

MINUTES
WV RACING COMMISSION
Thursday, December 29, 2016
Harry L. Buch Conference Room

The WV Racing Commission met on December 29, 2016 to conduct business and consider administrative matters. Roll call was taken and Chairman Jack Rossi, Commissioner Bill Phillips and Commissioner Greg McDermott were all present via conference call. Counsel was represented by Kelli Talbott.

The Greenbrier request to approve 2017 Racing license

Joe Moore stated this is a request for their simulcasting on-site.
Motion was made by Mr. McDermott for approval, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion passed.

Charles Town request to approve 2017 Import sites

Joe Moore stated this morning he forwarded out an updated approval letter from the Charles Town HBPA approving Charles Town's request and the list of import sites. At this point we have received the request from Charles Town and the required approval from the Charles Town HBPA so it is before the Commission to approve today. Mr. Phillips commented he has not seen the letter and asked what time it was sent? Mr. Moore replied the updated letter was emailed to the Commissioners probably 5-10 minutes ago.

Motion was made by Mr. McDermott for approval, seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips stated having not read the letter which he really would like to read, his first question is who is the letter from? Mr. Moore replied there is a signed letter by Mr. Funkhouser of the Charles Town HBPA. Mr. Phillips then inquired what the letter says since he hasn't received it. Mr. McDermott read the first sentence as follows: The Charles Town HBPA, Inc. hereby grants permission to Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races to import the live race signal for the attached 3 page list of Thoroughbred, Quarter Horses, Harness and Greyhound tracks, effective for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 under the terms and conditions specified in the simulcast wagering agreement (and attached addendums) entered into between PNGI Charles Town Gaming, LLC and with the following conditions. He added there are quite a number of conditions that follow and it says signed by Randy Funkhouser on December 29th.

Mr. Phillips stated being unfamiliar with by-laws of the HBPA, has this matter been taken up by the Board of Directors of the HBPA or does their by-laws grant Mr. Funkhouser the sole authority to speak for them? David Hammer replied the President of the HBPA has the authority to approve these contracts and they have followed the same procedure they have followed with every prior year. Mr. Phillips stated he is going to abstain from voting because he has not had an opportunity to read the conditions of this memorandum and it should have come more than 2 minutes before the meeting. Chairman Rossi added unfortunately they didn't receive it from the HBPA until then.

Chairman Rossi and Mr. McDermott both voted for approval and Mr. Phillips abstained from voting due to not receiving the information in a timely manner prior to the meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. McDermott to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Phillips.
Meeting adjourned.