

MAINE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
July 16, 2010  
Conference Room, Gambling Control Board  
Department of Public Safety Office  
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Commission Members Present: Chairman George McHale, James Tracy, Stanley Kuklinski, Barbara Dresser and S. Todd Bradley.

Staff Members Present: John H. Richards, AAG, Henry Jackson, Peter Barengo, Ralph Canney and Carol Gauthier.

Commission Chair, George McHale, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS:

1. Kevin Switzer, Jr. was present and represented by Jan McNitt. Mr. Richards stated the process of conducting an informal hearing. Ms. McNitt and the Commission members agreed to the informal hearing. Commissioner McHale made a motion to grant Mr. Switzer, Jr. a driver's license with 40 day suspension effective July 19, 2010. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 5-0.  
After a brief discussion of the Consent Agreement, Mr. Switzer, Jr. agreed to the Consent Agreement as outlined. Commissioner Kuklinski made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement signed by Mr. Switzer, Jr. Commissioner Tracy seconded. Vote 5-0.
2. Henry Jackson presented the following Exhibits into the record for the Horse Supply hearing. Notice of Hearing, Exhibit 1; Email with no returns, Exhibit 2; and Horse Comparison sheet for May and June and years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Exhibit 3. Testimony was given by Ralph Canney. Staffs recommendation is to not decrease the number of races because the horse supply is adequate. Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve retention of the number of race dates and dashes as originally scheduled. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The Commission reviewed the Decision and Order for Randy Bickmore. Commissioner Bradley made a motion to accept the Decision and Order with a few corrections in the wording. Commissioner Dresser seconded. Vote 3-0.

REPORTS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Henry Jackson asked the Commission to approve the new proposed language which defines the breeding season as "on or before February 15" and the third paragraph "as described in this section" for Chapter 9, Sire Stakes and not the one previously proposed. Commissioner Kuklinski made a motion to approve the new proposed language. Commissioner Tracy seconded. Vote 5-0.

Diann Perkins addressed the Commission regarding the Sire Stakes program. She was pleased to see an increase in the number of horses.

Mike Sweeny also addressed the Commission regarding the horse supply at Scarborough Downs. He said there has been an overabundance of horses at Scarborough.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The Commission did go into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry W. Jackson  
Executive Director