

**NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021  
TELEPHONE MEETING**

A public meeting of the New Jersey Racing Commission was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 by telephone.

The following were present:

Pamela J. Clyne, Chairman  
Francis X. Keegan, Jr., Commissioner  
Michael J. Arnone, Commissioner  
Glen Vetrano, Commissioner  
Judith A. Nason, Executive Director  
Lauren Nathan-LaRusso, Esq., Governor's Authorities Unit  
SDAG George Cohen

Executive Director Nason read the following statement:

This meeting today conforms with the Open Public Meetings Act, and as per the requirements of the statute, notification of this meeting has been filed with the Secretary of State and with the following newspapers: Daily Racing Form, Bergen Record, Asbury Park Press, Courier-Post and the Star Ledger.

Executive Director Nason then called the meeting to order:

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Arnone made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Keegan seconded the motion and all of the Commissioners voted yes.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CANCELLATION OF RACING AT NEW MEADOWLANDS RACETRACK ON DECEMBER 19, 2020 DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION**

Executive Director Nason explained that on December 19, 2020, General Manager/COO Jason Settlemoir notified the Commission that an electrical malfunction at the New Meadowlands Racetrack made the lights on the first turn inoperable. As a result, racing could not be conducted in a safe manner that evening and the scheduled races were cancelled.

Chairman Clyne made a motion to approve the cancellation of racing at New Meadowlands Racetrack on December 19, 2020. Commissioner Arnone seconded the motion and all of the Commissioners voted yes.

CONSIDER THE GRANT OF A SPECIAL PERMIT TO THE NEW JERSEY THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE ONE-DAY STEEPLECHASE MEET AT MOORELAND FARM ON OCTOBER 16, 2021

Executive Director Nason explained that in October, the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association filed an application for a special permit to conduct the steeplechase meet at Mooreland Farm on October 16, 2021. The Commission needed to table this matter at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting because the statutory notice period was still pending. The notice period concluded on December 10, 2020. Neither the Borough of Far Hills nor Bedminster Township filed an objection to the special steeplechase meet.

Commissioner Keegan made a motion to approve the grant of the special permit to the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Chairman Clyne seconded the motion and all of the Commissioners voted yes.

CONSIDER THE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET OF THE THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

Executive Director Nason explained that on December 14, 2020, the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey submitted a proposed budget for 2021. The budgeted income for 2021 is \$61,300. The projected in-house revenue for 2021 includes: \$20,000 for the New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival due to a sponsorship agreement with Malouf Auto Group and BCB Community Bank and \$22,000 for the New Jersey Stallion Auction. Other income includes: membership dues, foal registrations and stallion registrations. The total expense budget for 2021 is \$265,594. This compares to a proposed 2020 expense budget of \$263,304 and actual 2020 expenses of \$220,984. Subtracting the proposed 2021 in-house revenue of \$61,300, results in a request for Commission approval of \$204,294.

Commissioner Arnone made a motion to approve the proposed 2021 budget for Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey. Commissioner Keegan seconded the motion and all of the Commissioners voted yes.

CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF CHARITY DAYS FOR 2021

Executive Director Nason explained that pursuant to statute, the Commission must designate 5 race days per permit as charity racing days: 3 days to benefit the developmentally disabled, 1 day for backstretch benevolency programs and 1 day to benefit the Horse Park and retired race horses. In 2020, the designated racing days generated a little over \$19,000 for the charities. She explained that staff prepared a proposed list of charity racing days intended to result in the highest amount of revenue for the charities. She then explained that the selected days are before the Commissioners for their approval.

Chairman Clyne moved that the Commission approve the list of charity days for 2021. Commissioner Arnone seconded the motion and all Commissioners voted yes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

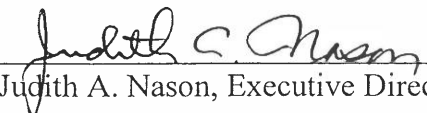
Executive Director Nason explained that there are two items on Part B of the agenda, which is items for discussion and information. First, the Commission acknowledges receipt of the independent auditor's report and consolidated financial statements for Darby Development, LLC for 2019. Second, the Commission acknowledges the availability of the financial status documents.

Executive Director Nason asked if anyone had any new business to discuss. Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development asked for clarification of a notice that was sent out to operators by the Division of Gaming Enforcement regarding the fixed odds pilot program. He explained that the notice stated the pilot program included Grade 1 stakes races of national interests as well as in-state races for the standardbreds and the thoroughbreds. He stated that in November, the Commission approved the pilot program for Grade 1 stakes races of national interest only. Mr. Drazin asked if the notice issued by the Division of Gaming Enforcement exceeded the scope of the approved pilot program. He then asked the Executive Director to review the notice that was issued and clarify it so everyone is on the same page.

The Executive Director informed Mr. Drazin that she will review the notice.

Finally, Executive Director Nason asked if anyone had any other new business to discuss. Hearing none, Commissioner Keegan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Arnone seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
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Judith A. Nason, Executive Director