

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Massachusetts Gaming Commission

## **Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 16, 2013 Meeting

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Division of Insurance

1000 Washington Street

1st Floor, Meeting Room 1-G

Boston, Massachusetts

#### **Present:**

Commissioner Gayle Cameron Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing Todd Grossman, Staff Attorney Danielle Holmes, Staff Paralegal Susan Walsh, Chief State Steward

Steve O'Toole, Plainridge Racecourse Sergeant Michael Scanlan, Massachusetts State Police Trooper Robert Miller, Massachusetts State Police

### Appearances:

Attorney Paul J. Garrity, representing John Halloran John Halloran, Appellant Attorney Marc Estrich, representing Lucy Herkova

#### Call to Order:

• Commissioner Cameron opened the January 2013 racing meeting.

#### **Track Matters:**

- 1. Plainridge Racecourse- Tote Security System
  - Steve O'Toole from Plainridge Racecourse brought to the attention of the Commission the possibility of the TBA and the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau requiring tracks to implement additional security measures on their tote machine to ensure that wagering is stopped on time. Plainridge Racecourse has received letters from these organizations containing the stipulation of the new security measures as a condition of their ability to receive simulcast signals. Mr. O'Toole stated that most incidents where wagering is not stopped on time is due to human error and not a failure of the tote system. If the TBA and the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau require the tracks to add the extra security the additional expenses of such will need to be approved by the Commission. There is no definite word yet as to whether or not this will actually

## become a requirement.

- 2. Suffolk Downs- Request to approve payment of 2011 unclaimed tickets
  - Removed from agenda

## **Hearings and Other Matters:**

- 3. Mr. Angel Sanchez-Piñero
  - Matter postponed
- 4. Mr. Allen Dee
  - Matter postponed
- 5. Ms. Herkova
  - Commission heard from Ms. Herkova's lawyer regarding his Motion for Reconsideration. Ms. Herkova's lawyer was given the opportunity to orally present the Motion for Reconsideration. The Commission took the matter under advisement and will issue a written decision to Ms. Herkova regarding her motion.

#### 6. Mr. Halloran

• Commission heard from Mr. Halloran's attorney and Mr. Halloran regarding his Motion for Reconsideration. Mr. Halloran's attorney was given the opportunity to orally present the Motion for Reconsideration. The Commission took the matter under advisement and will issue a written decision to Mr. Halloran regarding his motion.

Date 3-20-13

**Commissioner Gayle Cameron**