

NORTH DAKOTA RACING COMMISSION
Live and Telephone Emergency Meeting
500 North 9th Street, Bismarck, ND
Wednesday, March 14, 2007
1:00 p.m. (central time)

Chairman Arthaud called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. central time and asked Administrative Officer Tessmann to take the roll:

Chairman Arthaud	-	Here
Commissioner Clement	-	Here (by phone)
Commissioner Secrest	-	Here
Commissioner Pladson	-	Here (by phone)
Commissioner Frederick	-	Here (by phone)

PRESENT:

Chairman Jim Arthaud, Commissioners Jim Clement, Clarence Frederick, DeAnn Pladson, Tom Secrest, Director Randy Blaseg and Administrative Staff Officer Helen Tessmann. Legal Counsel Bill Peterson was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lien, Mike Cichy, Kevin Hall, Scott Horst, Roger Thompson, Leon Glasser, Mona Hurt and Nancy Bayer.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of Minutes**
2. **Breeders Fund Distribution for 2006**
 - a. **Approval of payment of the 2006 Breeders Fund Awards**
 - b. **Replenishment of the Breeders Administrative Fund**
 - c. **Consideration of Double and Triple Point Awards**
3. **Conference**
RCI Annual Spring Conference – April 24th – 27th, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
4. **Interim Rules for Simulcast and Account Wagering**
- Comments by Service Providers
5. **Adjournment**

1. Approval of Minutes

The copies of the minutes for the previous meetings, November 29, and December 20, 2006 had been previously provided to the commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Secret made the motion to approve the minutes of November 29th and December 20, 2006 as presented. Commissioner Pladson seconded the motion. Chairman Arthaud asked the Director to take the roll:

Chairman Arthaud	-	Yes
Commissioner Secret	-	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	-	Yes
Commissioner Clement	-	No
Commissioner Pladson	-	Yes

The motion carried.

2. Breeders Fund Distribution for 2006

Roger Thompson, accountant, gave the 2007 Distribution report for points earned for 2006. The report had previously been provided to all commissioners for their review. The report gave the dollars amounts for a Win, Place and Show. He also explained the replenishment of the Breeders' Administrative Fund. Director Blaseg explained the consideration of the double and triple points for in-state races.

a. Approval of payment of the 2006 Breeders Fund Awards

Commissioner Secret made the motion to approve payment from the Breeders Fund for \$165,951.45 to the Breeders' Administrative Fund for the 2006 awards. Commissioner Clement seconded the motion. Chairman Arthaud asked the Director to take the roll:

Chairman Arthaud	-	Yes
Commissioner Secret	-	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	-	Yes
Commissioner Clement	-	Yes
Commissioner Pladson	-	Yes

The motion carried.

b. Replenishment of the Breeders Administrative Fund

Commissioner Secret made the motion to approve replenishing the Breeders Administration Fund \$8,297.57 from the \$165,951.45 previously granted from the Breeders' Fund for the 2006 awards. Commissioner Clement seconded the motion. Chairman Arthaud asked the Director to take the roll:

Chairman Arthaud	-	Yes
Commissioner Secret	-	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	-	Yes
Commissioner Clement	-	Yes
Commissioner Pladson	-	Yes

The motion carried.

c. Consideration of Double and Triple Point Awards

Commissioner Clement made the motion to approve payment for the double and triple points awards for in state races for 2006. Commissioner Secret seconded the motion. Chairman

Arthaud asked the Director to take the roll:

Chairman Arthaud	-	Yes
Commissioner Secret	-	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	-	Yes
Commissioner Clement	-	Yes
Commissioner Pladson	-	Yes

The motion carried.

**3. Conference
RCI Annual Spring Conference – April 24th – 27th, Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Chairman Arthaud recommended sending the Director to the RCI spring conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Chairman Arthaud reported the estimated costs to attend this conference was \$1,761.87.

Commissioner Secret made the motion to approve sending the Director of Racing to the RCI spring conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion.

Chairman Arthaud asked the Director to take the roll:

Chairman Arthaud	-	Yes
Commissioner Secret	-	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	-	Yes
Commissioner Clement	-	Yes
Commissioner Pladson	-	Yes

The motion carried.

Chairman Arthaud asked the Director to explain the draft of the Interim Rules for Simulcast and Account Wagering. Copies had been provided earlier to the commissioners. During the meeting the commissioners reviewed the interim rules, item by item with input from the representatives of Premier Turf Club and Lien Games Racing.

**4. Interim Rules for Simulcast and Account Wagering
- Comments by Service Providers**

Director Blaseg stated that the interim rules that have been developed are a combination of the RCI rules and the current North Dakota rules. The rules were reviewed page by page with discussion of changes or additions.

Page 2 item 9 should be underlined as it has been added.

Page 7, items e (a complete description of the transmission, totalizator and data processing equipment to be used) and g (written agreements between the applicant and all parties assisting in providing simulcast services) which have been marked off, should both be included.

Page 12 item b includes a typing correction 'breakage shall be paid to the racing commission, not on the racing commission'.

Page 26 item 8, 'No simulcast employee may wager at a simulcast site while on duty. For purposes of this section, a simulcast employee taking a temporary break is still considered on duty' should be included. The following 'furthermore, no simulcast employee may wager at a simulcast site until four hours have elapsed since the simulcast employee went off duty' should be stricken.

Commissioner Secrest made the motion to approve the interim rules. Commissioner Frederick seconded the motion. Chairman Arthaud asked the Director to take the roll:

Commissioner Arthaud	-	Yes
Commissioner Clement	-	Yes
Commissioner Secrest	-	Yes
Commissioner Pladson	-	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	-	Yes

The motion carried.

Scott Horst asked the commission to consider at their next meeting a discussion on the division of the Breeders fund according to Rule 53.06.2-11 1a.

A question had been asked when the commission would meet to grant dollars from the Breeders, Purse and Promotion Funds. Chairman Arthaud announced the next meeting for awarding those grants would likely be held after the legislative session acted on all bills affecting the ND Racing Commission.

5. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Arthaud asked for the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Clement made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Secrest seconded the motion. By voice vote all said aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.