

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Indiana Horse Racing Commission

January 13, 2016

Indiana State Library, Author's Room 203
315 W. Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Commission members present: Thomas Weatherwax, Chairman; Greg Schenkel, Vice Chairman, and George Pillow, member. Also present were Deena Pitman, Interim IHRC Executive Director; Lea Ellingwood, IHRC General Counsel; Holly Newell, IHRC Deputy General Counsel; Mike Hall, Presiding Judge, Hoosier Park; Jessica Barnes, IHRC Director of Racing and Breed Development; and Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Hoosier Park; Jack Kieninger, President of the Indiana Standardbred Association; and Brian Elmore, Vice President of Racing for Centaur.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Weatherwax called the meeting to order at approximately 9:13 a.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Weatherwax swore in Court Reporter Robin Martz.

II. Approval of minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting and approval of Executive Session Memoranda.

Commissioner Schenkel moved to accept the minutes for the meeting of December 9, 2015 and the Executive Session Memoranda. Commissioner Pillow seconded the motion. The minutes and memoranda were unanimously approved.

III. Agenda

Note: All items on the agenda were transcribed by a court reporter from Stewart Richardson. Transcripts are available at www.in.gov/hrc.

1. Consideration of Standardbred Passing Lane Rule — (71 IAC 7-3-37).

Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Hoosier Park proposed a rule creating a passing lane at Hoosier Park.

Vice Chairman Schenkel moved to approve the Passing Lane Rule. Commissioner Pillow seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved as an emergency rule, 3-0.

2. Presentation of the 2016 program by Quarter Horse Breed Development Advisory Committee.

Jessica Barnes presented the 2016 program. Vice Chairman Schenkel moved to approve the program. Commissioner Pillow seconded, and the motion was approved, 3-0.

3. Presentation of the 2016 Program by Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee.

Ms. Barnes presented the 2016 program. Commissioner Pillow moved to approve, and Vice Chairman Schenkel seconded. The program was approved, 3-0.

4. Presentation of the 2016 Program by the Standardbred Advisory Board.

Ms. Barnes presented the 2016 program. Vice Chairman Schenkel moved for approval of the program, and Commissioner Pillow seconded. The vote carried, 3-0.

5. Review of commission rulings – December 1, 2015-December 31, 2015.

Deputy Counsel Newell presented the rulings for review and discussion.

6. Consideration of two additional administrative law judges –

- Ernie Yelton, *Esq.*
- Kelly Eskew, *Esq.*

Commissioner Pillow moved to approve the appointments. Vice Chairman Schenkel seconded the motion. The new ALJs were approved, 3-0.

7. Introduction of Blue Ribbon Committee creation and purpose.

Chairman Weatherwax introduced the concept of creating a model Blue Ribbon Committee.

IV. Old Business

Chairman Weatherwax addressed the hiring a new Executive Director. He stated that the interview process should be complete soon and the position should be filled by the March meeting.

V. New Business

The IHRC meeting scheduled for June 15 will be moved to June 8. The date change will be reflected on the Commission website.

VI. Adjournment

Chairman Weatherwax adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

MEMORANDUM OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission met in executive session at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in the executive conference room of its offices, located at 1302 N. Meridian Street, Suite 175, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members present included Chairman Thomas Weatherwax, Vice Chair Greg Schenkel, Susie Lightle, William McCarty and George Pillow. The Commissioners met pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5), to review the Commission's Executive Director position applications.

No subject other than that authorized by IC 5-14-1.5.6.1 (and identified in the meeting agenda) was discussed during the executive session.

MEMORANDUM OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission met in executive session at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2015 in the Indiana Horse Racing Commission Office, located at 1302 N. Meridian Street, Suite 175, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members present included Vice Chairman Greg Schenkel and George Pillow. Chairman Thomas Weatherwax, Susie Lightle and William McCarty were present telephonically. The Commissioners met pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5), to conduct further Executive Director application reviews.

No subject other than that authorized by IC 5-14-1.5.6.1 (and identified in the meeting agenda) was discussed during the executive session.

MEMORANDUM OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission met in executive session at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in the executive conference room of its offices, located at 1302 N. Meridian Street, Suite 175, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members present included Chairman Thomas Weatherwax, Vice Chair Greg Schenkel and Commissioner George Pillow. The Commissioners met pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) to interview Executive Director applicant finalists.

No subject other than that authorized by IC 5-14-1.5.6.1 (and identified in the meeting agenda) was discussed during the executive session.