

MINUTES
WV RACING COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 24, 2020
WV Racing Commission Conference Room

The WV Racing Commission met on March 24, 2020 to conduct business and consider administrative matters. Roll call was taken, and present were Chairman Jack Rossi, Commissioner Ken Lowe Jr., and Commissioner Anthony Figaretti. Counsel was represented by Kelli Talbott.

Request for Suspending Racing at Charles Town

Chairman Jack Rossi requested Legal Counsel, Kelli Talbott to present request. Kelli Talbott states that Charles Town did request to suspend live racing yesterday morning. Charles Town had also been discussing possible training plans for the Horsemen.

Kelli Talbott continues to discuss the Governor's press conference that specifically indicates that Racetracks shall be closed. Kelli Talbott then recites the 8th page in paragraph number 4 of the Executive Order. This statement was titled "Prohibited Activities". This order includes all places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors. Including racetracks, social clubs and other similar businesses. This Executive Order is to be used effectively and goes into effect at 8:00pm today. An agreement was reached about training in the interim between Erich Zimny with the Charles Town Racetrack and the Charles Town Horsemen. This agreement states that the cost of training will be paid by the HBPA funds, allowing for limited staff to conduct training.

Chairman Rossi begins to confirm that everything Kelli Talbott stated was correct. Chairman Jack Rossi states that he commends the Horsemen and the track for coming together and finding a solution for welfare of the animals and for supporting the Governor's actions. Chairman Jack Rossi and Kelli Talbott come to an agreement that there is nothing that the Racing Commission needs to act on regarding the suspension of racing at Charles Town Racetrack.

Commissioner Ken Lowe Jr. asked about the Horsemen agreeing to pay the cost of all funds.

Maria Catignani said that the track and the Horsemen agree.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Rossi, seconded by Commissioner Lowe. Motion was passed.