

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Indiana Horse Racing Commission

**September 14, 2016**

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino  
4200 N. Michigan Rd.  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

Commission members present: Thomas Weatherwax, Chairman; Greg Schenkel, Vice-Chairman; Susie Lightle, member; and William McCarty, member. Also present were Mike Smith, IHRC Executive Director; Deena Pitman, IHRC Assistant Executive Director; Lea Ellingwood, IHRC General Counsel; Holly Newell, IHRC Deputy General Counsel; Jessica Barnes, IHRC Director of Racing and Breed Development; Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Hoosier Park; Ellen Taylor, Executive Director, Harness Horse Youth Foundation; Jim Brown, President and Chief Operating Officer of Centaur; Jon Schuster, Vice President and General Manager of Racing Indiana Grand Racing & Casino; and John Keeler, Vice President and General Counsel of Centaur.

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Weatherwax called the meeting to order at approximately 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Approval of minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting.**

Commissioner McCarty moved for approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2016. Commissioner Schenkel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, 4-0.

**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](http://www.in.gov/hrc).*

1. Consideration of ALJ's Recommended Order Dismissing Appeal In The Matter of Jockey Albin Jimenez.

General Counsel Lea Ellingwood presented IHRC Staff's recommendation that the Commission approve the ALJ's Recommended Order Dismissing Appeal In The Matter of Jockey Albin Jimenez. Commissioner Schenkel moved for approval. Commissioner McCarty seconded. The Commission voted 4-0 in favor.

2. Review of commission rulings – June 1, 2016 – August 30, 2016.

Deputy Counsel Holly Newell presented the current rulings.

3. Consideration of Petition of Centaur Holdings, LLC, New Centaur, LLC and Hoosier Park, LLC, Requesting Commission Approval for the Construction of an Administration Building and Gate House at Hoosier Park.

Rick Moore, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Hoosier Park, presented Centaur's petition for approval for the construction of an administration building and gate house at Hoosier Park.

Commissioner McCarty moved to approve the petition; Commissioner Lightle seconded. The Commission approved, 4-0.

4. Harness Horse Youth Foundation presentation by Executive Director Ellen Taylor.

Taylor gave a presentation about the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

**I. Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

**II. New Business**

Jim Brown, President and Chief Operating Officer at Hoosier Park, and Jon Schuster, Vice President and General Manager of Racing Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, gave a presentation on this year's racing season and plans for the near future.

John Keeler, General Counsel for Hoosier Park, requested that the Commission grant permission to the Executive Director to approve registered horsemen's association contracts and the reduction of the takeout commission from the betting pool.

Commissioner Schenkel moved to delegate authority to the IHRC Executive Director to approve the changes to the horsemen's contracts as they specifically relate to TVG fees. Commissioner Lightle seconded the motion. The vote carried, 4-0.

Commissioner McCarty moved that the authorization be given to the Executive Director to approve the agreements. Commissioner Schenkel seconded. The Commission approved, 4-0.

**III. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m. by Chairman Weatherwax.