

MAINE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2010
ROOM 208, BURTON M. CROSS BUILDING
CAPITOL STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE

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

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 12:40 p.m.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS:

1. Pursuant to 8 MRSA Section 271 and MHRC Rule Chapter 19, Section 4 the Commission took action on the applications for live racing license renewal and the request for Assignment of Race Dates for calendar year 2011 for the following applicants:

Northern Maine Fair Association, Presque Isle; Fair Meet-Represented by Lynwood Winslow
Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society, Topsham; Fair Meet,-Represented by
Gerard Lamarre

Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan; Fair Meet-Represented by Walter Hight
Union Fair/Maine Wild Blueberry Festival, Union; Fair Meet, Represented by Gerard
Lamarre

Windsor Fair; Windsor Fair, Windsor; Fair Meet-Represented by Catherine Damren
Oxford County Agricultural Society; Oxford Fair, Oxford; Fair Meet-Caldwell Jackson
Franklin County Agricultural Society; Farmington Fair, Farmington; Fair Meet-Represented
by David Dunn

Cumberland Farmers Club, Cumberland Fair, Cumberland; Fair Meet and Extended Meet-
Represented by Gerry Prevost

West Oxford Agricultural Society; Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg; Fair Meet-Represented by
Kenneth Ronco

Bangor Historic Track, Inc.; Bangor Raceway, Bangor; Commercial Meet-Represented by
Corey Smith and Jon Osborne

Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs, Scarborough; Commercial Meet-Represented by
William Manning and Michael Sweeney

Intervenors present were Chandler Woodcock, Maine Harness Horsemen's Association; Diann Perkins, Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owner's Association; Peter Barengo, Department of Agriculture; and Catherine Damren, Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs.

Mr. Jackson presented the following Exhibits into the record:

1. Notice of Hearing with return receipts
2. Ad in newspapers (tear sheets)
3. Northern Maine Fair Association
4. Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society, Topsham; Fair Meet
5. Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan; Fair Meet

6. Union Fair/Maine Wild Blueberry Festival, Union; Fair Meet
7. Windsor Fair; Windsor Fair, Windsor; Fair Meet
8. Oxford County Agricultural Society; Oxford Fair, Oxford; Fair Meet
9. Franklin County Agricultural Society; Farmington Fair, Farmington; Fair Meet
10. Cumberland Farmers Club, Cumberland Fair, Cumberland; Fair Meet and Extended Meet
11. West Oxford Agricultural Society; Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg; Fair Meet
12. Bangor Historic Track, Inc.; Bangor Raceway, Bangor; Commercial Meet
13. Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs, Scarborough; Commercial Meet
14. Title 8 Issuance of Licensing, Chapter 19, Section 4
15. Maine Agricultural Fair Dates by Fred Lunt
16. Analysis Report of the financial data by Christian Smith of Macdonald Page & Co LLC
17. 2011 Amended Calendar
18. Request to Full Card Simulcast for Calendar Year 2011 by Scarborough Downs
19. Request to Full Card Simulcast for Calendar Year 2011 by Bangor Raceway
20. Henry's Review of the Requirements of 275-N

The Commission reviewed the applicants for licensing for calendar year 2011. There were no conflicts on the dates and dashes applied for.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion to grant a fair license for 2011 to Northern Maine Fair, Topsham Fair, Skowhegan State Fair, Union Fair, Oxford County Agricultural Society, Franklin County Agricultural Society, Cumberland Farmers Club, and West Oxford Agricultural Society with the dates and dashes that they have requested. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Kuklinski made a motion to grant Windsor Fair a license for calendar year 2011 with the race dates and dashes as they requested. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 4-0. Commissioner Tracy recused himself from the vote.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion to approve the 2011 license for Scarborough Downs with the dates and dashes as they requested. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion to grant a conditional license to Bangor Historic Track, Inc. d/b/a Bangor Raceway for 2011 pending the outcome of the suitability investigation that would include the dates and dashes as requested. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion to grant two additional dashes on the dates when each of these tracks are holding Sire Stakes. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 5-0.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion that Davric Maine Corporation d/b/a Scarborough Downs and Bangor Historic Track, Inc. d/b/a Bangor Raceway be granted full card simulcast authorization for calendar year 2011. Commissioner Bradley seconded. Vote 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None.

REPORTS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Diann Perkins addressed the Commission regarding the proposed Sire Stakes Race Schedule.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. None.

Commissioner Tracy made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kuklinski seconded. Vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director