

Colorado Racing Commission  
October 11, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Colorado Racing Commission ("Commission") was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 via video conference provided by Zoom.

Members Present

David Lynn Hoffman, Chair  
Tina Estes, Vice Chair  
Sandra Bowen, Member  
Lori Scott DVM, Member  
Tameka Sampson, Member

Staff Present

Donia Amick, Director of the Division of Racing Events  
Janina Rivera, Executive Assistant to Division Director  
Sarah Killeen, Assistant Attorney General  
Zach Ceriani, Policy Analyst  
Ed Kulp, Agent in Charge  
Suzanne Karrer, Communications Supervisor for the Specialized Business Group

1. Approval of 8.17.2022 Minutes

Minutes approved for August 17, 2022.

2. Approval of 8.30.2022 Minutes

Minutes approved for August 30, 2022

**DECISION ITEMS**

3. Election of Officers

Sarah Killeen, Assistant Attorney General, conducted the elections for chair and vice chair of the Colorado Racing Commission for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Commissioner Hoffman nominated Commissioner Estes as chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Hoffman to close nominations for chair with a second made by Commissioner Scott.

Motion passed unanimously

Vote called to nominate Tina Estes as chair for fiscal year 2022-2023

Vote passed unanimously. Tina Estes presented as the duly elected chair for the Colorado Racing Commission for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Commissioner Estes nominated Commissioner Sampson as vice chair.

Commissioner Scott nominated herself as vice chair

Commissioner Bowen nominated Commissioner Hoffman as vice chair

Motion made by Commissioner Hoffman to close nominations for vice chair with a second made by Commissioner Estes.

Motion passed unanimously

Vote called to nominate Dr. Lori Scott as vice chair for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Vote passed unanimously. Dr. Lori Scott presented as the duly elected vice chair for the Colorado Racing Commission for fiscal year 2022-2023.

#### 4. Consideration of FY2023 - 2024 Commission Meeting Dates

Director Amick stated currently the meetings are scheduled at 9:30 am on every second Tuesday of the month. Division is only required to have them every quarter. Asked the Commissioners for any comments or concerns with the current schedule.

Commissioner Sampson expressed her concern with the 9:30 am start time.

Director Amick requested to change meetings to the second Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Commissioners agreed to change meetings to the second Wednesday at 9:30 am start time.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 5. How to contact Commissioners

Director Amick mentioned that she's received requests from stakeholders that have wanted to get in touch with the Commissioners and that the Division has set up a Google email address for each Commissioner. Director Amick asked that each Commissioner check this email account. The email accounts will also be on the Racing Events website for public access.

## 6. HISA Updates

Director Amick mentioned that (HIWU) Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit came to visit the race track and was very impressed with how everything was running. She then thanked the Division of Racing staff for showing them around. She mentioned the rules should come out January 1, 2023. And that the Division has been meeting with (ARCI) Association of Racing Commissioners International and (ARCI) has been meeting with (HISA) Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority. No staff list yet from (HISA) as well as no cost assessment yet for drug medication. Every lab needs to be accredited. (HIWU) appoints Dr. Mary Scollay as Chief of Science.

Sarah Killeen, AAG mentioned that the medical rules are out for public comment and that the Division is working on a comparison chart in regards to the Federal rules vs State rules.

Shannon Rushton, Director of Racing at Bally's Arapahoe Park had a question about opting in. If the Division decides to opt in will there be a separate set of rules for the other breeds?

Sarah Killeen, AAG responded that the Division has no discretion whether the rules apply and opting in means that state enforcement staff will assist the federal agency in enforcing the rules and pay the opt in fee.

Shannon Ruston, Director of Racing at Bally's Arapahoe Park had another question about requesting a waiver for Lasix in the 2023 meet?

Director Amick responded that there has been no discussion on this.

## 7. Consideration of FY2023- 2024 Rulemaking Stakeholder Workshop Date

Director Amick mentioned that the Division will solicit from the industry as well as an internal rules review. And once all materials are available the Division will have a Stakeholder Workshop at the end of November or early December. At that point with all the information provided a rulemaking will take place at the end of February or early March.

## **OTHER**

## 8. Director's Report

Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday November 8, 2022 and will cancel the December meeting. Starting in January 2023 we will then have the meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.

## 9. Public Comment

Commissioner Hoffman stated that former Racing Events Director Dan Hartman asked him to review the books with then Division auditor Greg Lamb which they did. Commissioner Hoffman stated he started to do that process again but given his time frame he will not do that again next year.

Commissioner Hoffman also wanted to thank everyone while he was Chair.

Shannon Ruston, Director of Racing at Bally's Arapahoe Park wanted to congratulate Chair Estes and Vice Chair Dr. Scott on their newly appointed roles. He also wanted to thank Commissioner Hoffman for his leadership and guidance as Chair.

#### Adjournment

The October 11, 2022 meeting of the Colorado Racing Commission was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes Approved by the Commission

*Janina Rivera*  
Janina Rivera, Executive Assistant to the Director

I certify these minutes were approved by the Commission on the 8th day of November, 2022