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MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Teleconference Meeting
Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2021
- 5) Approval of Abijah's on the Backside Funding Request
- 6) Adoption of Association of Racing Commissioners International Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses, MRC Revised Version 4.2.1
- 7) Status Reports
 - A. Canterbury Park Entertainment
 - B. Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
- 8) MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Updates
- 9) Staff Reports
 - A. Chief Veterinarian
 - B. Stewards
- 10) Deputy Director's Report
- 11) Executive Director's Report
 - A. COVID-19 Update
 - B. Personnel Update
 - C. Licensing Update
 - D. Rules Update
 - E. State and Federal Legislative Update
 - F. Other
- 12) Announce Future Meetings
 - A. Full Commission – Monday, June 21 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT, Teleconference Meeting
- 13) Other Matters
- 14) Adjourn

**Minnesota Racing Commission Meeting
Thursday April 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Microsoft Teams Teleconference**

MINUTES

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. CDT. The meeting was conducted by teleconference.

Roll Call: Present – Commissioners Colombo, Dehn, Erhart, Idelkope, Gingold, Goodman, Johnson, Lane, and McArdle. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: Commissioner Colombo made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Gingold. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Commission meeting. Second by Commissioner McArdle. Motion carried.

Racing Committee Report: Commissioner McArdle said the Racing Committee met immediately prior to this Commission meeting to review recommendations for research grant proposals and other items.

Chief Veterinarian's Report:

Commission Veterinarian Dr. Lynn Hovda, said Mr. May had asked her to speak about a recent Jockey Club Equine Mortality Rate Report. The national incident mortality rate average in 2020 was 1.41 per 1,000 horses that left the starting gate. Minnesota's average in 2020 was 1.9 per 1,000 horses. Dr. Hovda highlighted several changes that are being made to reduce racing injuries and breakdowns. She said the Encompass Prerace Exam Module will be used on tablets for all pre-race exams in 2021. Another change is a rule enacted in 2020 to require a timed workout and exam on all racehorses who are four years and older and are first time starters. She said rules have "tightened down" on thyroid powder use. Dr. Hovda said an electronic medical records system began use in 2020. Practicing veterinarians are also being asked to provide documentation 48 hours in advance of a horse's working at speed. Trainers are also being asked to keep more precise treatment records. Dr. Hovda she believes the new Law Compliance Representatives will be beneficial to veterinarian operations.

Dr. Hovda also gave an update on the status of Equine Herpes Virus. The virus had halted racing in a few other states. She said that she is working with the Minnesota tracks to develop isolation plans in the event that a horse becomes infected. Dr. Hovda also confirmed that testing can be completed within one day. Dr. Hovda said that split sample laboratories for 2021 are the same as last year. She also gave an update on Uniform Medication Penalty and Classification Guidelines .

Action Items:

With staff recommendation, Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approve updates to the Uniform Classification Guidelines as presented by Dr. Hovda. Second by Commissioner Colombo. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

With Racing Committee recommendation, Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approve the four Split Sample Laboratories that were presented. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Steve May said that Chief State Steward David Smith will no longer be able to work in Minnesota in 2021. With Racing Committee recommendation, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint

Randy Blaseg as Chief State Steward. Second by Commissioner Colombo. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

With staff recommendation, Commissioner Erhart made a motion to appoint Kiel Winkler as Mutuel Manager of Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack. Second by Commissioner Dehn. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Andrew Offerman, Vice President of Racing Operations at Canterbury Park presented live racing requests. Commissioner Colombo made a motion to approve their request for modified pari-mutuel pools and additional seasonal racing officials as presented. Second by Commissioner McArdle. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

With Racing Committee recommendation after minor adjustments are made, Commissioner Dehn made a motion to approve of Concussion Protocol for Canterbury Park and Running Aces with the condition that updates be made to the documentation concerning when a driver or jockey is put on or taken off the concussion protocols and how the racing officials will be notified. Second by Commissioner Gingold. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

With Racing Committee recommendation, Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approve of two research grant proposals including: research by University of Minnesota on improved identification of racehorses at risk of arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death for the amount of \$25,365 and research by the University of Minnesota on development of Multi-Marker Genetic Assay to predict Recurrent Exertional Rhabdomyolysis ("RER") risk in racehorses for the amount of \$30,000 for the first year of research. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

With staff and Finance Committee recommendation, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve of simulcast date fee reimbursements in the amount of \$4,000 to Running aces and \$3,900 to Canterbury Park. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Breeders' Fund Update:

Nicole Edstrom, Breeders' Fund Coordinator, gave an update on current registration numbers and an overview of the registration and award process. She also explained how the farm visits and verifications work. Edstrom said that the registration numbers for 2021 are close to the registration numbers for 2020. She believes that COVID-19 had an impact on registration numbers.

Status Reports:

Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack – Taro Ito, Running Aces President and CEO, gave an update on track conditions. He said the track is nearly ready for racing. He said a meeting occurred between representatives from Running Aces and Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc. ("MHRI") to tentatively finalize purse structure. He also highlighted COVID-19 protocol and said that daily temperature checks and wristband identification will be in effect absent changes to policies from the Minnesota Department of Health. COVID-19 screening paperwork will also be obtained from all horsepersons. Mr. Ito said new security procedures are already in effect. He also said new concussion protocols will also be used during the race meet. Steve Carpenito said that Running aces will be racing for no less than \$1 million more than purses that were distributed in 2020. He said that he plans to arrive in Minnesota on April 29 and has continued to work on stall assignments and condition sheets.

Canterbury Park – Andrew Offerman, Canterbury Park Vice President of Racing Operations, said stall allocations are underway after receiving stall applications for more than 1,800 stalls. Offerman said track conditions are in final preparations and Canterbury's stable area will begin in the next couple of weeks for training. He said COVID-19 procedures are also being updated and representatives from Canterbury Park have met with the Minnesota Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association ("HBPA") to finalize these details. Offerman said horse owners will not initially be allowed to enter the stable area, but that will likely change as statewide restrictions are lifted. Randy Sampson, President and CEO of Canterbury Park, gave updates further related to COVID-19 procedures and limitations. He said group sales and promotions will be looked at on a month-by-month basis based on capacity limitations. He also

said that COVID-19 vaccinations have been offered by Scott County at Canterbury's Expo Center and will likely be made available to horse persons in the future. Mr. Sampson also updated the Commission on recent development projects.

Deputy Director's Report:

Bob Schiewe reported that ADW handle in March, 2021 was \$5,389,000, which is up 9% from February, 2021 and an increase of 14% from March, 2020. Mr. Schiewe also said that the ADW regulatory fee account earned just under \$110,000. He said that the temporary 1% ADW fee account has brought in more than originally forecasted.

Executive Director's Report:

Steve May gave a COVID-19 update to the Commission. He said that he has been in contact with the Minnesota HBPA and MHRI to coordinate planning for vaccinations. Mr. May commended Canterbury Park and Scott County for vaccination efforts. He also said mask use will continue to be in place until state mandates and racetrack regulations are lifted. Mr. May reported on personnel and said the early retirement incentive has been extended through the beginning of the racing season. He also noted that three new Law Compliance Representatives and one Contract Procurement and Rulemaking Coordinator have been hired. Mr. May gave a rules update and said that today is the last day that requests for a hearing are being accepted and that there are no requests at this time. He updated the Commission on state legislative updates. He reported that on the federal level, the Nominating Committee of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Agency ("HISA") is in the final stages of naming the board members. Mr. May also said he hopes that the Commission could come together in person this summer. Commissioner Goodman asked Mr. May when the Commission would be able to meet in person again and Mr. May said that he would check with state policies about in person meetings. Chairman Lane asked all Commissioners to communicate their preferences of meeting type to Mr. May by the end of the week.

Industry Updates:

- a. Minnesota HBPA - Mike Cronin said the Minnesota HBPA held its final board meeting before the beginning of the racing season. He also said that plans for the backside summer camp have been finalized and that tutoring sessions will also be available.
- b. Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association ("MQHRA") - Paul Ludemann, Vice President of MQHRA said the group has concerns about recent Lasix rule changes and requested to discuss the rule with members of the Commission. Chairman Lane directed Mr. Ludemann to contact Mr. May.
- c. Minnesota Thoroughbred Association ("MTA") - Kay King commended Nicole Edstrom on her work on the Breeders' Fund. She also said the MTA has partnered with This Old Horse and the Minnesota Racehorse Engagement Project and will be sponsoring a booth at the upcoming Minnesota Horse Expo in July.
- d. MHRI - Patty Strand said that MHRI met with Running Aces to finalize purse structures and races. She also said the MHRI will be bringing back Summer Fling and that details will be released soon.

Future Meetings: The next Commission meeting will be via teleconference at 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 17, 2021.

Adjournment. Chairman Lane adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m. CDT.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.



Thank you for your time and consideration of Abijah's on the Backside as a model to serve the wellbeing of those backside workers at Canterbury Park who are struggling with substance abuse and mental health, as well as bring a new value and purpose to retired thoroughbreds.

This program will launch in June of 2021 as a pilot, with a total estimated budget of \$150,000, already being heavily supported by other donors and industry partners, and public sessions. We are requesting \$25,000 from the MN Racing Commission and hope that MRC will join with other stakeholders in the racing community to build a program we anticipate will lead the industry and expand to many race tracks in coming years.

In order to provide greater content and further context in support of this proposal, we have addressed the following questions/concerns:

- Budget for the requested \$25k
- Defining Success / Measurable outcomes
- Non-Profit umbrella through Horses for Mental Health
- Research supporting this therapeutic modality (available in separate attachment)

**Proposed MN Racing Commission
Budget: \$25,000**

Care for three OTTBs on-site at Canterbury includes the following:

June-September (4 months):

\$6,000

- Feed
- Shavings
- Farrier
- Required Vaccines
- Vet Care
- Groom/Caretaker

Horse Preparation by Abijah's

\$1,800

- One month of care for three OTTBs (includes transportation of horses to Canterbury Park)

Construction of paddock area near Chapel where sessions will occur

\$6,000

Therapy sessions to be conducted by a licensed mental health professional and a qualified equine specialist

\$8,200

- Estimated number of sessions to be provided 3/week @ \$195 per session (if more sessions are required, the MNHBPA will work to provide additional funding)

Licensing and Insurance

\$1,500

- Each professional on the backside doing this work will be licensed by Canterbury
 - Canterbury and Abijah's Hope Stables hold liability insurance and Abijah's worker's comp.
- Funds will be used to offset total costs

Printed materials, office and miscellaneous supplies

\$1,500

Defining Success/Measurable Outcomes

What a successful Pilot year of Abijah's on the Backside would look like is two-fold:

- Facilitate 25 – 50 individuals in unique equine-assisted sessions for backside personnel struggling with issues referenced in the attached research articles below such as: substance abuse, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, etc.
 - Significant work is needed to begin shifting this culture to accept help and recognizing it is not a sign of weakness to do so. This shift can be compared somewhat to the military culture. It takes time and often an insider who 'gets it' in order to bridge this gap.
 - In the first year, facilitating at least 25 individuals in session work will mark a significant cultural mindset shift, and provide momentum for future years.
- Through this therapeutic approach, individuals will experience a decrease in overall anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, and addictive tendencies and thus increase overall emotional regulation. This will be measured through documentation of progress notes, pre and post assessment, and testimonials.

For Profit & Non-Profit clarification

Abijah's Hope is a for-profit organization that provides post racing rehabilitation for retired and injured thoroughbreds (OTTB's). **Abijah's on the Backside** operates under their non-profit partner Horses for Mental Health, a 501c3 organization, to use selected OTTBs in mental health therapy for backside workers.

In conclusion, Abijah's on the Backside is grateful that the MRC is taking this proposal into consideration. We look forward to building a more sustainable model within the racing industry, piloted at MN's own Canterbury park; a model that provides for the mental health and well-being of the horses and humans that power our favorite sport.

Sincerely,

Sally Mixon & Dani Palmer

MRC ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses - Version 4.2.1

MRC Revised Version 2021

Controlled Therapeutic Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Acepromazine	10 nanograms per milliliter as 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulfoxide (HEPS) in urine	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of acepromazine at 0.05 milligrams per kilogram	University of California at Davis project	Applicable analyte is metabolite HEPS
Albuterol ^{1,2}	1 nanogram per milliliter of urine	72 hours	720 micrograms total dose intra-nasal only. Based on dosing up to 4 times per day	European Horseracing Scientific Liaison Committee Data	
Betamethasone ³	10 picograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	7 days	Intra-articular administration of 9 milligrams of Betamethasone Sodium Phosphate and Betamethasone Acetate Injectable Suspension, USP (American Regent product #0517-0720-01)	RMTC study	Intra-articular dosing only - applicable analyte is betamethasone in plasma or serum
Butorphanol	300 nanograms per milliliter of total butorphanol in urine or 2 nanograms of free butorphanol per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of butorphanol as Torbugesic® (butorphanol tartrate) at 0.1 milligrams per kilogram	<i>Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i> doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2885.2012.01385.x	Applicable analytes are total butorphanol (drug and conjugates) in urine and butorphanol in plasma (the drug itself, not any conjugate)

1. Administration of albuterol by any means other than intra-nasal has a high likelihood of resulting in a positive finding. This specifically includes oral and intramuscular (IM) administration. Trainers and veterinarians are cautioned against using oral and IM albuterol.
2. Albuterol is a prohibited substance in Quarter Horses and other breeds racing with Quarter Horses; there is no applicable withdrawal guideline for such horses.
3. Intramuscular administration of betamethasone acetate will result in plasma or serum concentrations which will exceed the Regulatory Threshold for weeks or even months, making the horse ineligible to race for an extended period.

Controlled Therapeutic Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Cetirizine	6 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	0.4 milligrams per kilogram twice daily for 5 doses	Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council/University of California at Davis study	Do not administer ivermectin within 48 hours of a race if the horse has been administered cetirizine.
Cimetidine	400 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	20 milligrams per kilogram twice daily for 7 doses	Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council/University of California at Davis study	
Clenbuterol⁴	Limit of Detection				
Dantrolene	100 picograms per milliliter of 5-hydroxydantrolene in plasma or serum	48 hours	Oral administration of 500 milligrams of dantrolene as paste (compounding pharmacy) or capsule formulation (Proctor and Gamble)	<i>Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i> 34, 238–246	
Detomidine	2 nanograms per milliliter of carboxydetomidine in urine or 1 nanogram per milliliter of detomidine in blood	48 hours	5 mg IV (once)	KY EDRC, UC Davis/UF Study.	Dormosedan™ used in study.

4. Clenbuterol is a prohibited substance in horses of all breeds unless the appropriate paperwork has been filed with an MRC Veterinarian.

Controlled Therapeutic Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Dexamethasone	Limit of Detection				
Diclofenac	Limit of Detection				
Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	10 micrograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Intravenous	ARCI model rule	Applicable analyte is DMSO in plasma or serum
Firocoxib	Limit of Detection				

Controlled Therapeutic Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Furosemide⁵	100 nanogram per milliliter of plasma or serum	4 hours	Single intravenous dose of furosemide up to 250 milligrams	ARCI model rule / MRC rule	
Glycopyrrolate	3 picograms per milliliter plasma or serum	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of 1 milligram of glycopyrrolate as glycopyrrolate injection, USP. (American Regent product # 0517-4601-25)	RMTC study; <i>Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i> doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2885.2011.01272.x	Applicable analyte is glycopyrrolate in plasma or serum
Guaifenesin	12 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	2 grams twice daily for 5 doses	Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council/University of California at Davis study	
Isoflupredone	100 picograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	7 days	20 milligrams total dose in one articular space	RMTC Study	
Lidocaine	20 picograms per milliliter of total 30H-lidocaine in plasma or serum	72 hours	200 milligrams of lidocaine as its hydrochloride salt administered subcutaneously	European Horseracing Scientific Liaison Committee data; Iowa State University study.	Applies to total major hydroxylated metabolite (i.e., includes conjugates)

5. Furosemide is prohibited in 2-year-old horses of all breeds.

Controlled Therapeutic Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Mepivacaine	10 nanograms total hydroxymepivacaine per milliliter of urine or Level of Detection of mepivacaine in plasma or serum	72 hours	Single 0.07 milligrams per kilogram subcutaneous dose of mepivacaine	European Horseracing Scientific Liaison Committee data	
Methocarbamol	1 nanogram per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of 15 milligrams per kilogram methocarbamol as Robaxin® or 5 grams orally	<i>Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i> doi: 10.1111/jvp.12068	Applicable analyte is methocarbamol in plasma or serum
Methylprednisolone⁶	100 picograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	See Dosing Specifications	Total dose of methylprednisolone acetate suspension in one articular space. The recommended withdrawal for methylprednisolone acetate is a minimum of 21 days at a 100-milligram dose	<i>Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i> volume 37, Issue 2, pages 125–132, April 2014	Applicable analyte is methylprednisolone
Omeprazole	omeprazole sulfide - 10 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Orally (2.2 grams) once daily for 4 doses	Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council/University of California at Davis study	GastroGuard™ used in the study

6. Intramuscular administration of methylprednisolone acetate will result in plasma or serum concentrations which will exceed the Regulatory Threshold for weeks or even months, making the horse ineligible to race for an extended period. Please see Dosing Specifications for recommended withdrawal time.

Controlled Therapeutic Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Prednisolone	Limit of Detection				
Procaine penicillin (administration must be reported to Commission)	25 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	Following entry to race	Intramuscular	RMTC – reference notes online	Mandatory surveillance of horse at owner's expense 6 hours before racing
Ranitidine	40 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	8 milligrams per kilogram twice daily for 7 doses	Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council/University of California at Davis study	
Triamcinolone acetonide⁷	100 picograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	7 days	Total dose of 9 milligrams in one articular space	<i>Equine Veterinary Journal</i> , 10.1111/evj.12059 (2013)	Applicable analyte is triamcinolone acetonide in plasma or serum
Xylazine	200 picograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	200 milligrams intravenously	University of California at Davis study	Applicable analyte is xylazine.

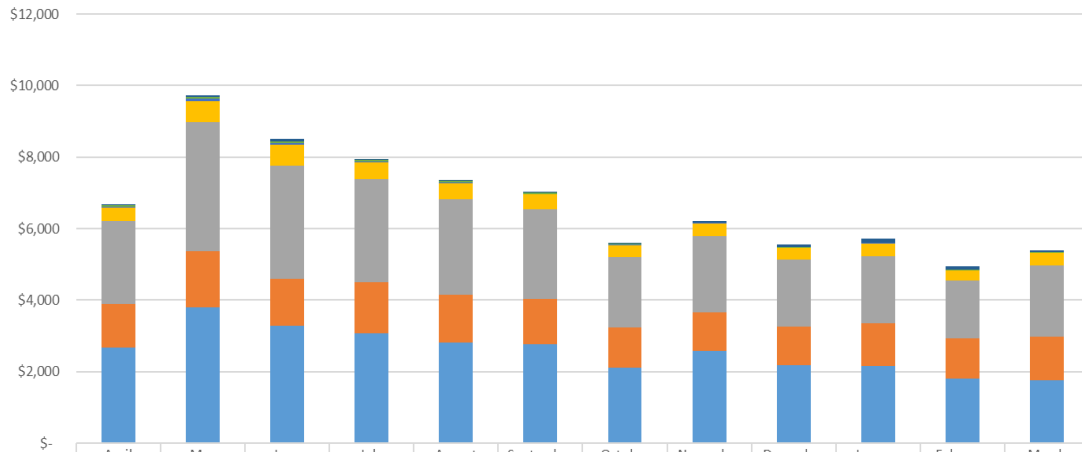
7. Intramuscular administration of triamcinolone acetonide will result in plasma or serum concentrations which will exceed the Regulatory Threshold for weeks or even months, making the horse ineligible to race for an extended period.

Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID) Rules for Horses^{††}

Medication	Threshold	Withdrawal Guideline	Dosing Specifications	Reference Notes	Note
Flunixin	5.0 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of flunixin as Banamine [®] (flunixinmeoglumine) at 1.1 milligrams per kilogram	University of California at Davis/RMTC study	
Ketoprofen	2.0 nanograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of ketoprofen as Ketofen [®] at 2.2 milligrams per kilogram	HFL Sport Sciences/ Kentucky Equine Drug and Research Council/RMTC study / University of California / Davis	
Phenylbutazone	0.3 micrograms per milliliter of plasma or serum	48 hours	Single intravenous dose of phenylbutazone at 4.0 milligrams per kilogram	University of California/ Davis / RMTC study	

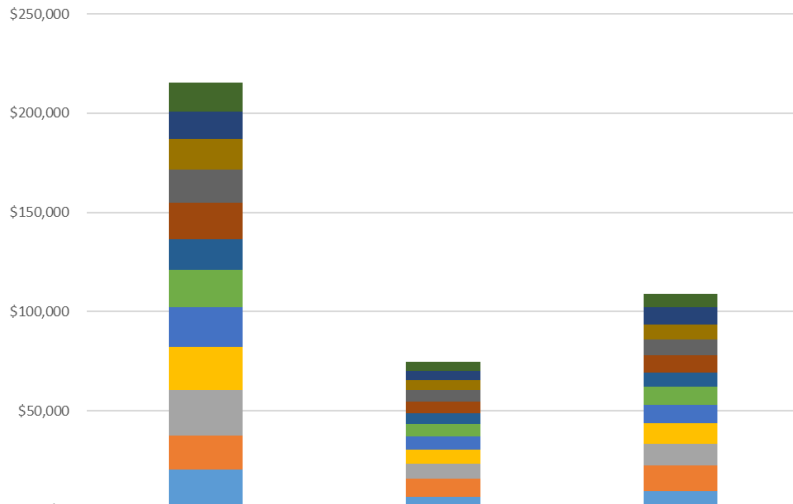
^{††} Samples collected may contain one of the NSAIDs in this chart at a concentration up to the Primary Threshold. The detection of one or more additional NSAIDs in blood and/or urine constitutes a stacking violation in addition to the violation associated with the detection of each additional NSAID

ADW Handle by Minnesota Residents (000)



	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
■ Lien Games	\$26	\$54	\$73	\$23	\$37	\$22	\$36	\$30	\$72	\$114	\$99	\$43
■ WatchandWager.com LLC	\$36	\$37	\$47	\$56	\$46	\$37	\$25	\$10	\$11	\$14	\$18	\$17
■ eBet Technologies	\$43	\$64	\$51	\$23	\$9	\$22	\$9	\$26	\$20	\$15	\$7	\$19
■ NYRA Bets (NewCo Ventures)	\$373	\$587	\$591	\$459	\$461	\$418	\$332	\$352	\$311	\$346	\$272	\$334
■ TVG (ODS Tech)	\$2,310	\$3,613	\$3,165	\$2,895	\$2,655	\$2,504	\$1,978	\$2,135	\$1,869	\$1,885	\$1,610	\$2,006
■ Xpressbet, LLC	\$1,230	\$1,562	\$1,315	\$1,416	\$1,337	\$1,273	\$1,116	\$1,069	\$1,088	\$1,195	\$1,122	\$1,211
■ Twinspires.com	\$2,664	\$3,809	\$3,277	\$3,080	\$2,821	\$2,755	\$2,111	\$2,578	\$2,182	\$2,154	\$1,817	\$1,759

Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW



	Thoroughbred	Quarter Horse	Standardbred
■ March-21	\$14,542	\$4,836	\$6,847
■ February-21	\$13,989	\$4,453	\$8,825
■ January-21	\$15,490	\$5,152	\$7,346
■ December-20	\$16,601	\$5,521	\$7,873
■ November-20	\$18,433	\$6,131	\$8,742
■ October-20	\$15,241	\$5,069	\$7,228
■ September-20	\$19,018	\$6,325	\$9,020
■ August-20	\$19,982	\$6,646	\$9,476
■ July-20	\$21,560	\$7,171	\$10,225
■ June-20	\$23,166	\$7,705	\$10,986
■ May-20	\$17,064	\$9,001	\$12,835
■ April-20	\$20,346	\$6,767	\$9,649

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Minnesota Racing Commission

April 2021 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed @ Canterbury Park: **207**

Class C Applications Processed @ Running Aces: **80**

Class C Large Gaming/Racing Vendors: **1**

Class C Small Gaming/Racing Vendors: **0**

Class C Non-Gaming/Racing Vendors: **8**

Class C Licensing Fees for Month: **\$ 12,590**

Fingerprint Fees for Month: **\$1,825**

(Fingerprint fees are forwarded to Public Safety for processing reports)

Fines Collected FYTD as of 3/11/2021: **\$32,175**

HISA Nominating Committee Announces Board, Standing Committee Members to Comprise the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority

May 5, 2021 – The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority’s (the “Authority”) nominating committee announced today members of its board of directors and standing committees. The process was led by Nancy Cox, University of Kentucky vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and Leonard Coleman, former president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

The 2020 Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (“HISA”) created the Authority as the independent governing structure charged with proposing and enforcing health-and-safety standards subject to consideration and adoption by the Federal Trade Commission over Thoroughbred racing in the United States. The independent nominating committee reviewed more than 160 nominations, evaluating nominees from within and outside of the industry. In addition to ensuring a diversity of professional backgrounds, the committee took into consideration geographic, racial and gender diversity.

Under the authority and oversight of the Federal Trade Commission, the Authority board and standing committee members are responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing a series of uniform anti-doping, medication control, racetrack safety and operational rules to enhance equine safety and protect the integrity of the sport.

Board of Directors

The nine-person board includes five members from outside of the Thoroughbred industry and four industry representatives. The two chairs of the Authority’s standing committees serve on the board of directors, and the board is expected to select the board chair at its first meeting. The board of directors includes:

- Steve Beshear, Kentucky (independent director)
- Leonard Coleman, Florida (independent director)
- Ellen McClain, New York (independent director)
- Charles Scheeler, Maryland (independent director)
- Adolpho Birch, chair of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control standing committee, Tennessee (independent director)
- Joseph De Francis, Maryland (industry director)
- Susan Stover, chair of the Racetrack Safety standing committee, California (industry director)
- Bill Thomason, Kentucky (industry director)
- DG Van Clief, Virginia (industry director)

“Over the past several months, the nominating committee carefully reviewed each nominee with a deep and enduring understanding of the important responsibility entrusted to them in selecting the inaugural board and standing committees of this essential entity charged with standardizing safety in the industry” said nominating committee co-chair Nancy Cox. “Thanks to the time and effort of the committee, we have a diverse board and standing committees with broad expertise who will bring the thoughtfulness and skill needed in implementing the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act.”

Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee

The committee is comprised of four independent members and three industry members:

- Adolpho Birch, chair (Tennessee, independent director)

- Jeff Novitzky, Nevada (independent member)
- Kathleen Stroia, Florida (independent member)
- Jerry Yon, Florida (independent member)
- Jeff Blea, California (industry member)
- Mary Scollay, Kentucky (industry member)
- Scott Stanley, Kentucky (industry member)

Racetrack Safety Standing Committee

The committee is comprised of four independent members and three industry members:

- Susan Stover, chair (California, industry director)
- Lisa Fortier, New York (independent member)
- Peter Hester, Kentucky (independent member)
- Paul Lunn, North Carolina (independent member)
- Carl Mattacola, North Carolina (independent member)
- Glen Kozak, New York (industry member)
- John Velazquez, New York (industry member)

“The overwhelming response to the call for nominees is a clear example of the industry’s interest in and commitment to addressing the safety needs in this sport,” said Leonard Coleman, co-chair of the nominating committee and incoming board member. “The members of the Authority’s two standing committees bring extraordinary knowledge to the process of developing uniform standards in anti-doping and medication control and racetrack safety—a critical need for the horseracing industry.”

Members of the board of directors and standing committees underwent a comprehensive screening process, and the members of the board of directors and any independent member of a standing committee are subject to HISA’s strict conflict of interest restrictions to ensure the Authority’s independence and integrity.

“On behalf of the Authority, we want to thank the lawmakers who sponsored and supported this legislation in Congress, as well as the members of the nominating committee for their time, effort and professionalism,” said Cox.

Today’s announcement received praise and support from Congressional leaders who shepherded the passage of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act last December.

“The official formation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority is the critical next step in safeguarding this cherished sport. I’m grateful to University of Kentucky Vice President Nancy Cox, and the other members of the nominating committee for their diligence in selecting respected individuals to serve on thoroughbred racing’s independent governing body, said U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), who introduced the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act in the Senate and led it to enactment. “With uniform, national standards for medication-use and track safety, we can address the challenges facing horse racing and preserve one of Kentucky’s signature industries for generations to come. Along with all horse racing fans, I look forward to the Authority’s work to protect horses and jockeys and to give every competitor a fair shot at the winner’s circle.”

“Today, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Nominating Committee put forward an impressive slate of individuals that will lead the Thoroughbred racing industry forward,” said Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY-06). “This group of regionally and professionally diverse

individuals will guide the implementation of uniform standards of safety and competition. I want to thank each member for volunteering their time and talents to serving this vital industry. The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act is a historic reform that will strengthen Kentucky's signature industry for generations to come."

"Reforming the noble sport of horse racing—and implementing the high standards we established in our Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act—will require a deft, experienced and compassionate group of hands that can balance the historic and geographically diverse character of this sport's past with a resounding and ethical vision for its bright future. The group of leaders advanced by the nominating committee today has what it takes to meet that challenge, and I look forward to working with them to ensure they get the job done for the sake of our equine athletes and the many people and communities who depend on them," said Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY-20).

Additional information on HISA can be found at hisaus.org

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Biographical information

Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Board of Directors

- Steve Beshear is an independent director from Kentucky. He served two terms as the 61st governor of Kentucky. An attorney by trade, Beshear has an extensive background in public service in Kentucky, including terms as Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives.
- Adolpho Birch is an independent director from Tennessee who will chair the Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee of the Authority. Birch is senior vice president of business affairs and chief legal officer for the Tennessee Titans. Prior to joining the Titans, he spent 23 years at the National Football League's headquarters, with responsibilities that included administration and enforcement of the NFL's policies related to the integrity of the game, substance abuse, performance-enhancing drugs, gambling and criminal misconduct.
- Leonard Coleman is an independent director from Florida. Coleman is the former president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs. He joined Major League Baseball in 1992 as the executive director of market development. Previously, Coleman was a municipal finance banker for Kidder, Peabody and Company and served as commissioner of both the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and Department of Energy. Coleman is also a former board member of Churchill Downs.
- Ellen McClain is an independent director from New York. McClain serves as the chief financial officer for Year UP, a nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the opportunity divide by ensuring that young adults gain the skills, experience and support that will empower them through careers and higher education. From 2009-2013, she served in various leadership roles with the New York Racing Association (NYRA), including as its president.

- Charles Scheeler is an independent director from Maryland. Scheeler is a retired partner at DLA Piper. He has an extensive legal career in the private and public sector. Prior to joining DLA Piper, Scheeler was a federal prosecutor in the US Attorney's Office and served as lead counsel to former Senator George Mitchell in his investigation of performance-enhancing substance use in Major League Baseball. Scheeler also has extensive experience investigating and monitoring Division I athletics programs' compliance with the National College Athletics Association.
- Joseph De Francis is an industry director from Maryland. De Francis is the managing partner of Gainesville Associates, LLC. Prior to this role, he was a senior executive for various Thoroughbred racing entities including the Maryland Jockey Club and Magna Entertainment Corporation. De Francis has served on several industry and charitable organization boards, including the National Thoroughbred Racing Association ("NTRA") and the Johns Hopkins Heart Institute, among others.
- Susan Stover is an industry director from California, and she will chair the Racetrack Safety Standing Committee of the Authority. Stover is a professor of surgical and radiological science and the University of California, Davis and an expert in clinical equine surgery and lameness. Her research investigates the prevalence, distribution and morphology of equine stress fractures, risk factors and injury prevention, as well as the impact of equine injuries on human welfare.
- Bill Thomason is an industry director from Kentucky. Thomason is the immediate past president of Keeneland, a role he served in from 2012 to 2020. Throughout his career, Thomason has been engaged with several industry organizations, including the NTRA and American Horse Council, as well as several civic and corporate boards, including the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation.
- DG Van Clief is an industry director from Virginia. Van Clief retired in 2006 from serving as president of the Breeders' Cup since 1996. A long-time racing executive, Van Clief was chairman of the Fasig-Tipton Company and a trustee of the Jockey Club Foundation. For several generations, his family operated Nydrie Stud in Virginia, and his grandmother bred 1947 Kentucky Derby winner Jet Pilot.

Anti-Doping and Medication Control Standing Committee Members

- Jeff Novitzky is an independent member from Nevada. Novitzky is Ultimate Fighting Championship's (UFC) vice president of athlete health and performance. In this role, he partnered with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to implement UFC's anti-doping program. Prior to UFC, Novitzky was a federal agent for the Food and Drug Administration and an investigator for the Internal Revenue Service.
- Kathleen Stroia is an independent member from Florida. Stroia is senior vice president of sport sciences and medicine and transitions for the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and the WTA's representative on the board of the Society for Tennis Medicine and Science. Stroia has served on various committees related to her sport, including the International Tennis Federation Medical Commission, the Tennis Anti-doping Committee and the U.S. Tennis Association Sport Science Committee, among others.

- Jerry Yon is an independent member from Florida. Yon is a retired gastroenterologist and previous member of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (“KHRC”), where he helped establish the Kentucky Equine Medical Director position, and is a past chair of the Equine Drug Research Council, which advises the KHRC on drug testing, regulations and penalties.
- Jeff Blea is an industry member from California. Blea is equine medical director at the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. He is also a partner/owner in Von Bluecher, Blea, Hunkin, Inc., an equine veterinary medicine and surgery practice. Blea has served on and led several equine industry organizations including the American Association of Equine Practitioners (“AAEP”), Southern California Equine Foundation and the NTRA’s Safety and Integrity Alliance.
- Mary Scollay is an industry member from Kentucky. Scollay is the executive director and chief operating officer of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC), one of the industry’s foremost scientific authorities on performance enhancing drugs, therapeutic medications and laboratory testing. She has served as a racing regulator since 1987 and is an active member in several industry and professional practice organizations including the AAEP and the International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians.
- Scott Stanley is an industry member from Kentucky. Stanley is a professor of analytical chemistry at the University of Kentucky’s Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center and director of the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. A research scientist with more than 30 years of regulatory drug testing experience, his work focuses on developing new anti-doping approaches and the establishment of the Equine Biological Passport project.

Racetrack Safety Standing Committee Members

- Lisa Fortier is an independent member from New York. Fortier is the James Law Professor of Surgery, Equine Park Faculty Director and associate chair for Graduate Education and Research at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Her primary clinical and translational research interests are in equine orthopedic surgery, tendonitis, arthritis and regenerative medicine.
- Peter Hester is an independent member from Kentucky. Hester is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine and previously worked for equine veterinary surgeon William Reed at Belmont Park. While in medical school, he was a night watchman at Ballindaggin Farm and has maintained a passion for the sport and rider safety.
- Paul Lunn is an independent member from North Carolina. Lunn is dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. Previously he was a professor and administrator at Colorado State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Lunn’s scholarly interests are in equine immunology and infectious disease.
- Carl Mattacola is an independent member from North Carolina. Mattacola is dean of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro School of Health and Human Sciences. Prior to this, he was associate dean of academic and faculty affairs for the College of Health Sciences at the University of Kentucky. Mattacola’s research has focused on neuromuscular, postural and functional considerations in the treatment and rehabilitation

of lower extremity injury.

- Glen Kozak is an industry member from New York. Kozak is senior vice president of operations and capital projects for the New York Racing Association's (NYRA) facility and track operations, which include Belmont Park, Saratoga Race Course, Aqueduct Racetrack and others. Prior to joining NYRA, Kozak worked for the Maryland Jockey Club as vice president of facilities and racing surfaces.
- John Velazquez is an industry member from New York. Velazquez is one of the most accomplished and respected jockeys in the history of horse racing, having won almost 6,250 races. He is North America's all-time leading money-earning jockey and holds the record for most graded stakes wins. He is a board member of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys' Fund and co-chairman of the Jockeys' Guild. He was inducted into the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in 2012.

Nominating Committee Members:

- Len Coleman is the former president of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs. He joined Major League Baseball in 1992 as the executive director of market development. Previously, Coleman was a municipal finance banker for Kidder, Peabody and Company and served as commissioner of both the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and Department of Energy. Coleman is also a former board member of Churchill Downs.
- Nancy Cox is the vice president for Land-grant Engagement and the dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment at the University of Kentucky. Prior to that, she served as associate dean for research and director of the Experiment Station at the University of Kentucky. Cox championed the formation of the UK Equine Initiative (now UK Ag Equine Programs), recognizing the importance of the horse industry and its significance to Kentucky.
- Katrina Adams is the immediate past president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), following two consecutive terms as the USTA's chairman and president. A successful professional tennis player, Adams was elected vice president of the International Tennis Federation in 2015 and was appointed as chairman of the Fed Cup Committee in 2016.
- Jerry Black is a visiting professor at Texas Tech School of Veterinary Medicine and is an emeritus professor and Wagonhound Land and Livestock chair in Equine Sciences at Colorado State University. He is the former president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and former chair of the board of trustees of the American Horse Council.
- Joseph Dunford is the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, and was the principal military advisor to the president, Secretary of Defense, and National Security Council from Oct. 1, 2015, through Sept. 30, 2019. Prior to becoming chairman, General Dunford served as the 36th Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- Frank Keating is the former governor of Oklahoma. Prior to that role, his career in law enforcement and public service included time as a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, U.S. Attorney and state prosecutor, and Oklahoma House and Senate member.

He served as assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury, associate U.S. attorney general, and general counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- Ken Schanzer served as president of NBC Sports from June 1998 until his retirement in September 2011. He also served as chief operating officer. During Schanzer's tenure, he secured the television rights to the Triple Crown races and Breeders' Cup for NBC. Before joining NBC Sports, he served as senior vice president of government relations for the National Association of Broadcasters.



May 5, 2021

Dear Chairman Lane:

As you are most likely aware, there continues to be much discussion about the Horse Racing Safety and Integrity Act.(HISA) Until now, MHRI has only been closely monitoring what is happening in the media. We believe that the discussions have reached a point that it might be time to let you know what our members are supporting.

Although the HISA is not written to include the Standardbred breed, we understand that it is possible for us to be opted in. At this point in time, there is so much that is yet to be resolved, and many differing opinions.

We are choosing to stand with the USTA and await the outcome of the legal challenge to HISA's constitutionality.

Should you wish to discuss this further, we are open to that. Please contact Patty Strand if you wish to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this matter so pivotal to the future of harness racing.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Dessert

Vice President

MHRI