



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 28, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: The Shaw's Conference Center
1 Feinberg Way
Brockton, MA

Present: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

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Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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[10:00 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 189th Commission meeting at the Shaw's Conference Center in Brockton and noted there is one item on the agenda. He also noted that when the 189th meeting is adjourned, we will go back to the 188th meeting from yesterday. He stated that they received a lot of submissions in response to yesterday's meeting and they will take a break to review the submissions.

Racing Division

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[10:01 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing, reported on the request of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to run six restricted races at Finger Lakes this spring. She noted a similar request was received last year and it was successful. She stated that the breeders intend to save enough money so they can race at Suffolk and Brockton. She recommended that the Commission approve the request.

- [10:02 a.m.](#) Commissioner Cameron stated that she agreed with the recommendation, it worked well last year, and it's a nice supplemental plan for the breeders.
- [10:03 a.m.](#) George Brown, Chairman of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, reported that they are going to run six races at Finger Lakes to get the horses fit to race at Suffolk Downs. He stated that they plan on running nine races at Suffolk and they are going to try and run one race at Finger Lakes in November for the two-year-olds. He stated that if Brockton doesn't have races, they will run the rest of the races at Finger Lakes. He noted that 16 percent of the money from the Race Horse Development Fund goes to the breeders.
- [10:08 a.m.](#) Dr. Lightbown stated that the breeders can provide their audit to the Commission when it is available. Commissioner Stebbins welcomed Mr. Brown to come back before the Commission and provide an update on the races.
- [10:09 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to run six restricted Massbred races at Finger Lakes Racecourse this spring, with funds set aside to race at least nine stakes races at Suffolk Raceway and some restricted races at Brockton. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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- [10:10 a.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated April 26-29, 2016
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated April 25, 2016 regarding the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association Request to Race at Finger Lakes
3. Letter from George Brown, Chairman of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated April 4, 2016 regarding request for approval to run Massbred races.

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary