

MINUTES
WV RACING COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

WV Racing Commission Conference Room

The WV Racing Commission met on January 23, 2024, to conduct business and consider administrative matters. Roll call was taken, and present were Chairman Ken Lowe Jr. and Commissioner Chip Urling.

Agenda Item #1 – Annual Election of Chairman

Joe Moore presented the motion that Commissioner Lowe remain the The West Virginia Racing Commission Chair for the year 2024. Commissioner Urling request this motion and is second by Commissioner Lowe. The West Virginia Racing Commission is glad to elect Chairman Ken Lowe as returning Chairman for 2024, and he humbly accepts.

Motion made by Commissioner Urling, seconded by Chairman Lowe.

Motion passed.

Agenda Item #2 – Executive Director's Report

Mr. Moore would like to take the time to introduce Mr. Urling as new commissioner. Commissioner Urling is from Charleston and came into the office for the call today. He is looking forward to serving the Commission. Commissioner Lowe welcomes Commissioner Urling and says he comes highly recommended to the Racing Commission. Delegate Akers wanted to be present for remarks but was not able to make the call due his legislative schedule.

Agenda Item #3 – Legal Update

Mr. Eates has informed the commission that there were no updates on the HSIA litigation and no hearings or appeals are scheduled. The date for the governments response is February 16th and more information will be available for updates after that date.

Agenda Item #4 – HSIA Discussion

Commissioner Akers had requested a representative be available for this discussion of 2024 assessments. Since Commissioner Akers was appointed to the legislature Mr. Moore did reach out to the HSIA representatives and was told they do not want to comment due to the litigation and declined to participate today. Mr. Moore has moved to remove this item due to no one available from HSIA for the meeting and the representatives of HSIA wish not to comment in public forum at this time.

Item removed from Agenda.

Agenda Item #5 – Approval of December 13th minutes

Chairman Lowe was the only commissioner present today that attended the December meeting and he has approved the minutes from last meeting.

Motion made by Chairman Lowe.

Motion passed.

Agenda Item #6 – HCCTR Requests approval of 2024 Stakes Schedule

Joe Moore presented the request from Charles Town for its stakes race schedule. This will include the Charles Town Classic, The Charles Town Oaks that has been elevated from a grade 3 to 2 race and the Robert Hilton Memorial Race to listed status in 2024. This also has 16 stakes races that have had the purse supplemented by the WTDF like in years past with 50,000 and also supplemented 25,000 per race from the purse fund. This is in agreement with the Charles Town HPPA. Charlie is excited about the race schedule and the three graded races. He mentions that they have been examining the American Grade sheet and feel like these stakes races have the best upward mobility.

Motion made by Commissioner Urling, seconded by Chairman Lowe.

Motion passed.

Agenda Item #7 – Mardi Gras Requests Approval for Capital Improvement Project – Compound Paving

Joe Moore presented the request from Madi Gras for repaving of the compound

Lowe.

Motion passed.

Agenda Item #8 – Mardi Gras Requests Approval for Capital Improvement Project – Tote Board Light Panel Replacement

Joe Moore presented the request from

Lowe.

Motion passed.

Agenda Item #9 – Personnel Matter – Potential Disciplinary Action - WI Auditor

Item removed from Agenda.

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comments

No Public Comments

Agenda Item #11 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Lowe

Motion passes.