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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 July 12, 2018 Special Meeting of Arizona Racing Commission 2018 at 9:02 AM.

Commissioners Present:

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

Also present:

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

B. New Business

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

1. Rillito Race Track Non-payment of Source Market Fees to other permittees.
Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.
Jaye Wells, Rillito Park Foundation, addressed the Commission.
Vincent Francia, General Manager Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
David Johnson, Asst. General Manager Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Jerry Simms, Owner Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission (telephonically).
Leroy Gessmann, President of the Arizona HBPA addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Lawless moved to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Vice Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock.)

Open Session recessed at 9:49 AM.

Open Session reconvened at 10:21 AM.

Commissioner Lawless moved to table this matter and direct the parties, Turf Paradise and Rillito Race Course, as follows: The parties have 15 days to work together and come up with a solution to the problem that makes them both happy. If, in 15 days, they cannot reach an agreement, the Commission will appoint a mediator that will be at your own expense, to try to work it out that way. If that does not work out, the Commission will make a ruling which one or both of the parties probably will not like so we encourage you to work it out. Vice Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

2. Turf Paradise Race Course, L.L.L.P. Temporary Permit
Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Turf Paradise Race Course's temporary permit for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, and 2021 of 131 live race date beginning October 13, 2018 through May 5, 2019 and 232 dark days during the fiscal years 2018-19. Vice Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

3. Approval of New General Manager for American Greyhound Racing
Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.
Aaron Feinberg addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve Aaron Feinberg as the new General Manager of American Greyhound Racing. Vice Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

C. Old Business

1. Reconsideration of Advance Deposit Wagering Agreement Between Rillito Park and TwinSpies
Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.
Leroy Gessmann, AZ HBPA, addressed the Commission, advising the HBPA supports the ADW with Rillito.

Commissioner Lawless moved to approve the Advance Deposit Wagering Agreement between Rillito Park and TwinSpies. Vice Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Heiple, Lawless, McClintock.)

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.

Greg Stiles request the Commission review information he will provide to prepare for when the “Dome” in Pima County goes away on January 1, 2019. He requested a discussion on issues relating to Off-Track Betting facilities in Pima County be on the next meeting agenda.

Vice Chair Goreé asked about the study on the reduction of injuries at the tracks. Mr. Stiles responded, providing a brief summary.

Chair McClintock asked Vince Francia, General Manager of Turf Paradise, to provide information relating to the severe barn damage that occurred at Turf during a recent Monsoon storm. Mr. Francia provided a brief summary of what happened and what Turf is doing to resolve the problem.

2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future agendas.

Off-Track Betting facilities in Pima County

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 two 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.

Brian Bouffard, Owner of Old Father Inn, Tucson, AZ addressed the Commission regarding conversations with Jerry Simms regarding dog or horse only OTBs when the Dome goes away.

Alicia Heiserer, General Manager, Tucson Greyhound Park, addressed the Commission regarding Jerry Simms contacting their OTBs regarding when the Dome goes away.

Tom Author and Corey Johnsen, Arizona Downs, addressed the Commission, inviting all up to their first day of simulcasting on Friday, July 13, 2018. They will be building their purses for their season, opening in May 2019, and are very excited.

F. Announcements

The next regular Arizona Racing Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on **Thursday, September 13, 2018, 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.

G. Adjournment

Commissioner Lawless moved to adjourn this meeting. Vice Chair Goreé second. Motion Carried. (Ayes: Goreé, Lawless, Heiple, McClintock.) Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.