 - c. WTBOA report.
Anne Sweet- Moved the date of the WTBOA awards banquet from its normal February date to March 19th. Introduced Ann (Annie)-Kathrin Zeman, who has been hired to replace her as the WTBOA manager.
 - d. Sun Downs report was deferred to the date approval agenda item.

- Item #5. End of the Meet Report (Informational Item)
- a. Equine Health and Safety – Dr. Ron Friedman, Equine Medical Director gave an extensive report on the 2021 season.
The full report will be posted on WHRC website.
- Item #6. Sun Downs Dates request and officials (Action Item)
- Mr. Moore reported that staff will provide finalized officials for both the Emerald Downs and Sun Downs meets at the March meeting.
- Shorty Martin presented the date request for Sun Downs. The request was for the normal six day race meet, April 23, 24, 30 and May 1, 7, and 8. The Kentucky Derby will be simulcast on May 7. He reported that they intended on opening the track for training within the next week if possible.
- Dr. Macomber moved to approve, Dr. Ragle 2nd - Motion carries.
- Item #7. Distribution of Donahue Fund (Informational Item)
- This has not been distributed since 2019. With the Sun Downs approval for race dates this will be dispersed to Sun Downs, the total available is \$7,673.85. A report of how the money was spent will be provided.
- Item #8. Proposed rules amendments (Discussion Item)
- a. WAC 260-28-295 Trainer responsibility
There was no opposition to the amendment and it will move forward.
 - b. WAC 260-70-625 New Section – Interarticular injections
The proposed new rule would prohibit a horse from racing or working to be removed from the official veterinarians list for 7 days following an interarticular injection. Public comments were received and following discussion the proposed new rule will move forward as drafted.
 - c. WAC 260-70-640 Permitted medications
After public comment and discussion by the commissioners, it was agreed that the NSAID threshold levels would not be amended for 2022, with the understanding that if the HISA requirements take affect that the lower levels will become required.
- Item #9. Approval annual year-end report (Action Item)
- The 2021 draft of the Year End Report that is submitted to the Governors Office as reviewed.
- Move to approve, Chairman Lopez, Dr. Ragle, 2nd - Motion carries
- Item #10. Executive Secretary's Report
- a. Wagering Recap (January 2022); and
 - b. Monthly Financial Statement (December 2021)
- Mr. Moore reported that the agency continues to be diligent on expenses and revenues, while slightly down from projections, and the fund balance remained well above the required balance mandated by OFM of two months operating capital.
- Item #11. Sun Downs Grant Request – (Action Item)
- Sun Downs provided a request for a grant of \$25,000 to assist with race day jockey insurance and other overhead expenses. Mr. Moore reported that the agencies DES

financial analyst, Seth Florey, reported that with the current fund balance that approval of the grant would not jeopardize the operations of the commission for this biennium. Chairman Lopez, motion to approve, 2nd Dr. Ragle - motion carries.

Item #12. Discussion Items – Commissioners

Commissioner Lopez requested that the meetings previously held with staff and the practicing vets be resumed along with a meeting that would invite trainers to attend to discuss best practices and medication issues.

Item #13. Any other business that may be properly brought before the Commission

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas L. Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Douglas L. Moore, Executive Secretary