

Colorado Racing Commission
February 8, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Colorado Racing Commission ("Commission") was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 via video conference provided by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM.

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
Ed Kulp, Agent in Charge
Zach Ceriani, Policy and Regulatory Analyst
Sarah Killeen, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanne Karrer, Communications Manager for Enforcement Division
Janina Rivera, Executive Assistant to Division Director

1. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2021

Minutes approved for November 9, 2021

DECISION ITEM

2. Consideration and approval of return of certain funds to the Greyhound Adoption Fund

Director Amick discussed that the Division received a late application from Friends of Retired Greyhounds for 28 dogs in the amount of \$7,368.42 and requested funding for the dogs..

Motion made by Commissioner Sampson to approve and release the requested amount to the Friends of Retired Greyhounds. Second made by Commissioner Scott.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration and approval of release of Owners/Breeders Awards Funds

Director Amick presented the Owners'/Breeders' Awards and Supplemental Purse Fund money to be distributed to the various breed organizations is summarized for the calendar year 2021 as follows:

Thoroughbred	\$549,902.16
Quarter Horse	\$98,218.35
Arabian	\$28,946.63
Paint	\$0.00
Appaloosa	\$0.00
Harness	\$25,310.56
Mule	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$702,377.70

Earned from wagering in 2021	\$649,982.47
Earned from 2020 uncashed tickets	\$116,589.28
Interest in 2021	\$40.95
Less: Bank Fees 2021	<u>(\$4,235.00)</u>

TOTAL OWNERS' & BREEDERS' FUND \$762,377.70

Motion made by Commissioner Estes to approve and release the amount in the Owners'/Breeders' Awards and Supplemental Purse Fund money. Second made by Commissioner Sampson.

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. 2022 Live Season Information

Director Amick discussed the memorandum received from Bally's at Arapahoe Park that provided the racing dates below:

Dates:	Saturday June 4, 2022 through Monday September 5, 2022
Post Time:	1:00 pm Saturday & Sunday, 4:00 pm Monday
Number of Races:	7-8 per day
Number of Days:	42 race days
Horses In:	Wednesday May 4, 2022

No application has been received and dates are not approved until a full application has been submitted, reviewed and approved.

5. Sunset Review summary and explanation

Director Amick introduced Saul Larsen who is a Policy Analyst with the Colorado Office of Policy, Research & Regulatory Reform (COPRRR) within the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). Mr. Larsen will be conducting the Division's review.

Mr. Larsen explained that there are three phases to a sunset review which are:

- The General Assembly sets review date
- COPRRR reviews on set date
- Report produced of findings and recommendations
 - The program has its regulation terminated or
 - The program continues its regulation as approved

6. Fixed Odd Wagering stakeholder meeting and information

Director Amick mentioned that the Division of Gaming has come out with draft rules for fixed odds wagering. They will be hosting a stakeholder workshop on Friday 2.11.22, if anyone would like to attend.

7. SB22-17 Gross Receipts Of Out-of-state Pari-mutuel Bets

Director Amick mentioned that the Division received a request to add SB22-17 to the agenda. Given the current pending status of the legislation, the Division cannot comment on it but will allow participants and Commissioners the time to speak.

Bruce Seymore, Director of Bally's at Arapahoe Park, commented that this is a clarification of language only and nothing else should be affected by the change.

Jim Mulvihill, Interim Director of the Colorado Horseracing Association (CHA), asked why it was proposed if nothing would be affected.

Bruce Seymore, Director of Bally's Arapahoe Park, reiterated that it is only a language clarification/change..

Chair Hoffman suggested that he would be willing to schedule a meeting with Mr. Seymour and Mr. Mulvihill to better understand this pending legislation and help answer any questions about it.

OTHER:

8. Director's Report

Director Amick commented that the Division is looking at going back to in-person commission meetings. Staff is still remote but will go back to the office at some point. Track staff will be looking to go out to the track by early to mid-April, if the tentative opening is still in May. .

9. Public Comment

No public comments made.

Adjournment

The February 8, 2022 meeting of the Colorado Racing Commission was adjourned at 10:30 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 March, 2022