

Colorado Racing Commission  
February 14, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular scheduled meeting of the Colorado Racing Commission (“Commission”) was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 via video conference provided by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM.

Members Present

Tina Estes, Chair  
Tameka Sampson, Vice Chair  
Dr. David “Lynn” Hoffman, Member  
Sandra Bowen , Member  
Kjersten Davis, Member

Members Absent

Sandra Bowen , Member

Racing Staff Present

Donia Amick, Director of the Division of Racing Events  
Janina Rivera, Executive Assistant to Division Director  
Sarah Killeen, Assistant Attorney General

1. Approval of January 10, 2024 Minutes

Minutes approved for 1/10/2024

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. HISA update - Donia Amick, Director

Director Amick stated the Division is currently reviewing the voluntary agreement and should be signing the agreement towards the end of the month. She also noted the HISA payment will be approximately \$360k this year. The Division is also assisting the track with their HISA accreditation exceptions.

**DECISION ITEMS:**

3. Consideration of request for additional suspension regarding Director’s Order 23-03 for Catherine Schiel-Leodoro - Kelly Haralson, Agent in Charge

AIC Haralson gave a brief overview of the Director's Order 23-03 state Ms Schiel-Leodoro was issued a citation for failure to move a trailer and then failed to pay the fine. She asked the Commission to approve the additional suspension until the fine amount has been paid in full.

Motion made by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the additional suspension and fine amount. A second was made by Commissioner Davis.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Consideration of request for additional suspension regarding Director's Order 23-04 for Jose Arriola-Serrano - Kelly Haralson, Agent in Charge

AIC Haralson requested that this item be removed from the agenda as the licensee paid the fine.

Item removed from the agenda.

5. Consideration and approval of breed distributions and release of Owners/Breeders Awards Funds - Sanela Simic, Auditor

Sanela Simic, Division Auditor presented the Owners/Breeders Awards Fund for CY 2023. And request that the Commission approve the distribution amount of:

- \$840,625.17

With the following breakdown of each breed:

- Thoroughbred \$672,500.14
- Quarter Horse \$138,366.90
- Arabian \$5,295.94
- Paint \$336.25
- Appaloosa \$0.00
- Harness \$24,125.94
- Mule \$0.00

Motion made by Commissioner Sampson to approve the distribution amount for the Owner/Breeders Awards Fund for CY 2023. A second was made by Commissioner Davis.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. 2024 request by Bally's Arapahoe Park for modification of rule 1 CCR 208-1 CRC 6.114 - Donia Amick, Director

Director Amick stated that the Division received three out of four payment receipts last year for jockey's insurance. The Commission approved the modification of the rule for 2023 allowing half of the jockey's insurance to be paid from the purse trust account. Director Amick requested the Commission approve the modification of the rule again for 2024 thus allowing a fourth and final payment in the amount of \$18,442.12 for the 2023 jockey's insurance request.

Motion made by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the modification of the rule which would allow for payment in the amount of \$18,442.12 for the 2023 jockey's insurance. A second was made by Commissioner Davis.

Motion passed unanimously

**OTHER:**

8. Director's Report

Director Amick mentioned that the Division has the following open positions:

- Policy analyst
- Temporary positions during the season
- Stewards
- Criminal Investigator

Director Amick stated the Division did receive the order on the purse distribution and it will require more information and transparency from Bally's Arapahoe Park regarding how they are currently calculating their purse payment and what definitions they are using for a starting point. .

9. Public Comment

Shannon Ruston, Executive Director of Operations/Director of Racing & General Manager at Bally's Arapahoe Park mentioned that as of January 1, 2024 he has officially taken over as Executive Director of Operations/Director of Racing & General Manager at Bally's Arapahoe Park replacing Bruce Seymore.

Adjournment

The February 14, 2024 meeting of the Colorado Racing Commission was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes Approved by the Commission

  
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Janina Rivera, Executive Assistant to the Director

I certify these minutes were approved by the Commission on the \_10th\_ day of \_April\_ 2024.