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AGENDA

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Commission may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any matter listed on the agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

A. Call to Order of the 652nd Arizona Racing Commission Meeting at 10:00 AM.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Thomas Lawless
Vice Chair Jay McClintock
Commissioner Rory Goreé (Telephonically)
Commissioner David Heiple

Also present:

Rudy Casillas, Racing Division Director
Deanie Reh, Assistant Attorney General
Greg Stiles, Division of Racing
Cassie Goodwin, Commission Secretary

The following item is for Executive Session purposes only:

Simms v. Arizona Racing Commission, et al., Case No. LC2016-000505, Ronald A. Simms' Appeal to the Maricopa County Superior Court of the Arizona Racing Commission's Order to Reject the Gaming Director's Ruling to Grant a Racing License to Ronald A. Simms, Case No. 14A-020-RAC. The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session under A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) in order to discuss or consult for legal advice with its attorneys.

Chair Lawless advised the Commission its attorney, Camila Alarcon, advised him there is nothing new to report so they would not be going into Executive Session at this meeting

B. New Business

The following New Business items are for a status report, presentation, discussion, and possible action for the Commission.

1. Adoption Grants

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Vice Chair McClintock moved to approve the adoption grant of \$1,438.01 to Equine Encore Foundation. Chair Lawless second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

2. Request from American Greyhound Racing for 3-Year Permit Renewal for Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Vice Chair McClintock moved to approve American Greyhound Racing's 3-Year Permit Renewal Application for years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Commissioner Heiple second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

3. Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Association Request to Amend its Race Dates Cancel Race Dates of April 29 & 30, 2017 at Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds, Sonoita, Arizona

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Vice Chair McClintock moved to approve Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Association's request to cancel its live race dates of April 29 and 30, 2017. Commissioner Heiple second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

C. Information Reports

1. Turf Safety Report (Greg Stiles) – **Greg Stiles and Vincent Francia, General Manager, addressed the Commission.**
2. Possible Quorum of AZ Racing Commissioners Attending “Derby Day” at Turf Paradise Race Course on Saturday, May 6, 2017 – **Chair Lawless polled the Commissioners and noted there will most likely be a quorum of the Commission attending the Kentucky Derby Day events at Turf Paradise Race Course on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Staff will post a formal Notice at the track to indicate there will be no Commission business discussed and any quorum is not a meeting of the Commission.**
3. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. American Greyhound Racing – **Ed Braunger, President, addressed the Commission.**
 - b. County Fairs – **No Report.**
 - c. Rillito – **No Report.**
 - d. Turf Paradise – **Vince Francia, General Manager, addressed the Commission.**
 - e. Tucson Greyhound Park – **No Report.**
4. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesman) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**

- a. Arizona Counties Racing Association – **No Report.**
- b. Arizona Greyhound Association – **No Report.**
- c. Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Association – **No Report.**
- d. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association – **No Report.**
- e. Horsemen’s Benevolent & Protective Association – **Lloyd Yother, President, addressed the Commission.**
- f. Jockey’s Guild – **No Report.**

D. Commission Reports

1. Summary of Current Events Affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion.
2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future agendas. – **None at this time.**

E. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission must sign the signup sheet and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting; each presentation will be given approximately three (3) minutes. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later date.

Stephen Nolan addressed the Commission regarding Turf Paradise, HBPA elections and court issues.

Tom Auther addressed the Commission regarding the contract to purchase of Yavapai Downs Prescott

Lloyd Yother, President HBPA addressed the Commission regarding Mr. Nolan’s comments.

Announcements

The next regular Arizona Racing Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Building Conference Room 250, 2nd Floor, located at 1110 West Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona. This is subject to change based on a quorum. Please remember to check the Racing Division’s website or contact Cassie Goodwin at 602-771-4263 for confirmation.

Adjournment at 10:24 AM.