
Minnesota Racing Commission Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Teleconference Meeting
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AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
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- 8) Status Reports
 - A. Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack
 - B. Canterbury Park Entertainment
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 - A. Chief Veterinarian
 - B. Stewards
 - C. Judges
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 - A. COVID-19 Update
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 - E. Rules Update
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12)MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA/MQHRA Updates

13)Other Matters

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15)Announce Future Meetings

A. Full Commission – Monday, July 19, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT Location TBD

16)Adjourn

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**Minnesota Racing Commission Meeting
Monday May 17, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Microsoft Teams Teleconference**

MINUTES

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. CDT. The meeting was conducted by teleconference.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Gingold made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Commission meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion Carried.

Action Items:

With staff and Racing Committee recommendation, Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approve a funding request of \$25,000 from Abijah's on the Backside. Second by Commissioner Dehn. Commissioner Colombo asked for further clarification about the budget request. Sally Mixon explained where the funding would be distributed throughout the program. Commissioner Johnson asked about success rates from the program and Sally Mixon further clarified. Chair Lane asked Sally Mixon to submit an end-of-meet report to the Commission about the program. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Chief Commission Veterinarian Dr. Lynn Hovda summarized updates to the Association of Racing Commissioners International ("ARCI") Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses, MRC Revised Version 4.2.1. She said Albuterol was added to the ARCI controlled substance list in Quarter Horses and for horses racing in Quarter Horse races. Commissioner Gingold made a motion to approve of the MRC Revised Version 4.2.1 of ARCI Controlled Therapeutic Medication Schedule for Horses. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Status Reports:

Canterbury Park – Andrew Offerman, Canterbury Park Vice President of Racing Operations, said opening week at Canterbury Park is underway, with opening day tomorrow. He explained that capacity limits are set to 2,000 spectators and will be self-limited by Canterbury Park to 5,000 spectators on May 28. He said officials will continue to evaluate attendance levels throughout the course of the season. Mr. Offerman added that promotional events will be set on a month-by-month basis. He highlighted the Canterbury Park stakes race schedule, an upcoming handicapping tournament and updates to track broadcasting. Randy Sampson, President and CEO of Canterbury Park, gave updates further related to COVID-19 limitations. He commended Mr. Offerman and his team on efforts to set up the 2021 race meet.

Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack – Steve Carpenito, Running Aces Director of Racing, said he is now on location and the 2021 race meet began May 16 with eight races. He said that the horse population has not been strong at Running Aces but believes entries will pick up next week and said that all stalls available have been assigned. Chair Lane welcomed Presiding Judge Robert Corey back to Running Aces. Judge Corey said he has confidence that the meet will get better and that entries will pick up soon. He added that the United States Trotting Association has started a new program to train racing

officials and that the Minnesota Racing Commission has been selected to train in the first candidate, who will intern with the Board of Judges.

Industry Updates:

- a. Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association. No representatives were present.
- b. Minnesota Thoroughbred Association (“MTA”). Kay King said the MTA is looking forward to the 2021 race meet and that they are continuing to plan upcoming events.
- c. Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc. Patty Strand said that she thought opening night went well at Running Aces. She said a fractional ownership program “Summer Fling” has been created with 50 shares being sold.
- d. Minnesota Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (“HBPA”). Mike Cronin thanked Steve May, Randy Sampson and Andrew Offerman for attending the HBPA May Board meeting. He also thanked the Commission for approving funding of Abijah’s on the Backside.

Chief Veterinarian’s Report:

Chief Commission Veterinarian Dr. Lynn Hovda reported that the Commission test barns are fully staffed at both racetracks. She said that challenges have been presented with digital Coggins and health certificates, but she said it is still beneficial to receive reporting that way. Dr. Hovda noted a change in how samples are sent to the testing laboratory. This saves several days in the testing process. She also noted that any horse that has not raced for a year or more, every horse that is a first time starter at age four or older or any horse on the veterinarians list in the United States are looked at before being removed from that associated list. Dr. Hovda gave a brief and limited summary of recent findings from the 2021 Kentucky Derby. She explained how similar findings related to the Minnesota Racing Commission medications list.

Stewards Report:

Executive Director Steve May said all three State Racing Stewards are on site. Chief Racing Steward Randy Blaseg has held meet and greet meetings with horsepersons and rule changes are being circulated at both racetracks.

Deputy Director’s Report:

Deputy Director Bob Schiewe reported that Advance Deposit Wagering (“ADW”) handle in April 2021 was more than \$6.5 million. He said that it was \$1.2 Million more handle than in March 2021 but was a slight decrease from ADW handle in April 2020. He said that ADW handle has exceeded expectations and has remained high this year. Mr. Schiewe also noted that for the first time since 2017, TVG has exceeded Twin Spires for the last two months in ADW handle in Minnesota. He said that the ADW Regulatory fee account has collected over \$722,429 from ADW providers since the “temporary” fee increase of 1% took place May 2020. These fees have been used to offset the regulation cost of the Commission that would have otherwise been paid by the racetracks. This fee increase will expire December 31, 2021. Mr. Schiewe reported that Colleen Marquardt would be retiring after working for 25 years for the Minnesota Racing Commission. He shared a letter addressed to him from former Executive Director Tom DePasquale that highlighted Colleen’s many accomplishments and dedication to public service.

Executive Director’s Report:

Executive Director Steve May gave a COVID-19 update to the Commission. He said that mask mandates have been altered in the last weeks, but that both Commission offices and facilities will require masks to be worn. He stated that with new executive orders being released from the governor’s office, regulations will continue to change. Mr. May reported on Commission personnel and said there has been an interest in the early retirement program offered by the state from Investigative Specialist John Flynn and State Program Administrator and Licensing Coordinator Colleen Marquardt. Both team members will be departing from the Commission on June 2, 2021. He said that the role of Contract Procurement and Rulemaking Assistant at Running Aces has been filled by Chad Peterson. He also noted that two Law Compliance Representatives have joined Commission staff at Canterbury Park and interviews are being conducted for that role at Running Aces. Mr. May also gave a licensing update to the Commission and said that licensing has picked up at both tracks, as horsepersons arrive. He then gave a rule update and

said changes are in final stages of review. He reported on state and federal legislative updates and said there will most likely be a special legislative session at the state level. He also reported that on the federal level, the Nominating Committee of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority has named an initial board of directors. Mr. May supplied the Commission with the names of these directors in the meeting materials.

Future Meetings:

The next Commission meeting will be via teleconference at 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2021.

Other Matters:

Mr. May updated the Commission on the status of meeting locations. He said that he took a poll from Commissioners about meeting formats that they are comfortable with. He said most commissioners are open to meeting in person and that he is looking into finding a meeting space that will be able to accommodate the Commission for future meetings.

Adjournment:

Chairman Lane adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m. CDT.

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

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Minnesota Racing Commission Memorandum

To: Minnesota Racing Commission Finance Committee

cc: E. Joseph Newton, General Counsel, Minnesota Racing Commission
Bob Schiewe, Deputy Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission

From: Steve May, Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission

Date: Friday, June 11, 2021

RE: Review of Running Aces Request to Amend Plan of Operations

During the March 15, 2021 Minnesota Racing Commission (“Commission”) Finance Committee (“Committee”) meeting, the Committee was presented with a request by Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack (“Running Aces”) to amend their current card club Plan of Operations. The proposed amendments included adding up to 19 additional player stations to the dealer assisted card for a maximum total of 30 player stations.

The Committee, and subsequently the Commission, requested that the Commission staff perform a detailed review of the approval history of the dealer assisted card games in the request, along with a review of the applicable statutes for the approval and amendment of a Plan of Operation at one of Minnesota’s pari-mutuel racetracks. This memorandum is the result of that review.

Documents Reviewed by Commission Staff

- March 15, 2021 Request from Running Aces to Amend Plan of Operations
- Minn. Stat. § 240.30 Card Clubs
- August 8, 2021 Letter from Maslon, LLP
- Minutes from September 19, 2017 Commission meeting
- October 19, 2017 Letter from Commission
- January 1, 2019 Request from Running Aces to Approve Community Card Multi-Hand Black
- Minutes from February 15, 2018 Commission Meeting
- Minutes from October 15, 2020 Commission Meeting

History of Commission Approval of Applicable Plans of Operation at Running Aces

The dealer assisted card games have been approved by the Committee on September 13, 2017 and by the Commission on September 19, 2017 (see Minutes from September 19, 2017 Commission meeting). In reviewing this request, the Committee used a legal opinion memorandum from the Maslon law firm that was provided by Running Aces (see August 8, 2021 Letter from Maslon, LLP).

In important aspect of the approval granted by the Commission relates to the wager outcome determination. Specifically, the Committee and ultimately the Commission approved the dealer assisted card games with the condition that “there would be live play only, no use of random number generation,

and the MRC reserved the right to review the game at any future date to consider any equipment issues or player complaints.” While there was no specific vote count recorded in the September 19, 2017 Commission meeting minutes, to minutes do show that the motion carried and the game was approved.

The Running Aces Plan of Operations was amended in early 2018 to allow for Community Card Blackjack, Mutli-Hand. Former Executive Director stated that the MRC staff believed that this change was made within the statutory requirement set for the number of tables, and this was approved by the Commission (see Minutes from February 15, 2018 Commission Meeting).

The Running Aces Plan of Operations was amended on October 15, 2020 with the most recent version of the Aces Live dealer assist card game and approved by the Commission (see Minutes from October 15, 2020 Commission Meeting).

There have been no other major approvals of Plans of Operations at Running Aces that relate to the current request for an Plan of Operations amendment.

Details of Request from Running Aces to Amend the Plan of Operations

The request before the Finance Committee is to amend the definition of a dealer assisted table game and is described in the March 15, 2021 letter to the Commission. The request more clearly defines the dealer assisted card game, the outcome determination used in the card game, the area in which the card game is located in relation to the dealer, and the maximum number of player stations to be used, which would increase to a maximum of 30 player stations.

Statutory Requirements for Approval and Amendment of a Plan of Operations

The statutory requirements for approving a Plan of Operations are described in Minn. Stat. § 240.30, Subd. 6 and 7. The Commission staff has reviewed these statutory requirements and believe that the request from Running Aces complies with the requirements.

Specifically, the amendments to the Plan of Operations accomplishes the following, which are pertinent to the request:

- 1) It specifies and defines all card games to be played, including all governing aspects of each game pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 240.30, Subd. 6; and
- 2) It enhances the arrangements to ensure the security of card playing activities.

Recommendation from Commission Staff

Based on this review, the Commission staff recommends a recommendation of approval of this Plan of Operations by Running Aces from the Finance Committee and referral to the Commission for a final vote.

MRC Executive Staff

Minnesota Racing Commission

Date: March 5, 2021

Subject: Request to update language changes in the Plan of Operations for Dealer Assisted Games-V1.2

Dear MRC Executive Staff:

Running Aces respectfully submits, for your review and approval, updated language to be added for Dealer Assisted games in the Plan of Operations.

Running Aces is requesting to increase from 11 to 30 dealer assist player betting stations per dealer assist table.

Introduction

Dealer Assisted games are a United States patented game that utilizes state-of-the-art technology to create a new and entertaining gaming experience.

In addition to being new, the technological innovations incorporated in these games are both timely and relevant in this new age of pandemics.

By utilizing individual player stations which do not require close physical contact a variety of advantages are created that serve to enhance the player experience.

The first and foremost is the increased health and safety created by not having to be in close contact to others. In addition, Dealer Assisted player stations eliminate the need to touch cards or chips found in traditional card games. This provides customers with a gaming option that reduces personal contact and the associated risks.

The second important advantage of individual player stations is the sense of personal space created. This feeling significantly reduces the intimidation factor of playing card games with strangers. Studies have shown the number one cited reason why more people **do not** play card games is intimidation and the fear of making a mistake. It is also the number one reason why games like slot machines are the most popular.

The third important advantage of Dealer Assisted games is the broader appeal to a new audience of customers seeking greater visual stimulation. More importantly, the use of this technology allows for faster play. The ability to provide instant or quicker gratification is a critical feature in appealing to a younger customer. It is critical to find new gaming experiences that appeal to a broader audience in order to increase purses and support the horse racing industry.

The fourth advantage of Dealer Assist technology is the virtual elimination of dealer errors and opportunities for embezzlement. Every action made by the dealer and player is recorded on a computer and available for review when necessary. This feature safeguards the integrity of the game and enforcement of regulations.

The fifth advantage of Dealer Assist technology is the increased efficiencies and profitability of the game. Most notably by reducing the amount of training needed before working, getting employees into the workforce faster and reducing training costs.

The sixth advantage of Dealer Assisted games is the ability to offer customers lower limit games as well as reduced wait times as a result of the efficiencies inherent with this technology.

Definition and Description

The Dealer Assisted games objective is to make specific hands that award the player based on pre-determined pay tables.

Utilizing the player stations eliminates all cash handling and payout errors, past posting and bet pinching cheats and creates the ability to social distance guests and employees during the COVID 19 pandemic. All player stations allow supervisors the ability to review previous hands through the player station reducing calls to surveillance and fraudulent claims.

The rules and method of play for Dealer Assisted games allows for the creation of a gaming environment which has been conventionally marketed as “stadium gaming”. Casinos have concluded that the allocation of gaming space to these types of environments greatly facilitates the six advantages described above.

As previously stated, every action taken by the dealer will be electronically recorded. In addition, the dealer’s actions will be under surveillance and digitally recorded. Above and beyond these safeguards, the table is televised with a “live” feed shown to players. These security measures far exceed those utilized in traditional table games.

The player station space will have a fourth measure of security and oversight with the addition of an assigned attendant to oversee the game and resolve issues.

The requested changes are detailed below:

Request to add the following updated language Dealer Assisted Games pg. 29

Dealer Assisted Games

Running Aces offers Dealer Assisted table games. Dealer Assisted tables are dealt by a live dealer, utilizing real cards at a table and are connected to player stations that display the cards dealt on the player station by using a live feed. Only one player station can be played at a time, per player.

Running Aces defines a Dealer Assist table as a card table similar to a conventional table that utilizes a dealer, shoe, live cards and where the outcome of the hand(s) is determined. Dealer Assist tables use individual player stations to replicate the betting positions on the felted table. Player stations are within 50 feet of the table and within line of sight of the dealer. Every Dealer Assist table location of dealer, cards, and shoe constitutes one table for regulatory purposes.

Dealer Assisted games like felt based games do not utilize Random Number Generators (RNG’s). Tables consist of a dealer that deals the cards/hands in view of players similar to regular felted table games. Instead of players being located on the dealer table they are located on player stations that are connected to a live feed that displays the cards dealt by the dealer.

Running Aces defines a player betting station as an individual station for a player to make bets pertaining to Dealer Assist games. Dealer Assist games may differ in rules and scope as players may bet on multiple hands or

a single hand on a player station. Player betting stations are considered individual betting spots attached to a table for regulatory purposes.

Furthermore, as with felt based games all players will be within line sight of the dealer, adequate signage to regulate underage gambling will continue to be posted and proper surveillance coverage will be utilized. Player stations will be stationed within 50 feet of the dealer, with the dealer having the ability to observe these players within a 90 degree arc of their peripheral vision.

Running Aces defines line of sight as it pertains to Dealer Assist tables, as an unobstructed view of a player seated at a betting station that is within 50 feet of the dealer contained within a 90 degree arc where the dealer is the point of origin. This configuration will allow the dealer to be able to identify a player seated at a station to ensure underage gambling, excluded players gambling, and illegal activity is not taking place. Line of sight can also work in conjunction with another Dealer Assist table.

Running Aces allows up to 30 player stations per Dealer Assist game.

We appreciate this opportunity to offer a value-added gaming experience to our guests and allow us to better maximize our revenue and generated purses through managing our Dealer Assist flexibility to meet customer demand.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to these changes. We'll be happy to review these with you and answer any questions you may have prior to your approval.

Sincerely,



Taro Ito
President & CEO
Running Aces Casino and Racetrack

240.30 CARD CLUBS.

Subdivision 1. **Card club operation.** A class B licensee conducting pari-mutuel betting on horse racing at a class A racetrack may operate a card club at the racetrack and offer card playing services to patrons only if the commission has authorized the licensee to operate a card club operation under section 240.07, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), and the commission has approved the licensee's plan of operation under subdivision 6. The commission may withdraw its authorization for operation of a card club at any time for a violation of a law or rule governing card club operation.

Subd. 2. **Supervision.** The authorized licensee is responsible for conducting and supervising the card games, providing all necessary equipment, services, and personnel, and reimbursing the commission for costs related to card club regulation and enforcement.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 2012 c 279 s 6]

Subd. 4. **Charges.** The authorized licensee may charge patrons for card playing services by deducting and retaining money from wagers, by charging a fee based on playing time, or by any other means authorized by the commission.

Subd. 5. **Limitation.** The commission shall not authorize a licensee to operate a card club if the licensee has not conducted at least 50 days of live racing at a class A facility within the past 12 months or during the preceding calendar year unless the commission authorizes a shorter period because of circumstances beyond the licensee's control.

[See Note.]

Subd. 6. **Plan of operation.** (a) The commission shall not authorize a class B licensee to operate a card club unless the licensee has submitted, and the commission approved, a plan of operation for card playing activities. The plan must set forth all necessary details for conducting card playing activities, including, among other things:

- (1) specifying and defining all card games to be played, including all governing aspects of each game;
- (2) time and location of card playing activities;
- (3) amount and method by which participants will be charged for card playing services;
- (4) arrangements to ensure the security of card playing activities;
- (5) designation of all licensed employees of the licensee who undertake supervisory positions related to card playing activities;
- (6) internal control systems for card playing activities; and
- (7) a plan for the training of card club personnel in identification of problem gamblers and appropriate action to prevent or control problem gambling.

(b) The licensee must prepare and make available to all customers a written manual that covers all portions of the current plan of operation. The licensee must also publish, in pamphlet form, a condensed and comprehensive version of the manual and make it available to all customers.

Subd. 7. **Amendments to plan; violations; relation to other laws.** (a) The licensee may amend the plan of operation only with the commission's approval. The commission may withdraw its approval of a plan of operation.

(b) Card club activities are deemed to be relevant to the integrity of horse racing activities in Minnesota for purposes of sections 240.03; 240.06, subdivision 7; 240.08; and 240.27, subdivision 1.

(c) A violation of a law or rule relating to card club operation or a violation of an approved plan of operation is deemed to be a violation of law or rule for purposes of section 240.22.

(d) A violation of an approved plan of operation is deemed to be a violation of a rule of the commission for purposes of section 240.26, subdivision 3.

(e) Card playing at a card club is deemed to be a bet at a licensed racetrack for purposes of section 240.28, subdivision 2.

Subd. 8. **Limitations.** The commission may not approve any plan of operation under subdivision 6 that exceeds any of the following limitations:

(1) the maximum number of tables used for card playing at the card club at any one time, other than tables used for instruction, demonstrations, or poker tournament play, may not exceed 80;

(2) except as provided in clause (3), no wager may exceed \$100;

(3) for games in which each player is allowed to make only one wager or has a limited opportunity to change that wager, no wager may exceed \$300.

Subd. 9. **Reimbursement to commission.** The commission may require that the licensee reimburse it for the commission's actual costs, including personnel costs, of regulating the card club. Amounts received under this subdivision must be deposited as provided in section 240.155, subdivision 1.

[See Note.]

Subd. 10. **Reporting.** The class B licensee shall report all income generated by the card club in an annual report to the Racing Commission. The report shall also account for all costs of operation, taxes paid, amounts paid to the breeder's fund, and net profits to the class B licensee.

History: 1999 c 206 s 9; 2001 c 96 s 3,4; 2012 c 279 s 5; 2020 c 111 s 3,4

NOTE: The amendments to subdivisions 5 and 9 by Laws 2020, chapter 111, sections 3 and 4, expire December 31, 2021. Laws 2020, chapter 111, section 5.



MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
Full Commission Meeting
Tuesday September 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
University of Minnesota, Leatherdale Equine Center
1801 Dudley Ave, St Paul, MN 55108

MINUTES

Call to Order: Chair Strangis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Commissioners Johnson, McArdle, Gingold, Strangis, Lane, Erhart and Bell.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion and second were made to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2017 Special Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Gingold asked to defer the report of the Finance Committee until after the presentation by Running Aces regarding their request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Community Card Blackjack and Baccarat.

Discussion and Action: Commissioner Gingold made a motion to approve an authorizing resolution to publish a Notice of Rulemaking not related to medication in the State Register. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve an authorizing resolution to publish a Notice of Rulemaking related to medication in the State Register. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried.

Mr. DiPasquale explained that a review of Running Aces' request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Community Card Blackjack and Baccarat had been made in both open and closed sessions of the Finance Committee on September 13, 2017. Commissioner Gingold stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval of both games subject to conditions that there would be live play only, no use of random number generation and the MRC reserved the right to review the game at any future date to consider any equipment issues or player complaints. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Running Aces' request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Community Card Blackjack subject to the conditions as stated by Commissioner Gingold. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Mr. DiPasquale noted that the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety had reviewed the game, met with the Finance Committee and staff and was taking a neutral position on the game. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Running Aces' request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Baccarat as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee and subject to the conditions as stated by Commissioner Gingold. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve delegation to Compliance Administrator Stephanie Neises to create and maintain records of appointments and vacancies to Breeders Fund Thoroughbred and Standardbred Advisory Committees through the Secretary of State's Open Appointments site. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried.

Status Reports: Running Aces Casino and Racetrack – Taro Ito summarized closing weekend. Ben Blum gave statistical information regarding live racing siting changes that were made prior to the start of the season that positively affected the successful meet. Mr. Ito updated the Commission on the status of a proposed asphalt plant stating that no decision had been made. Tracie Wilson recapped their status report.

Canterbury Park – Randy Sampson reported a successful meet with competitive and quality racing. He provided summary statistics regarding the meet adding that the increase in takeout rates did not have a negative impact on handle. He addressed various topics including Minnesota-bred activity, closing weekend, card club and ADW revenues, employment issues, claiming and land development.

Staff Reports: Chief Veterinarian's Report – Dr. Hovda said the End of Meet Veterinarian's Report would be available at the October Commission meeting. She reported a quiet year at Running Aces with very few medication rulings although there was an increase in the number of horses on the Vet's List. Canterbury Park had a low number of medication violations but a large Vet's List. She said work needed to be done on Canterbury's track surfaces before the next season. The biggest problem encountered during the meet at Canterbury was the number of deceased horses. She gave an update on the activity of the Racing Medication Testing Consortium (RMTTC) Scientific Advisory Committee.

Stewards' Report – The Stewards' End of the Meet Report was distributed to the Commissioners. David Hooper said the report included high and low points of the meet along with summations of ruling information, Stewards' inquiries and recommendations for the 2018 meet. Discussion followed regarding improvement of the track surfaces. Staff would be meeting with the stewards to address each recommendation on the Stewards' list. Chair Strangis thanked the Board of Stewards for their service.

Judges' Report – Eric Beach was present in place of Chief Judge Renee Sheward to address any questions regarding the report. He added that 38 lifetime records had been made since the last report.

Deputy Director's Report – Mr. Scurto explained that there was a challenge in preparing a monthly revenue report for the Commission due to the timing of audits. He recommended that a report be made quarterly rather than monthly. The Finance Committee would review the budget before the next meeting of the Commission in October. Mr. Scurto said Breeders' Fund awards would be calculated and ready for payment during the next six weeks. Those number would be available at the next Commission meeting. Thoroughbred Breeders' Fund Advisory Committee applications had been received, would be reviewed by staff and presented to the full Commission for appointment at the October meeting.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. DiPasquale gave an overview of the steps in the rulemaking process. Staff was requesting rule change proposals from industry groups and a stakeholders' meeting for discussion of proposed rules was scheduled for September 27, 2017. Mr. DiPasquale informed the Commission of an administrative problem with the Racehorse Retirement Funding Program. Staff was working with the Department of Administration, MMB urging them to release specially appropriated revenue funds for one time only to satisfy the obligations made by the Commission at its last meeting. Legislation would need to be revised in the coming session to clarify the legislature's intent that the Commission have the authority to grant the funds for this program. Mr. DiPasquale concluded his report by thanking all parties for commitment to and participation in live racing in Minnesota during the 2017 meets. No contracts were submitted for approval that involved racing.

Industry Updates: MHRI – Dan Poprawski said they had a record year while racing three days per week resulting in better fields, handle and keeping horses sounder. The yearling sale had just been held with an average sale amount of \$9,700. Two county fair meets remained. The drivers that were injured during the meet and horses were doing well and had returned to racing. MNHBPA – Mike Cronin said board elections had concluded with Jack Walsh as president and Bernell Rhone as vice president. Discussions for the 2018 meet had already begun with Canterbury. He said there was a strong need for the expansion of a benevolent program on the backside. MQHRA – no report. MTA – Kay King said the yearling sale was held on 8/21 with a sales topper of \$37,000. The Leg Up Fund had two applicants with short term injuries during 2017. Local jockey Paul Nolan who was injured in Arizona was doing well. Contracts for the stallion auction were out.

Future Meetings: Full Commission – Thursday, October 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Ben Pomeroy Student/Alumni Learning Center, University of Minnesota. Stakeholder Meeting on Rules – September 27, 2017 2:00-5:00 p.m., Brooklyn Park Public Library.

The public portion of the meeting was closed pursuant to MS 13D.05, subd. 3(b) for an attorney-client privileged discussion of disciplinary matters regarding Class C licensees.

Chair Strangis reconvened the public portion of the meeting.

Adjourn: There being no additional matters before the Commission. A motion and second to adjourn the meeting was made. Motion carried.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2017 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

**Pages 13-23 have been
omitted under 2020
Minnesota Statutes
Chapter 13D.05**



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Discussion and Action: Commissioner Gingold made a motion to approve an authorizing resolution to publish a Notice of Rulemaking not related to medication in the State Register. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve an authorizing resolution to publish a Notice of Rulemaking related to medication in the State Register. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried.

Mr. DiPasquale explained that a review of Running Aces' request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Community Card Blackjack and Baccarat had been made in both open and closed sessions of the Finance Committee on September 13, 2017. Commissioner Gingold stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval of both games subject to conditions that there would be live play only, no use of random number generation and the MRC reserved the right to review the game at any future date to consider any equipment issues or player complaints. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Running Aces' request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Community Card Blackjack subject to the conditions as stated by Commissioner Gingold. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Mr. DiPasquale noted that the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety had reviewed the game, met with the Finance Committee and staff and was taking a neutral position on the game. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve Running Aces' request for approval of Interblock Dealer Assist Baccarat as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee and subject to the conditions as stated by Commissioner Gingold. Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve delegation to Compliance Administrator Stephanie Neises to create and maintain records of appointments and vacancies to Breeders Fund Thoroughbred and Standardbred Advisory Committees through the Secretary of State's Open Appointments site. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried.

Status Reports: Running Aces Casino and Racetrack – Taro Ito summarized closing weekend. Ben Blum gave statistical information regarding live racing siting changes that were made prior to the start of the season that positively affected the successful meet. Mr. Ito updated the Commission on the status of a proposed asphalt plant stating that no decision had been made. Tracie Wilson recapped their status report.

Canterbury Park – Randy Sampson reported a successful meet with competitive and quality racing. He provided summary statistics regarding the meet adding that the increase in takeout rates did not have a negative impact on handle. He addressed various topics including Minnesota-bred activity, closing weekend, card club and ADW revenues, employment issues, claiming and land development.

Staff Reports: Chief Veterinarian's Report – Dr. Hovda said the End of Meet Veterinarian's Report would be available at the October Commission meeting. She reported a quiet year at Running Aces with very few medication rulings although there was an increase in the number of horses on the Vet's List. Canterbury Park had a low number of medication violations but a large Vet's List. She said work needed to be done on Canterbury's track surfaces before the next season. The biggest problem encountered during the meet at Canterbury was the number of deceased horses. She gave an update on the activity of the Racing Medication Testing Consortium (RMTTC) Scientific Advisory Committee.

Stewards' Report – The Stewards' End of the Meet Report was distributed to the Commissioners. David Hooper said the report included high and low points of the meet along with summations of ruling information, Stewards' inquiries and recommendations for the 2018 meet. Discussion followed regarding improvement of the track surfaces. Staff would be meeting with the stewards to address each recommendation on the Stewards' list. Chair Strangis thanked the Board of Stewards for their service.

Judges' Report – Eric Beach was present in place of Chief Judge Renee Sheward to address any questions regarding the report. He added that 38 lifetime records had been made since the last report.

Deputy Director's Report – Mr. Scurto explained that there was a challenge in preparing a monthly revenue report for the Commission due to the timing of audits. He recommended that a report be made quarterly rather than monthly. The Finance Committee would review the budget before the next meeting of the Commission in October. Mr. Scurto said Breeders' Fund awards would be calculated and ready for payment during the next six weeks. Those number would be available at the next Commission meeting. Thoroughbred Breeders' Fund Advisory Committee applications had been received, would be reviewed by staff and presented to the full Commission for appointment at the October meeting.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. DiPasquale gave an overview of the steps in the rulemaking process. Staff was requesting rule change proposals from industry groups and a stakeholders' meeting for discussion of proposed rules was scheduled for September 27, 2017. Mr. DiPasquale informed the Commission of an administrative problem with the Racehorse Retirement Funding Program. Staff was working with the Department of Administration, MMB urging them to release specially appropriated revenue funds for one time only to satisfy the obligations made by the Commission at its last meeting. Legislation would need to be revised in the coming session to clarify the legislature's intent that the Commission have the authority to grant the funds for this program. Mr. DiPasquale concluded his report by thanking all parties for commitment to and participation in live racing in Minnesota during the 2017 meets. No contracts were submitted for approval that involved racing.

Industry Updates: MHRI – Dan Poprawski said they had a record year while racing three days per week resulting in better fields, handle and keeping horses sounder. The yearling sale had just been held with an average sale amount of \$9,700. Two county fair meets remained. The drivers that were injured during the meet and horses were doing well and had returned to racing. MNHBPA – Mike Cronin said board elections had concluded with Jack Walsh as president and Bernell Rhone as vice president. Discussions for the 2018 meet had already begun with Canterbury. He said there was a strong need for the expansion of a benevolent program on the backside. MQHRA – no report. MTA – Kay King said the yearling sale was held on 8/21 with a sales topper of \$37,000. The Leg Up Fund had two applicants with short term injuries during 2017. Local jockey Paul Nolan who was injured in Arizona was doing well. Contracts for the stallion auction were out.

Future Meetings: Full Commission – Thursday, October 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Ben Pomeroy Student/Alumni Learning Center, University of Minnesota. Stakeholder Meeting on Rules – September 27, 2017 2:00-5:00 p.m., Brooklyn Park Public Library.

The public portion of the meeting was closed pursuant to MS 13D.05, subd. 3(b) for an attorney-client privileged discussion of disciplinary matters regarding Class C licensees.

Chair Strangis reconvened the public portion of the meeting.

Adjourn: There being no additional matters before the Commission. A motion and second to adjourn the meeting was made. Motion carried.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2017 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

October 3, 2017

Taro Ito
Running Aces Casino and Racetrack
15201 Zurich Street NE
Columbus, MN 55025

Dear Taro:

This letter responds to Running Aces' August 29, 2017 requests to amend its Plan of Operations and Internal Controls to allow for a new game, "community card blackjack," as well as Baccarat to be played with Interblock dealer-assist equipment.

As you know, the Interblock equipment was reviewed and discussed by the Minnesota Racing Commission's Finance Committee on July 13, 2017. Your proposed amendments to the Plan of Operation and Internal Controls were reviewed by the Finance Committee on September 13, 2017.

On September 19, 2017, the full commission reviewed and approved the Plan of Operations and Internal Controls changes submitted on August 29, 2017. The commission's approval was with the understanding that the card games will be played "live" without the use of a random number generator, and that Running Aces will notify the commission of any malfunctions of the Interblock equipment and player complaints relating to game play or the voucher system.

We appreciate your cooperation throughout this process. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Tom DiPasquale
Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission



Running Aces

CASINO • RACETRACK

MRC Executive Staff
Minnesota Racing Commission
Date: January 9th, 2018
Subject: Community Card Blackjack - Multi Hand

Subject: Plan of Operations Language Change Request

Dear MRC Executive Staff:

Running Aces Casino and Racetrack, respectfully submits for your review and approval, the allowance of players to play up to three distinct hands per deal on the dealer assist system. This is a formal request to change the Plan of Operations. Players will have the option to play one hand, two hands, three hands/or any combination of the three hands. The requested changes are detailed below.

Removal of request for the Dealer Assist System

Revision to the Plan of Operations:

Community Card Blackjack – Multi Hand

Game Rules

Community card blackjack is played with one to eight 52-card decks. During the deal, the dealer will use normal blackjack dealing procedure to deal out ~~one~~ **three** player hands and one house hand. The unique part of this game is that all players use the same community card player hand and then make their individual decisions which can lead to different outcomes.

The object is for the total of the player's cards to be closer to 21 than the dealer's cards, without exceeding 21. In Community Card Blackjack, Aces count as wither 1 or 11, whichever are preferable, Face cards such as Jacks, Queens and Kings count as 10 and number cards as their face value.

- If the total value of the player's cards is closer to 21 than the dealer's, players will be paid even money.
- If the total of the player's cards are more than 21, player will "bust" and lose their bet.
- If the player and the dealer have the same card total (17 and up) neither of them win, and the player's bet is returned to them as a "push".
- An Ace and a ten-value card on the first two cards dealt are called "Blackjack", which is paid at the posted payout amount (3:2 or 6:5), unless this is a push.
- **Standard Blackjack rules apply with the exception of re-splitting is not offered.**

How to Play

Multi hand blackjack offers the player the opportunity to play up to 3 hands at once.

- 1. Before each new hand begins, the player places a wager on either 1, 2 or all 3 of the clearly marked betting areas for the 3 hands.**
- 2. If playing more than 1 hand, the wagers may be different amounts on each hand.**
- 3. The player can play any or all of the betting spots as long as the overall minimum bet has been made. After a bet for a hand has been made, players may add any side bets that correspond to that hand.**
- 4. The starting 2 cards for all 3 player hands and the dealer hand will be dealt, regardless of whether there are wagers staked for all 3 hands.**

5. Since this is a community game, the starting 2 cards for all 3 blackjack hands will be the same for all players.
6. In the decision phase, the player will have the option to act on any of the hands (it does not have to be in a certain order). The unique aspect of multi-hand community card blackjack gives the player the feeling of choosing where the next card goes.
7. If the action is a hit/split/double, the time limit will stop and the player will wait for the dealer to draw a card. From there, the decision phase time limit starts over with all decision options available for the player on all active hands.
 - o If the action is to stay on one hand, the player will need to make a decision on another hand within the same time limit. The decision phase ends when all hands stay or all hands have busted.
 - o When a split hand is made, "stand" on the one split hand is considered an action. This will make the next card to the other split hand automatically. The player will be allowed to act on any hand if available from that point.
8. A single hit/split/double decision can be made per round and will end actions for that round.
 - o If a player stands without making a hit/split/double decision, they will be prompted to continue making decisions.
 - o If no hit/split/double decisions are made before the timer runs out all hands will default to stand.
 - o Standing on a hand is not considered a round ending decision.
9. When a player has decided to stand on their hand(s), any further community cards dealt in that round will be considered burn cards for that player.
10. When all of the players have made their decisions for all 3 hands, the dealer will turn over the face down card, and finish dealing the house hand according to blackjack rules.

Dealing Procedures

After all player bets have been placed, ~~the player and~~ the dealer will each receive two cards **and the player will receive three hands containing two cards each**; the player's hands **will be dealt** face up and the dealer will have one card face up and one face down. ~~The two~~ **three** player's ~~cards~~ **hands** will be placed in the indicated player hand work area. The two dealer's cards will be placed in the indicated dealer work area.

Once the initial two cards have been dealt, **for each of the three player hands**, the player then chooses to either "hit" (take an extra card), "stand" (take no more cards), "double down" (double original bet for one additional card) or "split" (split two matching cards into two separate hands) on ~~each~~ **their desired** hand in turn. If the decision has not been made within a time limit then the current hand is a "stand". If the player busts (totals over 21), the hand is a loss.

Throughout the player hitting sequence, multiple players acting on a hand will receive the next card in play. Players have the opportunity to act differently on their own hand, which will result in diverse outcomes for each player's hand(s).

~~All other standard Blackjack rules apply.~~

We appreciate your review and approval of this request. Please call me with questions or comments at 651-925-4566. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely



Taro Ito
President & CEO
Running Aces Casino and Racetrack



MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
University of Minnesota
Ben Pomeroy Student-Alumni Learning Center, Room 213
1964 Fitch Ave, St Paul, MN 55108
MINUTES

Call to Order: Vice Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Commissioners Johnson, McArdle, Lane, Bell, and Goodman.

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 Full Commission Meeting. Second by Commissioner Goodman. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. DiPasquale reported that the Finance Committee met on January 26, 2018 and would be making recommendations on two action items. The committee also discussed Running Aces hotel project.

Discussion and Action Items: Taro Ito presented Running Aces request for a revision to their Plan of Operations regarding employee gaming. Discussion followed concerning the perception of collusion. Vice Chair Lane referenced the proposed amendments defining which employees may or may not play and when. Mr. DiPasquale said staff had reviewed and recommended approval of the request. Commissioner Bell recommended that a one year time limit be imposed at which time the commission would review and reevaluate whether or not the approval would remain in place. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed language allowing employees other than officers, directors and principal (ownership) personnel to participate only in poker and dealer assisted system games when off-duty and out of uniform. The commission would reevaluate its approval in February of 2019. Second by Commissioner McArdle. The request was approved with four voting in favor and Commissioner Goodman abstaining.

Mr. Ito asked for approval of Running Aces request for Community Card Blackjack – Multi Hand. Mr. Ito explained that the request was a variation of the current game and would allow a player to increase play from one to three hands. Mr. DiPasquale said staff believed the change was within the statutory requirement set for the number of tables. Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approve the proposed change to the plan of operations permitting multi-hand community card blackjack. Second by Commissioner Johnson. At vote, Commissioners Johnson, McArdle, Lane and Goodman voted in favor of the request with Commissioner Bell voting against. Commissioner McArdle suggested that a record be kept to indicate what effect the change was having on purses. Mr. Ito said he was in the process of preparing a statistical report that would show the effects of the card room on racing.

Mr. Ito requested approval for Running Aces project to renovate Trotters Canteen. Commissioner Goodman made a motion to approve the renovation project. Second by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried.

Michael Hochman said Canterbury Park was requesting an increase to the hold percentage from 18% to 20%. Mr. DiPasquale said the Finance Committee had reviewed the request at two different meetings and both staff and the Finance Committee recommended approval. In addition, Canterbury Park would pay out \$1 million from the player pool within the next six months. Staff would continue to review the hold with the association and report back to the commission in six months with any additional recommendations. Commissioner Goodman made a motion to approve the following

language change in Canterbury Park's Plan of Operation "the collection fee using the percentage method shall not exceed 20% effective March 1st, 2018". Second by Commissioner McArdle. Motion carried.

Andrew Offerman of Canterbury Park requested a change to post time on two dates to coincide with special races on those dates. Commissioner Goodman made a motion to approve Canterbury Park's request to change first post time on June 23, 2018 and August 15, 2018 to 6:00 p.m. Second by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried.

Status Reports: Canterbury Park Entertainment – Mr. Offerman updated the commission on the renovation project on the first floor expecting a completion date of April 1, 2018. He said the conditions books and stall applications were available. They were hoping to entice new owners by offering more racing opportunities along with an expanded season.

Running Aces Casino and Racetrack – Ben Blum said there would be an increase in the Dan Patch stakes from \$30k to \$50k and stall applications were coming in. They were continuing to work on the development of their non-profit 501c3, the North Metro Racehorse & Community Foundation for the wellness and aid of retired and injured racehorses. Mr. Ito stated that the increase of two Saturday nights of racing at Canterbury Park would impact Running Aces. Vice Chair Lane asked Mr. Ito to return to the commission in the fall with an analysis of the effect caused by that overlap in racing.

Deputy Director's Report: Mr. Scurto reported on the number of licenses issued in January and announced that Quarter Horse and Standardbred Breeders Fund Advisory Committee positions were open.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. DiPasquale said the contract approvals were as reported in the commissioners' packets. The application period for two seasonal Law Compliance positions had just closed. Human Resources had reviewed the applications and the interview process would begin shortly. The proposed medication rules had been approved by the governor's office and should be in place by the start of live racing. The proposed non-medication rules would be in the comment period shortly and hopefully effective at the start of live racing or shortly thereafter. Mr. DiPasquale announced that Stephanie Neises had been chosen to participate in a competition organized by the Retired Racehorse Project designed to promote the retraining of off-track Thoroughbreds into second careers. The 2017 annual report was complete and would be sent to the commissioners as soon as it was received. Mr. DiPasquale shared a story regarding his visit with trainer Valorie Lund and Minnesota bred horse Mr. Jagermeister during a visit to Santa Anita.

Industry Updates – No horsemen's groups were present. Vice Chair Lane read an email from Mark Corless inviting the commissioners to MHRI's annual meeting on February 24, 2018.

Future Meetings: Staff would contact with the commissioners regarding proposed meeting dates for May and August.

Racing Committee – Monday, March 12, 2018, 4:00 p.m., Ben Pomeroy Student/Alumni Learning Center, Room 213, University of Minnesota

Full Commission – Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m., Ben Pomeroy Student/Alumni Learning Center, Room 213, University of Minnesota

Adjourn: Commissioner Goodman made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner McArdle. Meeting adjourned.

ADOPTED THIS ____TH DAY OF _____, 2018 BY A QUORUM OF THE
MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION



MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

**Full Commission Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Canterbury Park – Triple Crown Suite
1100 Canterbury Road, Shakopee, MN 55379
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Chair Lane called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Commissioners Colombo, Erhart, Gingold, Idelkope, Goodman, Johnson, Lane, and McArdle

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

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Erhart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Full Commission Meeting. Second by Commissioner McArdle. Motion carried.

Committees Reports:

Administrative Affairs Committee – Chair Lane announced that he would step down as chair of the Administrative Affairs Committee. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to rename the committee to Administration Committee, appointing Commissioner Idelkope as chair and adding Commissioner Gingold as a member. Second by Commissioner Gingold. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Gingold reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Full Commission meeting. Discussion included the development of contract and Plan of Operation forms to streamline those approval processes. The committee reviewed and recommended approval of Running Aces request for Aces Live. Mr. Schiewe gave an update on the budget process. Commissioner Gingold said the committee was preparing a budget that would enable commissioners to understand the process using more conventional language.

Mr. May introduced Running Aces Request for Approval of Aces Live Software. He reported that he and Andrew Still had reviewed the request and recommended conditional approval. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to conditionally approve Running Aces request for approval of Aces Live software pending a satisfactory compliance report from GLI (Gaming Laboratories International). Second by Commissioner Erhart. Motion carried by roll call vote. Erhart – aye; Gingold – aye; Colombo – aye; Idelkope – aye; Goodman – aye; Johnson – aye; Lane – aye; and McArdle – aye.

Mr. May said due to the retirement of Sean Corrigan, Canterbury Park was requesting approval of a new Director of Security. He said MRC staff recommended approval. Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approved Bryan Lingen as Director of Security. Second by Commissioner Gingold. Motion Carried by roll call vote. Erhart – aye; Gingold – aye; Colombo – aye; Idelkope – aye; Goodman – aye; Johnson – aye; Lane – aye; and McArdle – aye.

Staff End-of-Meet Reports: Chief Veterinarian – Dr. Hovda expounded on her written report, provided an update on the U of M cardiac study and various committees of which she is part. End-of-Meet veterinary statistics for Running Aces would be included in the November meeting packet.

Stewards – The Stewards' End-of-Meet Report was included in the commissioners' packets.

Judges – The Judges' End-of-Meet Report was included in the commissioners' packets. Commissioner McArdle strongly encouraged Running Aces to correct security and camera issues. Taro Ito and Mr. May said issues raised in the Judges' Report would be addressed.

Status Reports: Running Aces Casino and Racetrack – Mr. Ito gave a positive summary of the live meet. He said the casino continued to operate within state guidelines regarding the pandemic.

Commissioner Goodman said she would prepare a formal request for a year-to-date summary of revenue from each of the tracks along with a comparison to the three previous years to be submitted to the Finance Committee, saying that the commission could benefit from the information in determining how much regulatory financial relief might be awarded.

Canterbury Park Entertainment – Andrew Offerman noted that their Live Meet Analysis was included in the Stewards’ End-of-Meet Report. Conversations had begun with the horsepersons’ organizations regarding the live 2021 race meet. He informed the commission of the passing of their track superintendent, Johnnie Jamison. Randy Sampson said revenues from simulcasting, live racing and the card room remained below previous years and additional revenue from the ADW regulatory fee increase did not fully compensate for the losses. Commissioner Goodman thanked Mr. Sampson for his transparency and for providing information that will be useful for the commission in determining the disbursement of those funds.

Deputy Director’s Report: Mr. Schiewe reported that the ADW handle was down slightly in September but still up from 2019. There was discussion regarding a process to be implemented for the dissemination of the ADW regulatory fee increase. Commissioner Idelkope stated that the dissemination of funds was a commission decision requiring a public process and vote by the commission before any funds were expended. Chair Lane confirmed that there would be a process provided in the form of a draft delegation order for discussion and placed on the November Commission Meeting agenda as an action item.

Executive Director’s Report: Mr. May said forms were being created for contract approvals and proposed changes to the card room’s Plans of Operations. He said licensing was down during September. The rulemaking process had begun and committee meetings would be scheduled to discuss rule change proposals. He reported that federal legislation regarding horse racing had passed the House. The bill only affected thoroughbred racing but states could opt to include other breeds.

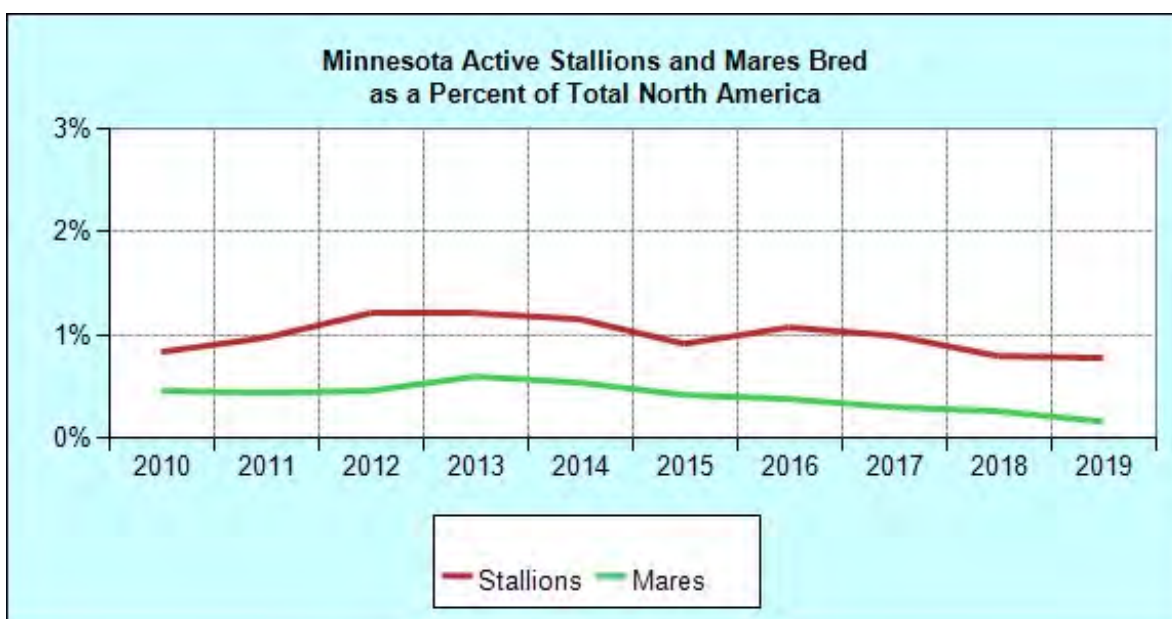
Industry Updates: MNHBPA – Mike Cronin said contract negotiations had begun. The National HBPA was opposed to the Federal bill. Pete Mattson was the new MNHBPA president. Scott Rake and Bernell Rhone were co-vice presidents. MQHRA – Chris Riddle said they were looking forward to their stallion service auction, the 2021 race meet and new career options for retired racehorses. MTA – Kay King said they had wrapped up their yearling sale auctions, were preparing for their stallion auction, updating their bylaws and would be holding elections in November. Ms. King would submit a report on live foal numbers and comparative information for the minutes (attached).

Future Meetings: The next Full Commission Meeting would be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Mr. May would reach out to schedule committee meetings.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Lane adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

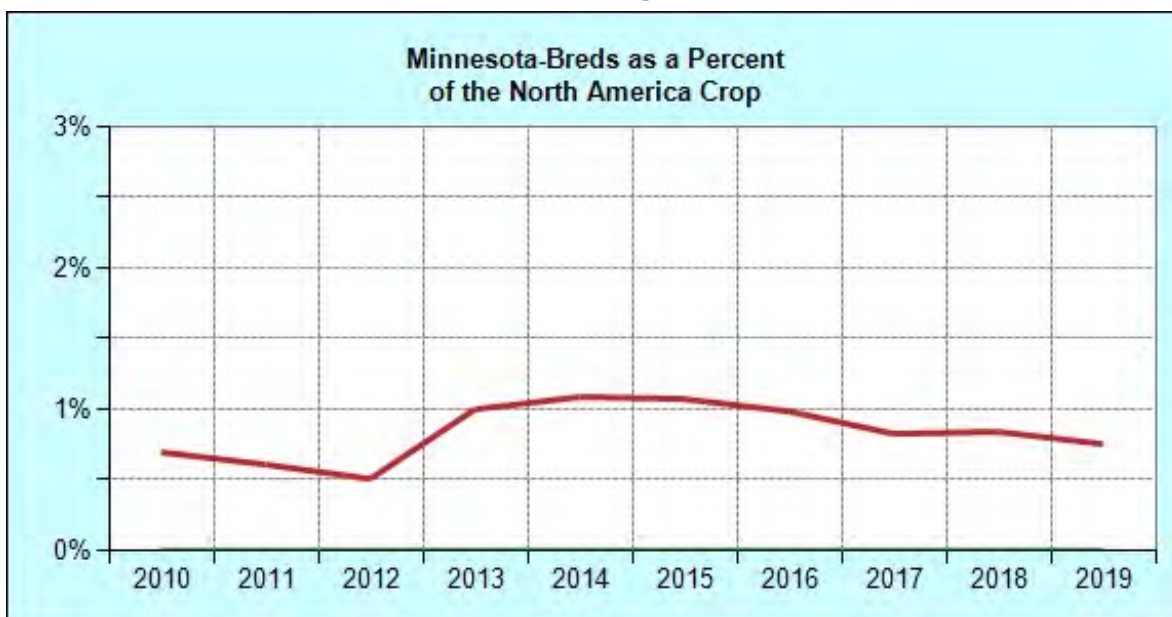
Annual Mares Bred to Minnesota Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
2000	204	0.3	29	0.6	7.0	13.5
2001	260	0.4	33	0.7	7.9	13.7
2002	313	0.5	39	0.9	8.0	14.1
2003	348	0.6	39	0.9	8.9	14.2
2004	358	0.6	38	0.9	9.4	14.6
2005	411	0.6	40	0.9	10.3	15.1
2006	372	0.6	39	1.0	9.5	15.5
2007	314	0.5	33	0.9	9.5	15.8
2008	311	0.5	35	1.0	8.9	15.6
2009	245	0.5	31	0.9	7.9	14.9
2010	201	0.5	26	0.8	7.7	14.2
2011	171	0.4	27	1.0	6.3	14.2
2012	175	0.5	31	1.2	5.6	14.7
2013	221	0.6	29	1.2	7.6	15.5
2014	205	0.5	26	1.1	7.9	16.5
2015	153	0.4	19	0.9	8.1	18.1
2016	139	0.4	21	1.1	6.6	18.4
2017	99	0.3	19	1.0	5.2	18.2
2018	84	0.3	14	0.8	6.0	18.9
2019	49	0.2	12	0.8	4.1	20.0

Figures as of 11/02/2020

Annual Minnesota Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	Minnesota	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
1999	173	36,929	0.5
2000	175	37,755	0.5
2001	215	37,901	0.6
2002	256	35,978	0.7
2003	266	37,067	0.7
2004	311	37,949	0.8
2005	305	38,365	0.8
2006	327	38,104	0.9
2007	303	37,499	0.8
2008	272	35,274	0.8
2009	229	32,364	0.7
2010	195	28,419	0.7
2011	153	24,939	0.6
2012	118	23,542	0.5
2013	233	23,248	1.0
2014	251	23,000	1.1
2015	246	23,040	1.1
2016	222	22,661	1.0
2017	185	22,200	0.8
2018	178	21,300	0.8
2019	156	20,800 *	0.8

* Estimated figure

Figures as of 11/02/2020

AGENDA ITEM

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Minnesota Racing Commission Memorandum

To: Minnesota Racing Commission

From: E. Joseph Newton

(651) 356-1200

Date: June 21, 2021

Re: Minnesota Opening Meeting Law

Commissioners, as we again prepare for in-person meetings, I thought it would be timely to send this memo discussing the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Minn. Stat. Ch. 13D. I have attached the relevant section from the Commissioners' Manual. Please call me if you have any questions or care to discuss it further.

What is the Open Meeting Law?

The Open Meeting Law (M.S. chapter 13D) requires that, except as otherwise expressly provided by statute, all meetings, including executive sessions, of any state board, and of any committee or subcommittee of the board, shall be open to the public. It also requires that the votes of the Commission members, committee or subcommittee members, on action taken in such a meeting be recorded in a journal kept for that purpose. The journal is to be open to the public during all normal business hours.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has articulated three purposes of the Open Meeting Law. First, the law prevents "actions being taken at a secret meeting where it is impossible for the interested public to become fully informed concerning Commission decisions or to detect improper influences. Second, the law assures the "public's right to be informed". Finally, it gives the public an opportunity to present its views to the Commission.

What Constitutes a Meeting?

The Open Meeting Law has been broadly construed in favor of the public. All gatherings of at least a quorum of a Commission, or of a committee or subcommittee at which members discuss, decide, or receive information as a group on issues relating to official business of the Commission, are "meetings" subject to the act. Although non-business occasions, such as purely social gatherings, are not subject to the requirements of the law, a quorum may not as a group discuss or receive information on official business in any setting including a social gathering without complying with the open meeting requirements.

The statute has been held not to apply generally to communications among fewer than a quorum. However, discussion and persuasion among small groups of members may be improper under the Open

meeting Law when designed to avoid public discussions, to forge a majority in advance of public hearings on an issue, or to hide improper influences such as the personal or pecuniary interest of a public official.

Informational seminars about Commission business, attended by the whole Commission, must be publicized and open. It makes no difference if Commission members took no official action to resolve specific problems and no decisions or pre-decisions were made on any issue.

In any open meeting, at least one copy of any printed materials relating to the agenda items of the meeting, which are prepared, distributed, or available to Commission members, must be available in the meeting room for inspection by the public while the Commission considers the subject matter of the materials. These requirements do not apply to materials classified by law as nonpublic under the Government Data Practices Act or to materials relating to the agenda items of a meeting permitted to be closed.

Meetings subject to the Open Meeting Law may be conducted by interactive television if specific statutory requirements are met. Absent other statutory authority, electronic meetings via telephone are not authorized.

Cc: Steve May

AGENDA ITEM

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Canterbury Park - May 2021 Minnesota Racing Commission Status Report

Summary of Canterbury Park Card Casino Operations

Business Segment	2021		2020		% Comparison		
	May	Year-to-Date	May	Year-to-Date	May	Year-to-Date	Segment
Table Games	\$2,617,097	\$10,309,163	\$0	\$5,419,940	100.00%	90.21%	Table Games
Poker	\$737,895	\$3,079,288	\$0	\$2,141,232	100.00%	43.81%	Poker
Total Card Casino Revenue	\$3,354,992	\$13,388,451	\$0	\$7,561,172	100.00%	77.07%	Total CC

Summary of Canterbury Park Player Pool

CPE Minimum Player Pool Balance	Jackpot Balances	\$621,379	25% MVP Balance	\$122,665	.25% Trailing TG Revenue	\$57,913
			CPE Minimum Player Pool Balance 5/31/21 \$801,956			
CPE Maximum Player Pool Balance	Jackpot Balances	\$621,379			6% Trailing TG Revenue	\$1,389,920
			CPE Maximum Player Pool Balance 5/31/21 \$2,011,298			
CPE Actual Player Pool Balance			CPE Actual Player Pool Balance as of 5/31/21 \$1,652,022			

Summary of Canterbury Park Pari-Mutuel Operations

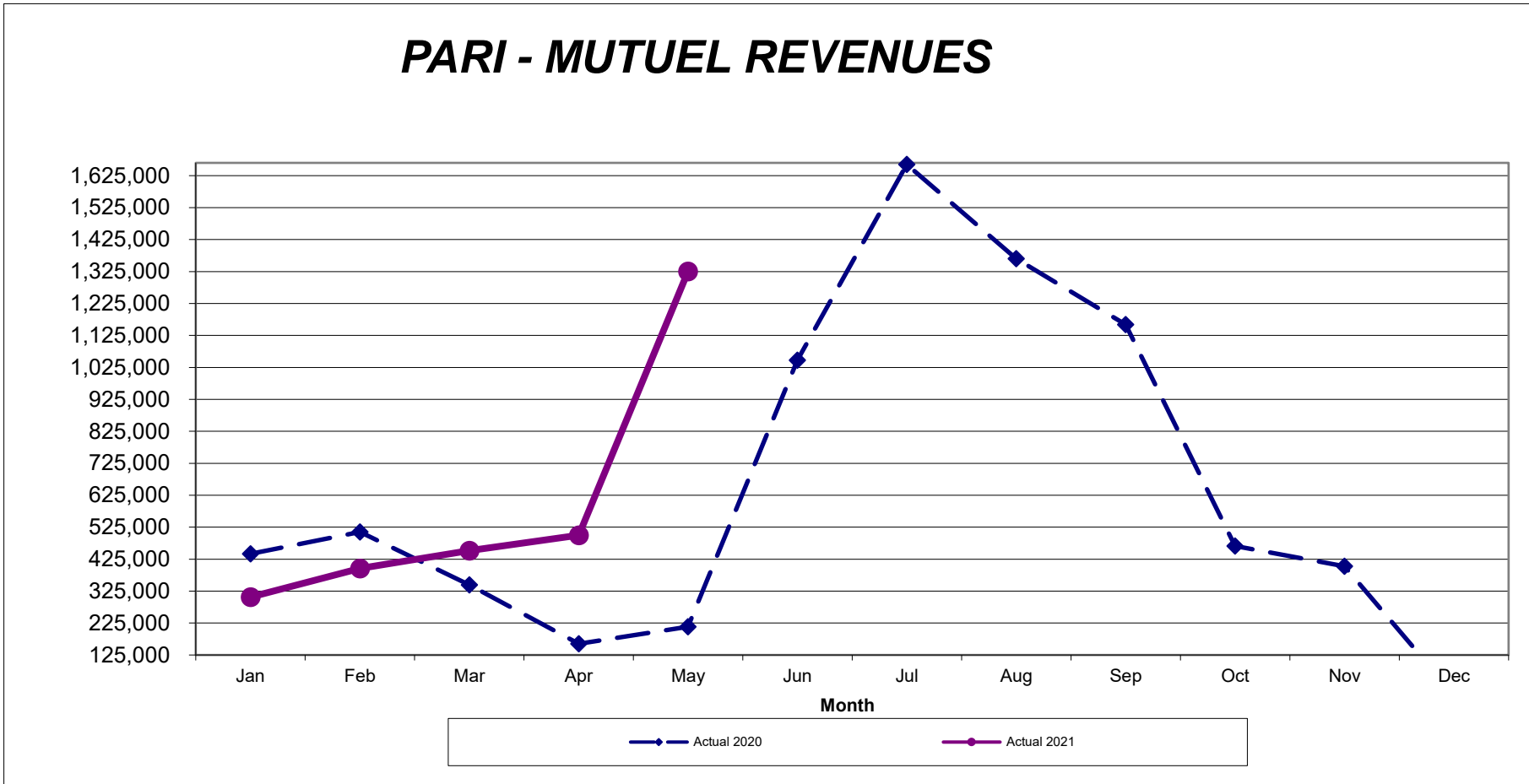
Business Segment	2021		2020		% Comparison		
	May	Year-to-Date	May	Year-to-Date	May	Year-to-Date	Segment
Live Handle	\$881,999	\$881,999	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	Live Handle
Simulcast Handle	\$2,663,550	\$8,630,000	\$0	\$4,921,142	N/A	75.37%	Simulcast
Total On-Track PM Handle	\$3,545,549	\$9,511,999	\$0	\$4,921,142	N/A	93.29%	Total On-Track
Out-of-State Handle	\$11,809,615	\$11,809,615	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	Out-of-State

Summary of Canterbury Park & SMSC Purse Accounts

Beginning CPE TB Purse Balance	5/1/2021	\$3,439,955.84	Beginning CPE QH Purse Balance	5/1/2021	\$411,148.78
Live Racing Purse Earnings		\$73,261.73	Live Racing Purse Earnings		\$826.19
CPE Simulcast Purse Earnings (85% During Mixed Meet)		\$120,074.80	CPE Simulcast Purse Earnings (15% During Mixed Meet)		\$8,181.69
Running Aces Simulcast Purse Earnings		\$29,414.82	Running Aces Simulcast Purse Earnings		\$606.17
Card Casino Purse Earnings (91%)		\$384,688.43	Card Casino Purse Earnings (9%)		\$38,046.11
Out-of-State Host Fee Purse Earnings		\$180,385.86	Out-of-State Host Fee Purse Earnings		\$3,000.73
ADW Purse Earnings from Prior Month (67% of 82%)		\$35,981.01	ADW Purse Earnings from Prior Month (50% of 18%)		\$5,894.23
Interest Earned (Service Charges)		\$257.58	Interest Earned (Service Charges)		\$0.00
(Minnesota HBPA Admin Fees Paid)		(\$35,000.00)	(MN Quarter Horse Racing Association Admin Fees Paid)		\$0.00
(Thoroughbred Purse Transfers)		(\$468,180.00)	(Quarter Horse Purse Transfers)		\$0.00
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance	5/31/2021	\$3,760,840.07	Ending CPE QH Purse Balance	5/31/2021	\$467,703.90
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance	5/31/2020	\$1,477,189.89	Ending CPE QH Purse Balance	5/31/2020	\$167,113.94
CPE TB Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020		\$2,283,650.18	CPE QH Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020		\$300,589.96
Beginning SMSC TB Purse Balance	5/1/2021	\$2,292,832.05	Beginning SMSC QH Purse Balance	5/1/2021	\$283,383.74
SMSC Contributions & Interest Earnings (89%)		\$1,478,364.74	SMSC Contributions & Interest Earnings (11%)		\$182,719.24
SMSC Thoroughbred Purse Paid		(\$817,790.00)	SMSC Quarter Horse Purse Paid		(\$31,400.00)
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance	5/31/2021	\$2,953,406.80	Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance	5/31/2021	\$434,702.97
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance	5/31/2020	\$813,595.67	Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance	5/31/2020	\$100,556.77
SMSC TB Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020		\$2,139,811.13	SMSC QH Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020		\$334,146.20

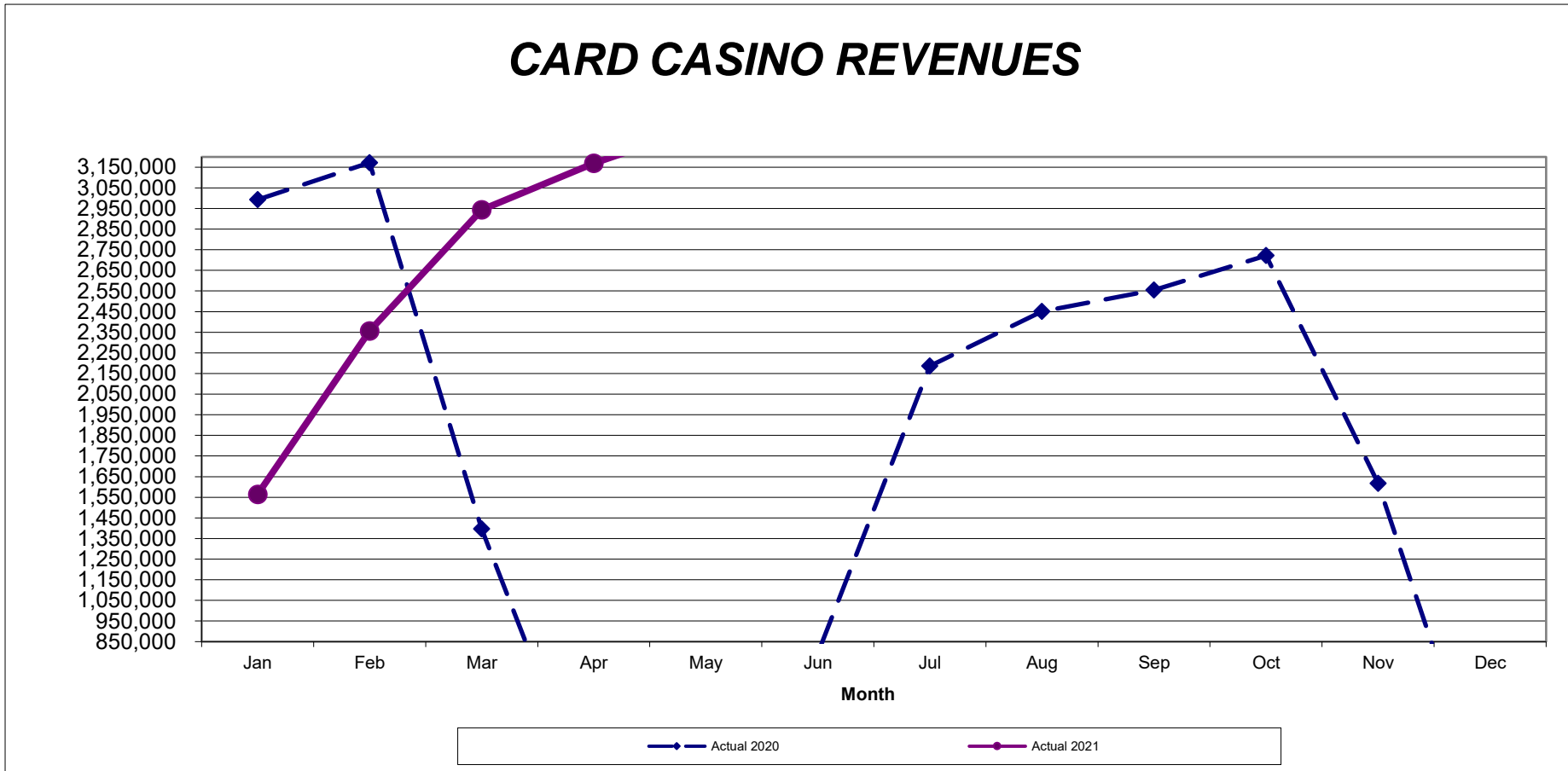
CANTERBURY PARK - CPE
Pari-Mutuel Revenue - Trend

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>
Actual - 2020	441,696	509,949	344,381	159,865	213,522	1,047,197	1,660,012	1,365,475	1,159,045	466,131	402,863	-	<u>1,669,413</u>
Actual - 2021	306,119	395,952	451,773	499,703	1,325,622								<u>2,979,169</u>



CANTERBURY PARK - CPE
Card Casino Revenue - Trend

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>
Actual - 2020	2,992,752	3,172,174	1,396,246	-	-	795,194	2,186,413	2,450,255	2,554,940	2,721,436	1,616,452	-	<u>7,561,172</u>
Actual - 2021	1,564,348	2,356,728	2,943,218	3,168,717	3,354,992								<u>13,388,450</u>





May 21, 2021

Mr. Steve May
Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN 55379

Dear Mr. May,

Pursuant to MN Rule 7875.0100, Subp. 4, Canterbury Park respectfully submits this report pertaining to our racing surfaces. Please contact me with any questions you may have as I will coordinate any further correspondence on behalf of Canterbury Park.

Canterbury Park Racing Surface History

Since reopened by its current management in 1994, Canterbury Park has always prepared its racing surfaces with the safety and welfare of all racing participants as its highest priority. I'm pleased to say that, over the majority of the past 26 race meets, statistical data has proven that racing and training related injuries to horses on our racing surfaces has generally been equal to or better than the relevant national statistical data.

Historically, the Canterbury Park main track was designed and constructed by Joe King. Over his esteemed career in race track design and maintenance, King constructed racing surfaces for the New York Racing Association, Arlington Park, Gulfstream Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, Prairie Meadows and Turfway Park, amongst others. Horsemen and horsewomen that have called Canterbury Park home for a long period of time, often rave about the surface's historical performance and how well liked it was by all parties for the majority of its history.

NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance Involvement

Furthermore, as you are already aware, Canterbury Park is accredited under the NTRA's Safety and Integrity Alliance program. One of the major aspects of this Accreditation is documentation of the processes involved with the preparation and maintenance of our racing surfaces. Every other year, since 2012, independent experts have been assigned to interview Canterbury Park representatives and Minnesota Racing Commission Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Lynn Hovda. Additionally, they have observed our practices and procedures before receiving approving Canterbury Park for Accreditation.

Canterbury Park's Principal Soil Engineer

Michael Heuer, Vice President – Principal Engineer, Braun Intertec, continues to provide soil analysis to Canterbury Park following his reengagement in the process in 2017. Mr. Heuer had worked directly with Joe King in the construction and original design of the racing surface in 1985 and has historical testing information through the early 2000s, when he served as Canterbury Downs & Canterbury Park's chief track consultant.

Mr. Heuer continues to test our surface multiple times per season and compare it to samples that were run throughout history. As a result of his test results, Canterbury Park continues to make improvements and modifications to the composition of our racing surface to try to match our statistical seasons for equine injuries.

2018-2019 Main Track Renovation

In recent years, two renovation projects have been executed with the first project completed after the 2018 Racing Season. The entirety of the running cushion was removed from the track's limestone base by Hentges & Sons, the limestone base was subsequently reset to the original 1985 specifications via a GPS-controlled road grader and the entirety of the cushion was mixed and reset prior to winter.

Subsequently, Braun Intertec completed another set of soil samples at the conclusion of the track work which showed we were slightly low in some specific sand gradations. As a result, we identified local soil that fit the necessary description and added more than 1,500 tons of that material to the track in Spring 2019.

In addition to the new material brought from off the track, it was determined that both the ¼ chute and the 6 and ½ furlong chute were carrying between 10-14 inches of material which is between 4-8 inches of excess. The extra material was repurposed as running cushion throughout the oval and was evenly distributed throughout the track.

Finally, we focused on increasing our percentage of organic content in the track in effort to allow the track to better retain water and to improve the spring of the surface. To further these efforts, we worked with Plaisted Companies to source a specific sphagnum peat product that meets the requirements of our racing surface. We added approximately 60 yards of the peat to the track prior to the start of training and added more throughout the meet.

2019-2020 Main Track Renovation

Following the conclusion of AMA Flat Track Motorcycle racing in the Fall of 2019, Canterbury Park determined it was prudent to again take on a substantial renovation of the main track following a similar procedure utilized in 2018. The entirety of the running cushion was removed from the track's limestone base once again by Hentges & Sons, the limestone base was subsequently reset to the original 1985 specifications via a GPS-controlled road grader as it was the year prior. Material was brought onto the track in efforts to add additional base material and adjust the overall composition to better match the 1985 specifications. The sand gradations had been trending course for years so a focus was placed on correcting our mid and fine sand figures.

2021 Main Track Amendment & Organic Content

Satisfied with the composition of the main track surface following the conclusion of the 2020 racing season, Canterbury Park did not engage in any specific renovations following the 2020 season. However, in a continued effort to solve the issues related to a surface that tended to get deep and tiring and to dry out too quickly, the team took on a renewed effort to increase the organic content level closer to the best historical performance value of approximately 2%-2.5%. As such, organic content has been added throughout the spring which current has brought the organic content up to 1.5%.

The track crew will utilize a new spreader purchased in the spring of 2021 to gradually add organic content throughout the meet as the temperature warms up. We hope that this additional organic content will counteract the rapid drying issues we have faced in previous summers.

Track Superintendent & Staff

Canterbury Park was saddened by the unexpected death of John Jamison in the Fall of 2020. John had served as Canterbury's track superintendent in 2019 and 2020. He consulted in 2020 until returning to on property work late in the summer of 2020.

After an extensive search, Canterbury Park hired and the MRC approved Ramiro Flores to serve as the Main Track Superintendent in 2021. After a thorough review of the department and its operations, the decision was made to bring former Track Superintendent George Moncrief and longtime crew member Lisa Beer on as Assistant Superintendents in 2021 in an attempt to lessen the stress and challenge of the job. George and Lisa both worked with John Jamison closely over the past two seasons at Canterbury Park.

Kevin Cole continues in his role of Turf Course Superintendent after completing his first year in that capacity in 2020. In addition, Kevin manages all hiring of the track crew team. Kevin has done great work with our turf course and will continue to ensure that it is ready for the increasing demands for turf races in the Midwest.

We will continue to engage Braun Intertec to do all main track surface testing for Canterbury Park. In addition, AgSource Laboratories and WayPoints Analytical will conduct turf course testing for Canterbury Park in 2021.

Additional Notes Regarding Racing Surface Work & Preparation

Main Track – Fall 2019

Preparation supervised by Vice President of Racing Operations, Andrew Offerman and Kevin Cole

- Surface picked for rocks
- Surface scraped to inside to reveal the limestone base
- Limestone base reset by Hentges & Sons to 1985 elevations by GPS-guided equipment
- Sandy material added to adjust composition to match historical range
- Surface bladed to a uniform six inches
- Surface rolled and sealed in preparation for the ground to freeze

Main Track – Spring 2020

Preparation supervised by Canterbury Park Racing Surfaces Consultant John Jamison and Main Track Superintendent Raul Sanchez

- Dirt rail repaired, padded and replaced where necessary
- Racing surface mixed via repeated circling process.
- Fine blading finished by Canterbury Staff and packed to a uniform six inches
- Main Track surface cut with conditioning harrows and open for training on May 27, 2020

Main Track - Fall 2020

Preparation supervised by Track Superintendent John Jamison

- Surface picked for rocks
- Surface bladed to a uniform six inches
- Surface rolled and sealed in preparation for the ground to freeze

Main Track – Spring 2021

Preparation supervised by Canterbury Park Assistant Superintendents George Moncrief and Lisa Beer

- Dirt rail repaired, padded and replaced where necessary
- Racing surface mixed
- Fine blading finished by Canterbury Staff and packed to a uniform six inches
- Main Track surface cut with conditioning harrows and open for training on April 30

Turf Course – Fall 2019

Preparation performed by Canterbury Park Track Maintenance staff and supervised by Turf Course and Grounds Manager, Craig Cram

- Verti-Drained the entire track immediately following the conclusion of the 2019 Meet
- Vibratory roller used to fully compact and flatten out all divots
- Mowed turf to a height of one inch
- Slit seeded & fertilized
- Watered until the first freeze
- Applied “Tazo” to enhance root growth
- Sample of the turf course were cut and roots were measured at four and one-half inches (4 ½”) prior to the application of “Tazo”
- Performed general end-of-year irrigation maintenance

Turf Course – Spring 2020

Preparation supervised by Canterbury Park Racing Surfaces Consultant John Jamison and Assistant Superintendent Kevin Cole

- Fertilized lightly opting for more low-dose treatments vs previous years
- Applied “Tazo”
- Inspected sprinkler system and repaired as necessary

Turf Course – Fall 2020

Preparation performed by Canterbury Park Turf Course Superintendent Kevin Cole

- Left turf longer for conservation purposes
- Fall fertilizer was applied
- Watered until the first freeze
- Performed general end-of-year irrigation maintenance

Turf Course – Spring 2021

Preparation performed by Canterbury Park Turf Course Superintendent Kevin Cole

- Aerated using new blade tines to loosen compaction and encourage root growth
- Started fertilizer regiment designed to continue to enhance the health of the plant throughout the 2021 racing season
- Applied “Tazo”

- Killed invasive species and overseeded as needed
- Inspected sprinkler system and repaired as necessary

Equipment Modifications & Purchases

In addition, throughout 2017-2021 Canterbury Park purchased several pieces of equipment to ensure that the racing surface is uniform and consistent. The following have been fully implemented into our maintenance regimens:

- A new 4,000 water truck has been added to our fleet allowing us to retire two smaller trucks that had been in service since 1985.
- Additionally, Racing Surfaces Consultant John Jamison designed and assisted Kevin Cole in the construction of new 3-point implements that will replace our existing floats and harrows during the 2020 season.
- A new spreader that will allow much more precise and accurate spreading of main track materials.

Canterbury Park looks forward to a successful 2021 racing season and is pleased with the preparations made to our main track and turf course. We fully expect these changes to show improvements in our surfaces during the 2021 meet.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

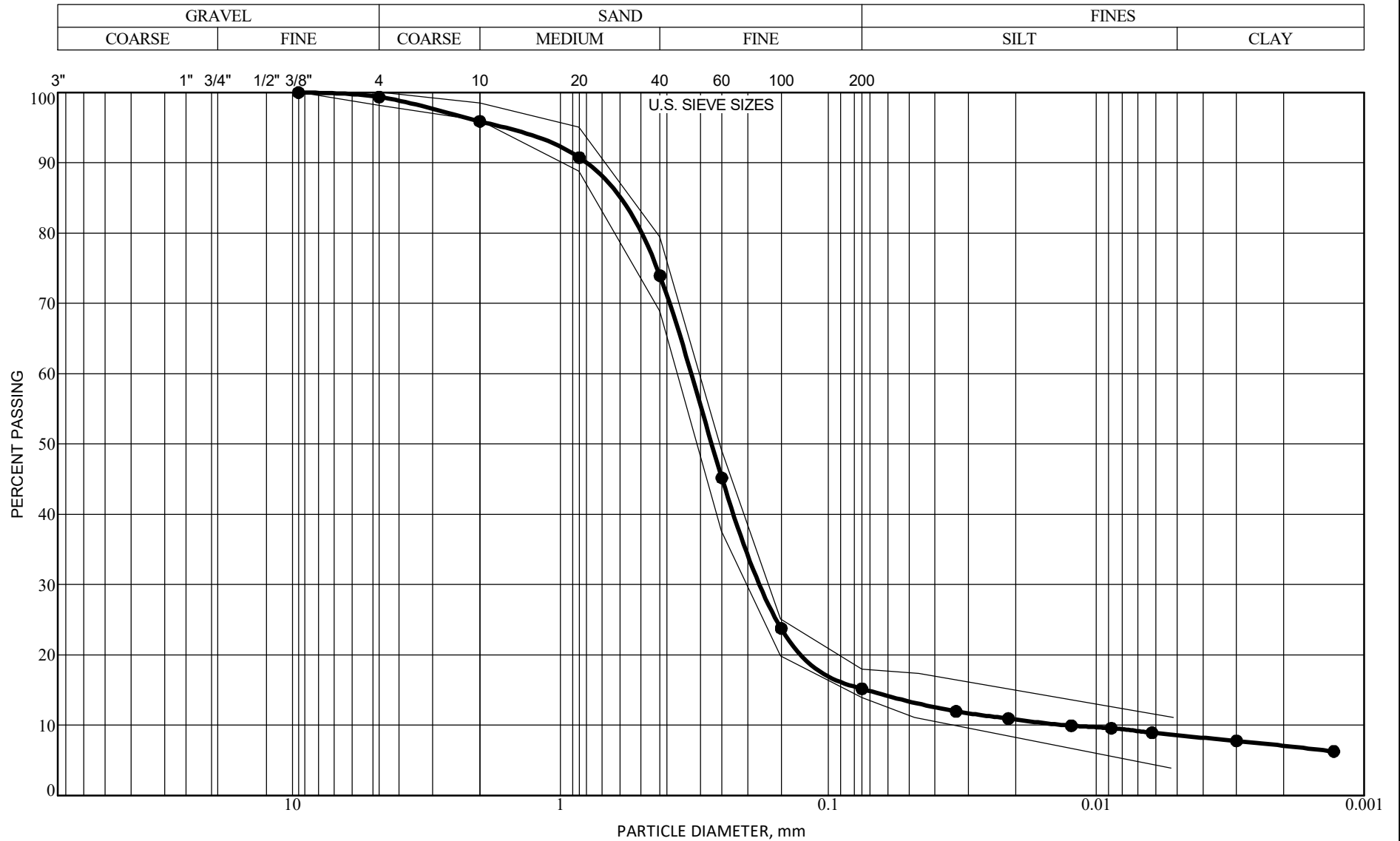
Sincerely,



Andrew Offerman
Vice President of Racing Operations
Canterbury Park

CC: Randy Sampson, CEO and President, Canterbury Park
Ramiro Flores, Main Track Superintendent, Canterbury Park
Kevin Cole, Turf Course Superintendent, Canterbury Park
Mike Cronin, Executive Director, Minnesota HBPA

GRAIN SIZE ACCUMULATION CURVE (ASTM)



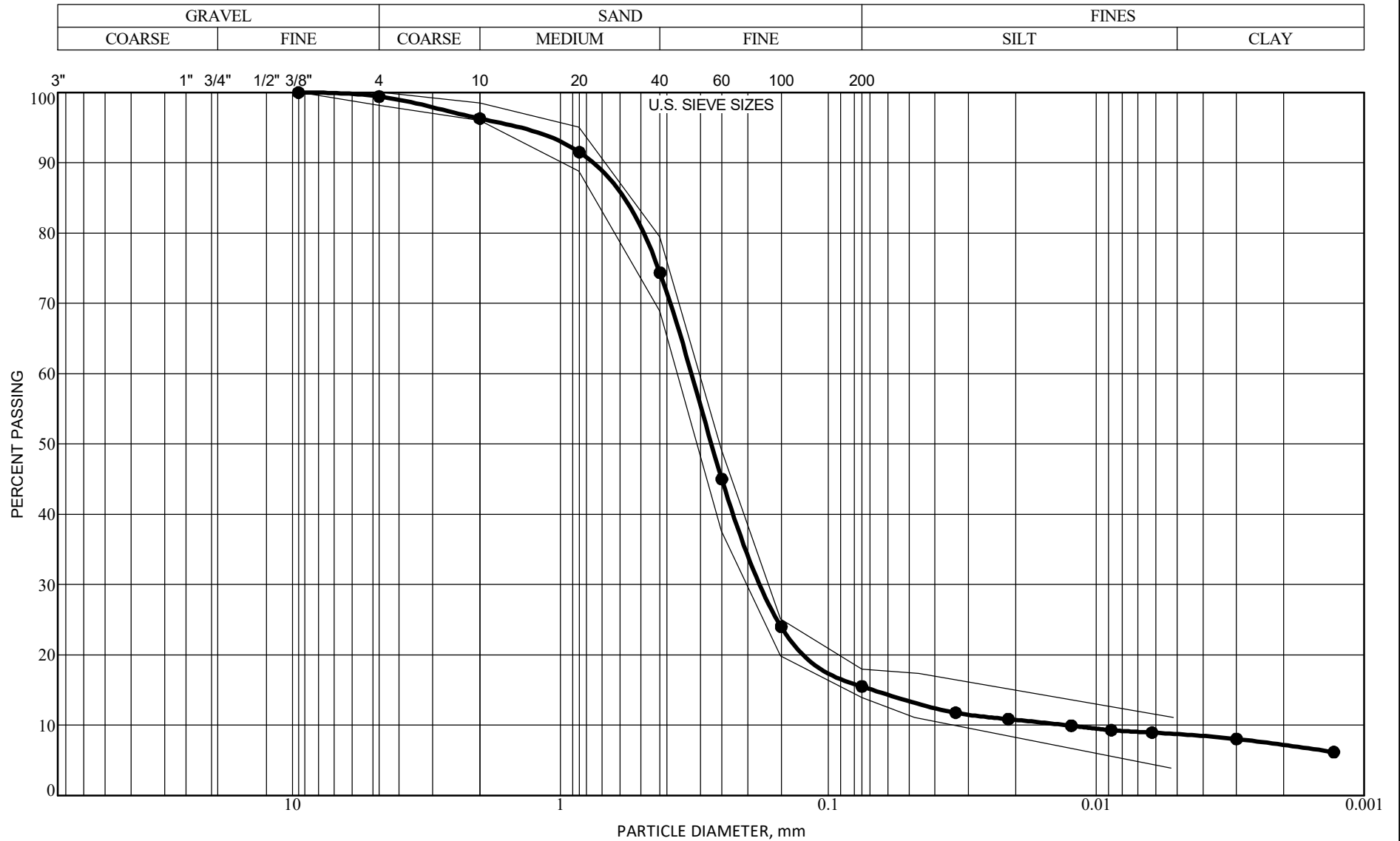
Braun Project B2103454
2021 Gradation Testing
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN

BORING: 1/2 Mile (4/22) DEPTH: 15.0'

GRAVEL	0.6%
SAND	84.2%
SILT	6.6%
CLAY	8.6%
D60=0.329	Cu=25.5
D30=0.174	Cc=7.2
D10=0.013	

CLASSIFICATION:
 Silty Sand (SM), brown
 Organic Content = 1.5%

GRAIN SIZE ACCUMULATION CURVE (ASTM)



Braun Project B2103454
2021 Gradation Testing
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN

BORING: Finish Line (4/22) DEPTH: 15.0'
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GRAVEL	0.6%
SAND	83.9%
SILT	6.8%
CLAY	8.7%
D60=0.328	Cu=25.4
D30=0.174	Cc=7.1
D10=0.013	

CLASSIFICATION:
 Silty Sand (SM), brown
 Organic Content = 1.5%

SOIL ANALYSIS

Submitted by **5511710**
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1300 Sylvan St.
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Submitted for
TESSMAN CANTERBURY
1299 ABELL ST
MN 55117



Laboratory Sample #
CB34473 - CB34478
 Information Sheet #
453335

Date Received
23-Apr-2021

Date Reported
27-Apr-2021

Laboratory Turnaround **4 Days**

Samples Will Be Stored Until **08-May-2021**

SUMMARY REPORT OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS													
Sample Number	% Organic Matter	Nitrate N ppm	Phosphorus IF pH < 7.1	Phosphorus IF pH > 7.1	Potassium ppm	Magnesium ppm	Calcium ppm	Sulfur ppm	Zinc ppm	Manganese ppm	Copper ppm	Iron ppm	Boron ppm
S02	4.5	----	----	54	151	307	2106	----	----	----	----	----	----
N02	4.2	----	----	61	130	282	2005	----	----	----	----	----	----
SHOOT	3.5	----	----	59	152	320	1995	----	----	----	----	----	----
N01	4.1	----	----	62	134	280	2076	----	----	----	----	----	----
S01	3.3	----	----	55	107	230	1708	----	----	----	----	----	----
Average	3.9			58	135	284	1978						

SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS							CATION EXCHANGE CAPACITY					
Sample Number	Soil pH	Buffer Index	Excess Carbonate	Soluble Salts mmhos/cm	Sodium ppm	Bulk Density	ACTUAL % OF TOTAL CEC					
							% K	% Mg	% Ca	% Na	% H	Total CEC
S02	7.5	----	L - 0.9%	0.24	24	1.34	2.9	18.8	77.6	0.8	0.0	13.6
N02	7.5	----	M - 1.1%	0.23	23	1.36	2.6	18.4	78.2	0.8	0.0	12.8
SHOOT	7.5	----	L - 1.1%	0.22	25	1.36	3.0	20.3	75.9	0.8	0.0	13.1
N01	7.4	----	L - 0.8%	0.23	20	1.37	2.6	17.8	79.0	0.6	0.0	13.1
S01	7.4	----	L - 1.1%	0.19	17	1.39	2.5	17.8	79.0	0.7	0.0	10.8
Average	7.5		L - 1.0%	0.22	22	1.36	2.7	18.6	77.9	0.7	0.0	12.7

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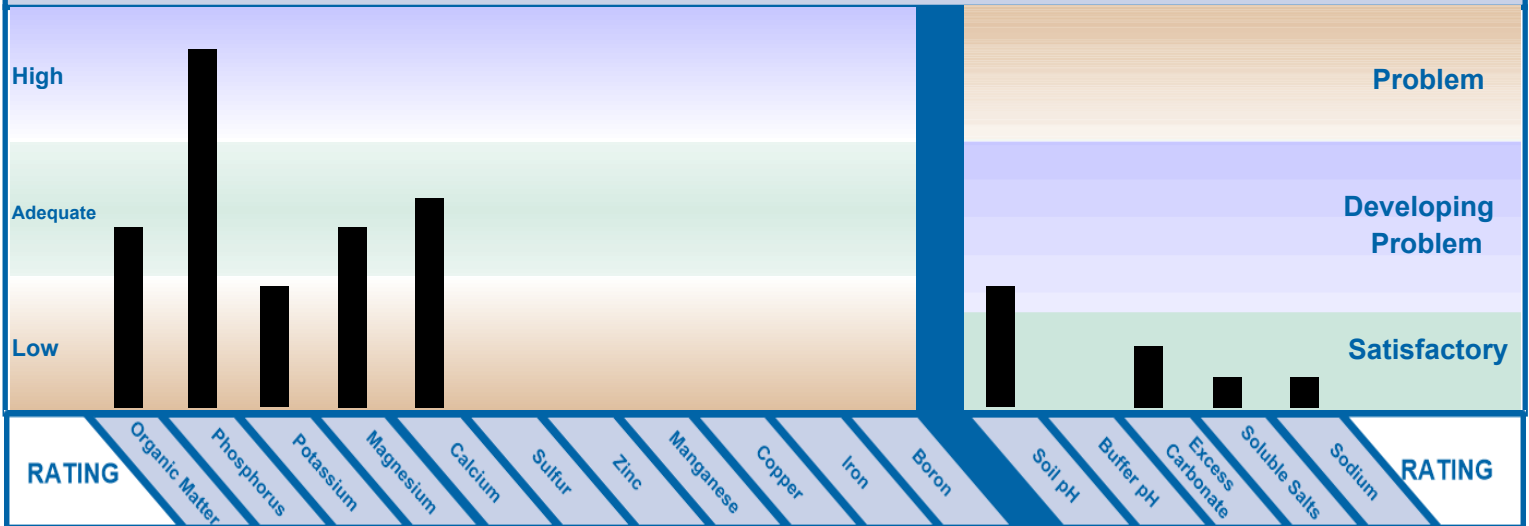
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GRAPHIC SUMMARY OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE TEST RESULTS



SUMMARY OF SOIL FERTILITY AND PLANT NUTRIENT GUIDELINES

Sample Number	Crop Yield or Turf/Ornamental Code	Lime Gypsum Sulfur	PLANT FOOD NEED IN: Lbs/1000 sq ft											
			N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	MgO	S	Zn	Mn	Cu	Fe	B		
S02	Turf	None		0	1.5	0								
N02	Turf	None		0	1.9	0								
SHOOT	Turf	None		0	1.5	0								
N01	Turf	None		0	1.8	0								
S01	Turf	None		0	2.3	0								
Average	Turf			0.0	1.8	0.0								

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SOIL ANALYSIS

Client : Eco Works Supply Mr. Doug Daniel 13011 Girard Ave South Burnsville MN 55337	Grower : Canterbury Park	Report No: 21-123-0780 Cust No: 03365 Date Printed: 05/04/2021 Date Received : 05/03/2021 PO: Page : 1 of 4
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Lab No: 57714

Field: Finish Line

Sample ID: 001

Test	Method	Results	SOIL TEST RATINGS					Calculated Cation Exchange Capacity
			Very Low	Low	Medium	Optimum	Very High	
Soil pH	1:1	7.3						12.8 meq/100g
Buffer pH								%Saturation
Phosphorus (P)	M3	230 LB/ACRE						%sat meq
Potassium (K)	M3	206 LB/ACRE						K 2.1 0.3
Calcium (Ca)	M3	3972 LB/ACRE						Ca 77.6 9.9
Magnesium (Mg)	M3	592 LB/ACRE						Mg 19.3 2.5
Sulfur (S)	M3	24 LB/ACRE						H 0.0 0.0
Boron (B)	M3	2.2 LB/ACRE						Na 1.0 0.1
Copper (Cu)	M3	7.4 LB/ACRE						
Iron (Fe)	M3	416 LB/ACRE						K/Mg Ratio: 0.10
Manganese (Mn)	M3	146 LB/ACRE						Ca/Mg Ratio: 4.02
Zinc (Zn)	M3	17.6 LB/ACRE						
Sodium (Na)	M3	56 LB/ACRE						
Soluble Salts								
Organic Matter	LOI	3.2%						
Estimated N Release		108 lbs/acre						
Nitrate Nitrogen								

SOIL FERTILITY GUIDELINES

Crop : Bluegrass lawn

Yield Goal : 1

Optimum

Rec Units:

LB/1000 SF

(lbs)	LIME	(tons)	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Mg	S	B	Cu	Mn	Zn	Fe
0			4.0	0	4.0	0	0.20	0	0	0.10	0	

Crop :

Rec Units:

Comments :

Bluegrass lawn

- MAINTENANCE: Apply 0.75 to 1 lb N/1000 sq ft in March, May, September, and November. Adjust N rate and timing to accommodate climatic conditions and management practices. If lower maintenance is desired, the May application can be eliminated.
 - Apply half of recommended phosphate in spring and again in fall.
 - Apply recommended potash in fall. If the soil is sandy, apply 1 lb of potash/1000 sq ft in fall and apply the remaining potash in several smaller applications throughout the growing season.
 - If the recommended amount of limestone is not incorporated into the soil prior to establishment, surface apply up to 50 lbs/1000 sq ft every 4 to 6 months until the recommended amount is applied.

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SOIL ANALYSIS

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Lab No: 57715

Field: 1/2 Pole

Sample ID: 002

Test	Method	Results	SOIL TEST RATINGS					Calculated Cation Exchange Capacity	
			Very Low	Low	Medium	Optimum	Very High		
Soil pH	1:1	7.3						13.4 meq/100g	
Buffer pH								%Saturation	
Phosphorus (P)	M3	218 LB/ACRE						%sat	meq
Potassium (K)	M3	188 LB/ACRE						K	1.8 0.2
Calcium (Ca)	M3	4218 LB/ACRE						Ca	78.7 10.5
Magnesium (Mg)	M3	598 LB/ACRE						Mg	18.6 2.5
Sulfur (S)	M3	30 LB/ACRE						H	0.0 0.0
Boron (B)	M3	2.2 LB/ACRE						Na	0.9 0.1
Copper (Cu)	M3	6.4 LB/ACRE						K/Mg Ratio: 0.09	
Iron (Fe)	M3	410 LB/ACRE						Ca/Mg Ratio: 4.23	
Manganese (Mn)	M3	156 LB/ACRE							
Zinc (Zn)	M3	19.8 LB/ACRE							
Sodium (Na)	M3	56 LB/ACRE							
Soluble Salts									
Organic Matter	LOI	3.5%							
Estimated N Release		114 lbs/acre							
Nitrate Nitrogen									

SOIL FERTILITY GUIDELINES

Crop : Bluegrass lawn

Yield Goal : 1

Optimum

Rec Units:

LB/1000 SF

(lbs)	LIME	(tons)	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Mg	S	B	Cu	Mn	Zn	Fe
0			4.0	0	4.0	0	0	0	0	0.10	0	
Crop :												
Rec Units:												

Comments :

Bluegrass lawn

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Lab No: 57716

Field: Infield N

Sample ID: 003

Test	Method	Results	SOIL TEST RATINGS					Calculated Cation Exchange Capacity
			Very Low	Low	Medium	Optimum	Very High	
Soil pH	1:1	7.8						10.7 meq/100g
Buffer pH								%Saturation
Phosphorus (P)	M3	118 LB/ACRE						%sat meq
Potassium (K)	M3	178 LB/ACRE						K 2.1 0.2
Calcium (Ca)	M3	3404 LB/ACRE						Ca 79.5 8.5
Magnesium (Mg)	M3	460 LB/ACRE						Mg 17.9 1.9
Sulfur (S)	M3	20 LB/ACRE						H 0.0 0.0
Boron (B)	M3	0.6 LB/ACRE						Na 0.4 0
Copper (Cu)	M3	3.4 LB/ACRE						K/Mg Ratio: 0.11
Iron (Fe)	M3	424 LB/ACRE						Ca/Mg Ratio: 4.44
Manganese (Mn)	M3	248 LB/ACRE						
Zinc (Zn)	M3	4.8 LB/ACRE						
Sodium (Na)	M3	22 LB/ACRE						
Soluble Salts								
Organic Matter	LOI	1.5%						
Estimated N Release		74 lbs/acre						
Nitrate Nitrogen								

SOIL FERTILITY GUIDELINES

Crop : Bluegrass lawn Yield Goal : 1 Optimum Rec Units: LB/1000 SF

(lbs)	LIME	(tons)	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Mg	S	B	Cu	Mn	Zn	Fe
0			4.0	1.0	4.0	0	0.20	0.02	0.10	0	0	
Crop :												
Rec Units:												

Comments :

Bluegrass lawn

- MAINTENANCE: Apply 0.75 to 1 lb N/1000 sq ft in March, May, September, and November. Adjust N rate and timing to accommodate climatic conditions and management practices. If lower maintenance is desired, the May application can be eliminated.
 - Apply half of recommended phosphate in spring and again in fall.
 - Apply recommended potash in fall. If the soil is sandy, apply 1 lb of potash/1000 sq ft in fall and apply the remaining potash in several smaller applications throughout the growing season.
 - If the recommended amount of limestone is not incorporated into the soil prior to establishment, surface apply up to 50 lbs/1000 sq ft every 4 to 6 months until the recommended amount is applied.

SOIL ANALYSIS

Client : Eco Works Supply Mr. Doug Daniel 13011 Girard Ave South Burnsville MN 55337	Grower : Canterbury Park	Report No: 21-123-0780 Cust No: 03365 Date Printed: 05/04/2021 Date Received : 05/03/2021 PO: Page : 4 of 4
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Lab No: 57717

Field: Infield S

Sample ID: 004

Test	Method	Results	SOIL TEST RATINGS					Calculated Cation Exchange Capacity
			Very Low	Low	Medium	Optimum	Very High	
Soil pH	1:1	7.6						10.5 meq/100g
Buffer pH								%Saturation
Phosphorus (P)	M3	124 LB/ACRE						%sat meq
Potassium (K)	M3	170 LB/ACRE						K 2.1 0.2
Calcium (Ca)	M3	3344 LB/ACRE						Ca 79.6 8.4
Magnesium (Mg)	M3	442 LB/ACRE						Mg 17.5 1.8
Sulfur (S)	M3	20 LB/ACRE						H 0.0 0.0
Boron (B)	M3	0.8 LB/ACRE						Na 0.4 0
Copper (Cu)	M3	3.0 LB/ACRE						K/Mg Ratio: 0.11
Iron (Fe)	M3	434 LB/ACRE						Ca/Mg Ratio: 4.55
Manganese (Mn)	M3	234 LB/ACRE						
Zinc (Zn)	M3	4.0 LB/ACRE						
Sodium (Na)	M3	20 LB/ACRE						
Soluble Salts								
Organic Matter	LOI	1.7%						
Estimated N Release		78 lbs/acre						
Nitrate Nitrogen								

SOIL FERTILITY GUIDELINES

Crop : Bluegrass lawn

Yield Goal : 1

Optimum

Rec Units:

LB/1000 SF

(lbs)	LIME (tons)	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	Mg	S	B	Cu	Mn	Zn	Fe
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Crop :											Rec Units:

Comments :

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9A

**Veterinarian's Report
Canterbury Park
June 13, 2021**

Medication Violations - 1 total

- Racing - 1
 - **Confirmed**
 - NSAIDS
 - CORTICOSTEROIDS
 - Dexamethasone
 - Betamethasone
 - Triamcinolone
 - Methylprednisolone
 - OTHER
 - **Split sample or appeal** – pending
- Workout - 0
- Other - 0

DVM Violations - 0

Samples Submitted

- Post-race testing - 209 (through June 3, 2021)
 - Blood and Urine - 190
 - Blood only - 19
- Deceased Horses
 - Hair and blood - 3
 - Hair only - 1
- Out of Competition Testing - 0
- Research - 3
- Special (needles, syringes, bottles, etc.) - 0
- TCO2 - 54
- Workout - 24

Current Veterinarian's List

- **Total - 82 (57 from prior year; 25 from current year)**
 - Bled - 2
 - Ill - 8
 - Injured - 21
 - Non-Ill - 3
 - Unsound - 45
 - Medication Problem - 2

Horses Working for DVM

- **Total - 26**
 - Off greater than one year - 7
 - 4-Year-old and greater first-time starters - 5
 - On Vet's List (MN and other states) - 14
 - Cornell collar - 0
 - Steward's List - 0

- Other - 0

Ambulance Use

- **Total - 10**
 - Backside - 1
 - Detention Barn - 1
 - Racetrack - 7
 - Main - 6
 - Turf - 1
 - Paddock - 0
 - Training Track - 1

Deceased Horses

- **Total - 4**
 - Racing - 2
 - Dirt Track - 2
 - Turf Track - 0
 - Starting Gate - 0
 - Paddock - 0
 - Training - 1
 - Illness/Other - 1

Claims (Total) - 61

Claims Voided Due to Veterinary Reasons - 2

**Veterinarian's Report
Running Aces Harness Park
June 7th, 2021**

Medication Violations Reported by Industrial Laboratories

- Racing - 0
 - NSAIDS
 - CORTICOSTEROIDS
 - OTHER
 - Out for split sample or appeal
- Workout - 0
- Other - 0

DVM Violations - 0

Post-race Testing (through June 6th)

- Blood Only - 55
- Blood and Urine - 123

Workout Samples - 0

Research Samples - 1

OCT- 6 hair

TCO2 - 60

Current Veterinarian's List - 23

- Bled - 0
- Ill - 10
- Injured - 8
- Non-Ill - 1
- Unsound - 4

Horses Working for DVM

- Off > year - 0
- On Vet's List - 2
- Cornell collar - 0

Ambulance Use - 1

- Backside - 0
- Racetrack - 1

Deceased Horses - 0

- Racing - 0
- Illness/Other - 0

Claims Voided by DVM - 0

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9C

Judges Report for May 2021 at Running Aces

The 2021 harness racing season at Running Aces got underway Sunday, May 16 with an enthusiastic crowd wagering over \$16,000 on track with a total handle of just under \$200,000. A decent amount for the 8 race program. Running Aces will conduct 55 days of live racing with a 6:05 pm post time every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Closing day is Saturday, September 18.

There have been a few personnel changes for this years' meet. Steve Carpenito, who came to Running Aces last season as an associate judge, is now the Director of Racing / Racing Secretary. Taking Steve's place in the judges' stand is veteran racing official Mike Hall. Mike has over thirty years' experience as a regulator at numerous racetracks across the country. Presiding Judge Bob Corey returns for the second consecutive season after an 8 year hiatus. Bob previously worked at Running Aces from 2008 through 2012. Pete Hanley also returns for a second season as the other Associate Judge.

Every year Running Aces struggles with filling the entry box early in the meet. This year is no exception. Averaging 55 entries per day makes it extremely difficult to put on a quality racing program. Limited racing opportunities in the region prior to the season opener is a major factor. It takes most of the local trainers a few weeks to get their horses sufficiently trained, so they can be competitive when they do get in to race. We also had a couple of larger stables that were last minute "no shows" that contributed to our horse shortage problem.

With the Covid 19 pandemic hopefully behind us, Running Aces has lifted the restrictions in place for the patrons attending the races. Some Covid 19 protocols are still in place in the stable area.

The performance of the security staff in the stable area, and the lines of communication with the judges' office has improved greatly so far this season. Surveillance cameras have been installed throughout the stable area and paddock allowing full viewing of what is happening on the backside.

Seven programs into the meet the drivers are being well behaved on the racetrack. The judges have only issued six rulings thus far. There has been one violation of the more stringent whipping rule established during the off season.

Drivers will now be given days as well as a fine, as we attempt to curtail any excessive use of the whip.

The perennial leading driver / trainer tandem of Nick Noland and Jessica Johnson are back at Running Aces to defend their titles. The driving colony does have a few new faces this season. Luke Plano returns to Running Aces after trying his skills in Indiana for the last three years. Canadiens James Jungquist and Anthony Kerwood have also joined the fray. Michigan driver Kim Pluta and trainer Ronald Merritt also return after being away for a few years.

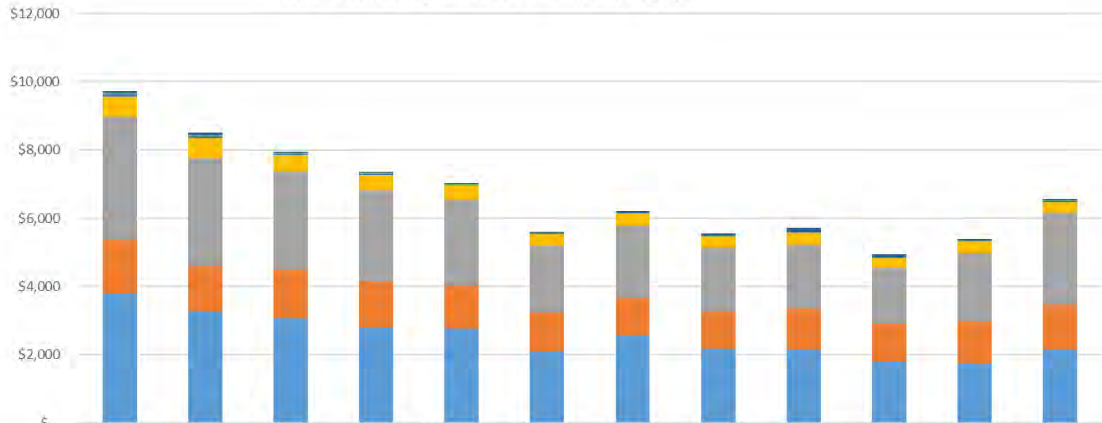
Here are the stats for May.

Avg. Horses in the Box	55
Avg. Races per Card	8.1
Avg. Starters per Race	6.9
Avg. Handle on-Track	\$10,730
Avg. Total Handle	\$152.439
Total Handle	\$1,067,075

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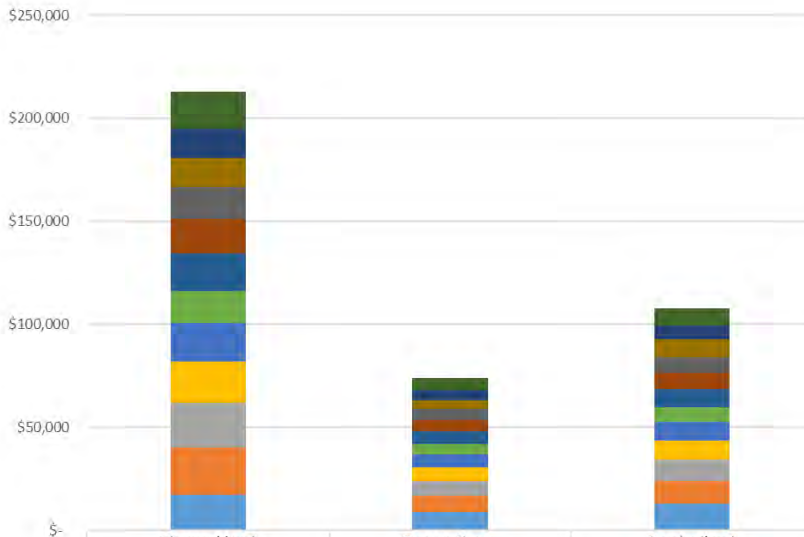
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ADW Handle by Minnesota Residents (000)



	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Lien Games	\$54	\$73	\$23	\$37	\$22	\$36	\$30	\$72	\$114	\$99	\$43	\$38
WatchandWager.com LLC	\$37	\$47	\$56	\$46	\$37	\$25	\$10	\$11	\$14	\$18	\$17	\$22
eBet Technologies	\$64	\$51	\$23	\$9	\$22	\$9	\$26	\$20	\$15	\$7	\$19	\$35
NYRA Bets (NewCo Ventures)	\$587	\$591	\$459	\$461	\$418	\$332	\$352	\$311	\$346	\$272	\$334	\$306
TVG (ODS Tech)	\$3,613	\$3,165	\$2,895	\$2,655	\$2,504	\$1,978	\$2,135	\$1,869	\$1,885	\$1,610	\$2,006	\$2,693
Xpressbet, LLC	\$1,562	\$1,315	\$1,416	\$1,337	\$1,273	\$1,116	\$1,069	\$1,088	\$1,195	\$1,122	\$1,211	\$1,325
Twinspires.com	\$3,809	\$3,277	\$3,080	\$2,821	\$2,755	\$2,111	\$2,578	\$2,182	\$2,154	\$1,817	\$1,759	\$2,151

Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW



	Thoroughbred	Quarter Horse	Standardbred
April-21	\$17,721	\$5,894	\$8,405
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

■ May-20 ■ June-20 ■ July-20 ■ August-20 ■ September-20 ■ October-20
■ November-20 ■ December-20 ■ January-21 ■ February-21 ■ March-21 ■ April-21

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11C

Minnesota Racing Commission

May 2021 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed @ Canterbury Park: **1,315**

Class C Applications Processed @ Running Aces: **326**

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

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

Class C Non-Gaming/Racing Vendors: **16**

Class C Licensing Fees for Month: **\$74,300**

Fingerprint Fees for Month: **\$11,450**

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

Fines Collected FYTD as of 6/14/2021: **\$33,425**

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11D

Cantrbury Park Ruling Report as of 6/15/21

CP Ruling #	Name	Susp Start	Susp End	Violation Date	Ruling Date	Fine Amount	Paymt Due Date	Pd	Pd Date	Pymt Type/ck#	Appeal	Violation Description	ARCI Drug Penalty
C21000	Biehler, Lori			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 200.00	5/22/2021	NO				Prohibited Use of Riding Crop	
C21001	Wade, Lindey			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 200.00	5/22/2021	NO				Prohibited Use of Riding Crop	
C21002	Canchari, Alex			5/19/2021	5/20/2021	\$ 200.00	5/23/2021	NO				Prohibited Use of Riding Crop	
C21003	Wade, Lindey	6/6/2021	6/9/2021	5/19/2021	5/20/2021							Careless Riding	
C21004	Eckman, Jared			5/13/2016	6/8/2021							Partial License Reinstatement	
C21005	Vargas, Celestino			6/6/2021	6/8/2021							Summary Suspension, Altercation	
C21006	Lund, Valorie			5/25/2021	6/9/2021	\$ 200.00	6/12/2021	NO				Failure to take care of business	

Running Aces Ruling Report as of 6/15/21

RA Ruling #	Name	Susp Start	Susp End	Violation Date	Ruling Date	Fine Amount	Paymt Due Date	Pd	Pd Date	Pymt Type/ck#	Appeal	Violation Description	ARCI Drug Penalty
R21001	Jenson, Brady			5/16/2021	5/17/2021	\$ 200.00	5/20/2021	Yes	5/19/2021	check		Driving infraction	
R21002	Bertrand, Richard			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 50.00	5/22/2021	Yes	5/23/2021	CC		Not ready for Post Parade	
R21003	Plano, Luke			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 100.00	5/22/2021	Yes	5/23/2021	check		Driving infraction	
R21004	Roland, Nick			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 100.00	5/22/2021	No				Driving infraction	
R21005	Plano, Luke	5/25/2021	5/25/2021	5/20/2021	5/21/2021	\$ 100.00	5/24/2021	Yes	5/30/2021	check		Causing a welt	
R21006	Sybrant-Erickson, Mallory			5/25/2021	5/26/2021	\$ 100.00	5/29/2021	Yes	6/10/2021	cash		Incorrectly identifying a horse	
R21007	Detgen, Brian	6/8/2021	6/8/2021	6/3/2021	6/4/2021	\$ 100.00	6/7/2021	Yes	6/8/2021	check		Any whipping other than wrist action only	
R21008	Magee, Rick			6/3/2021	6/4/2021	\$ 200.00	6/7/2021	Yes	6/8/2021	check		Hook wheels, interference	
R21009	Roland, Nick			6/3/2021	6/4/2021	\$ 100.00	6/7/2021	Yes	5/23/2021	check		Kicking	
R21010	Roland, Nick			6/3/2021	6/4/2021	\$ 100.00	6/7/2021	Yes	6/13/2021	check		Kicking	
R21011	Roland, Nick	6/15/2021	6/15/2021	6/8/2021	6/10/2021	\$ 200.00	6/13/2021	Yes	6/13/2021	check		Jamming the field	

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11F

Minnesota Racing Commission Memorandum

To: Tracey Sigstad, Small Agency Resource Team
Cathy Hockert, Minnesota Management and Budget

cc: James Lane, Chair, Minnesota Racing Commission
E. Joseph Newton, General Counsel, Minnesota Racing Commission
Bob Schiewe, Deputy Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission
Jon Kelley, Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Tim Walz

From: Steve May, Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission

Date: Friday, June 11, 2021

RE: Minnesota Racing Commission Government Shutdown Planning

As instructed by both the Small Agency Resource Team (“SmART”) and Minnesota Management and Budget (“MMB”), the Minnesota Racing Commission (“Commission”) has been evaluating the statutory requirements placed on the MRC in the event that there is a government shutdown.

Statutory Requirements for Continued Commission Operations

Minn. Stat. § 240.155, Subd. 1 was amended in 2019 to address possible government shutdowns as a result of a legislative impasse in relation to state budget requirements. Specifically, this statute contains the following language:

If the major appropriation bills needed to finance state government are not enacted by the beginning of a fiscal biennium, the commission shall continue operations as required by this chapter and commission rule.

Based on this statute, the Commission is obligated to continue our operations if the budget is not enacted at the end of this fiscal year.

As far as a requirement for an appropriation from the legislature, Minn. Stat. § 240.15, Subd. 6 was also amended in 2019 to address the appropriation to the MRC if there was a budget impasse. Specifically, the language contains the following language:

If a fiscal biennium ends without the enactment of an appropriation to the commission for the following biennium, receipts in this account are annually appropriated to the commission for the operations of the commission up to the amount authorized in the second year of the most recently enacted biennial appropriation, until a biennial appropriation is enacted.

Therefore, there is a statutory requirement for the regulatory duties to be carried out by the Commission and a statutory method by which the appropriation has already been made to fund our operations.

Potential Impact of Government Shutdown on Horse Racing Industry in Minnesota

The impact of the 2011 Minnesota state government shutdown were devastating to the horse racing industry, and were felt for several years after the shutdown, leading to these important statutory changes in 2019.

These changes were made for very sound reasons. The horse racing industry in Minnesota relies on many out-of-state horse owners, trainers, jockeys and harness drivers, and numerous associated personnel to operate. These equine operations spend a large amount of money to relocate their operations from states like Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, and other states at the beginning of the racing season, and shifting those operations in the middle of the racing season is very problematic. In addition, the regulatory duties of the Commission includes ensure the safety and welfare of our equine athletes, and not having a regulatory presence could lead to unsafe conditions for horses, jockeys and harness drivers, and many others associated with the horse racing industry in Minnesota.

Commission Functions Carried Out by Other State Agencies

While the Commission believes that current Minnesota statutes require ongoing operations if the state government is shut down and that the Commission has the statutory means to expend funds based on previous biennial appropriations, the Commission still has concerns with possible disruptions in our operations if other state agencies upon which the Commission relies to carry out our duties are shut down on July 1, 2021. The following are examples of Commission operations that rely on other state agencies, although this is not intended to be an exhaustive list:

- Commission staff does not issue payments to fulfill invoices submitted to the Commission for contract workers, human and equine medication testing, office supplies, and other routine costs. Instead, these payments are processed by the Minnesota Department of Administration and include the Finance Management and Reporting Division. In July 2020, for example, the Commission submitted 120 invoices and other payment requests for a total of \$342,779.93. Oversight of the Commission also requires continuous reporting of cash and credit receivables virtually a daily basis.
- Commission staff rely on the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division (“AGED”) to assist on investigations regarding legal and illegal gambling, background checks, and other investigatory matters.
- In addition to specific investigations, Commission staff are required to secure fingerprints as part of routine background checks on licensed individuals. These fingerprints are sent to AGED and are processed through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Division.
- Commission staff routinely communicate with personnel at the office of the Minnesota Attorney General for general legal advice and for case specific advice.
- Commission staff routinely communicate with the Minnesota State Register, a division of the Minnesota Department of Administration, regarding the administrative rulemaking process, which the Commission is currently undergoing.
- Commission staff routinely communicate with the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the administrative rulemaking process, which the Commission is currently undergoing, as well as case-specific administrative hearings.
- While the Commission issues racing licenses for all veterinarians that practice at Minnesota’s racetracks, the veterinarians are also licensed by the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine, and that licensing process will need to continue.

- The Minnesota Board of Animal Health is involved in the issuance and processing of health certificates for the horses that are competing at Minnesota's racetracks as well as assisting in equine infectious disease outbreaks.

The Commission also has concerns about the SmART process for utilizing Commission funds as part of our budgetary process. While the Commission believes that the appropriation of our funds, which are all collected from licensed entities, licensed individuals, and regulatory fees on wagering activities, the Commission does respect the function of SmART in the implementation of the budget. Should the Commission expect that SmART will be able to implement the use of Commission financial resources through normal processes from SmART, either before the June 30, 2021 expiration of the current biennial state budget, or on or after July 1, 2021? These are important questions that need to be addressed as soon as possible to limit the disruption of Commission functions if the budget impasse is not resolved.

SmART, in the important part of Commission functions, also provides important human resources functions for the Commission which of course are ongoing throughout the year. While we do not anticipate any additional hiring of employees for the 2021 live racing season, there are continuous human resources functions that need to be carried out that the Commission is not prepared to complete without guidance from SmART.

Needed Essential Operations from SmART

While the Commission understands that not all of the previous items may be able to continue if other agencies have services interrupted, I have identified the core functions and operations that must be addressed by SmART prior to the end of the current fiscal year to ensure that the Commission can fulfill our statutory requirement to continue its core operations:

- SmART and MMB must have a process in place to ensure that payroll for Commission employees continues in fiscal year 2022;
- SmART and MMB must have a process in place to ensure the payment of invoices for contract employees and vendors in fiscal year 2022;
- SmART must plan to enter the Commission fiscal year 2022 budget into the accounting state accounting system to allow for accounting and payroll in a manner pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 240.15, Subd. 6, utilizing the appropriation made by the legislature during the second half of the previous biennium to ensure that the Commission is compliant with all other fiscal laws and regulations regarding the encumbrance of funds; and
- SmART must have provide guidance on how to address human resources issues that may arise in 2022 if SmART employees are not at normal staffing levels.

Thank you for your assistance on this urgent and important matter, and I look forward to your response.

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SUCCESS STORIES –

Fractional Ownership is alive and well in Minnesota at Running Aces

This is a two-part series



Running Aces file photo



by

Darin Gagne'

Fractional ownership has been on the menu of possibilities at Running Aces in Minnesota for nearly a decade now, it was back in 2012 when then Executive Director of MHRI (The Minnesota Harness Horsemen's organization) Susan Schroeder hatched the program for the fledgling track, after she had seen success with a similar program while running the fairs in neighboring Wisconsin. In the very first year, Susan signed

up 24 people for \$100 each to own a horse in the "Bucket List" Racing stable. Each member of the stable owned 2 percent of the stable's horse.

The idea that Schroeder had was that these people would come out to the track every week when the stable's horse raced, bring friends and family, and tell others about Harness racing. She was spot on with those goals, seeing all of those things happen almost immediately.

Members of the fractional stable were treated to facility tours, and more importantly- barn tours,

where they got the chance to learn about the daily routines on the backstretch, and they got to meet and interact with "their" horse as well. Schroeder also gave members T-Shirts, and other trinkets that touted their horse's name, and held gatherings whenever the fractional group's horse would race.

What came as a pleasant surprise for Susan was that this group of people, whom had never previously met, quickly became good friends and would gather together each week and root for "their" horse.

She saw this scenario play out week after week and year after year, as the program grew popular enough that she needed to add a second horse, and in one recent year at Running Aces there were three

They have experienced the extreme highs, and they have experienced the extreme lows of the sport but they remain in love with the horses, and the Harness Racing game.

horses in the fractional ownership program. Schroeder is no longer based in Minnesota but she fondly remembers the success of her introduction of fractional ownership at Running Aces, it is a success story that continues to this very day, as sign-up spots

filled up very quickly for this seasons two horses in the "Summer Fling Racing League" fractional ownership program at Running Aces. Susan Schroeder is now serving the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Associa-

tion as Project Coordinator.

Another goal that was accomplished with the introduction of fractional ownership was the crossover of some participants into regular racehorse ownership, and that is the main subject of this month's story.

Cathy Dessert is a graduate of the Bucket List Stable fractional ownership, class of 2014. She actually tried to sign up in 2013 but the season was underway and the spots were all taken when she tried to sign up shortly after she, her husband Bill and some family members decided to visit Running Aces one random Sunday afternoon. None of the group had been to the Harness Races before, they had heard about it, and decided to check it out.


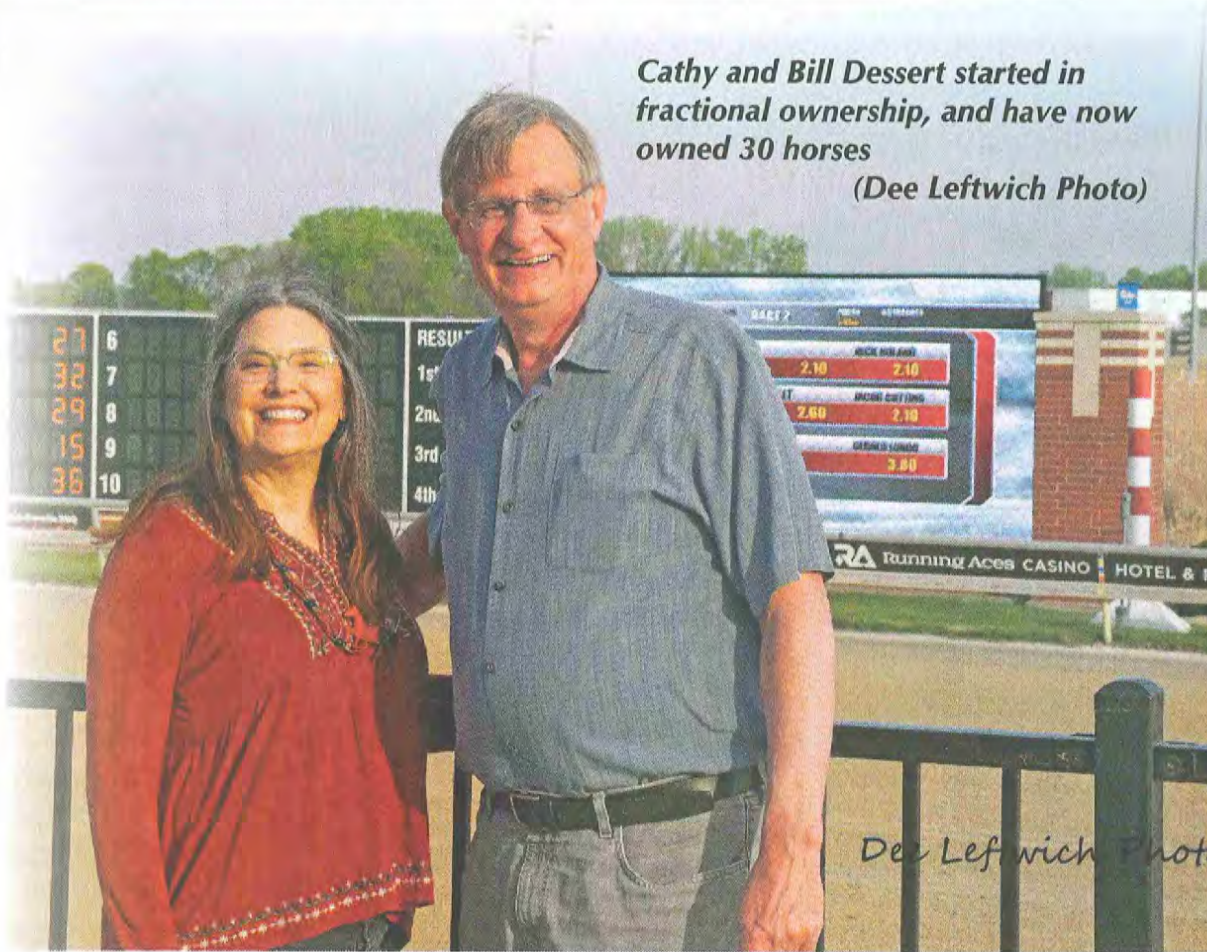
They all enjoyed that first visit to the races, enjoyed the thrill of the races and the challenge of trying to pick winners, but there was one in the group

One thing has always remained the same- win or lose, Champion or failure- Cathy has truly loved them all.

that first day that was immediately drawn to the horses. Cathy Dessert fell in love with the majestic creatures that were out on the track almost instantly. Needless to say, the Desserts were right back out at the track the next weekend, and soon after that, Cathy stopped by the MHRI kiosk in the grandstand to


Cathy and Bill Dessert started in fractional ownership, and have now owned 30 horses

(Dee Leftwich Photo)



OHIO COUNTY FAIR RACING

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Finn Jet was one of the original Fractional horses in Minnesota, here he is celebrated in the winner's circle with some of the group's owners, along with Mikaela Del Giudice and Rick Magee.

(Dee Leftwich Photo)

learn more about the sport, that's when she learned that she was just a bit late for that season to join the Bucket List stable, but she made it clear that she wanted in for the next season, and from there, the rest is history.

Cathy and Bill enjoyed being a part of the Bucket List stable the next summer, and very much enjoyed the community that came along with the group. Many great friendships were formed, and when it came time to get to visit the backstretch and interact with the horses- there was no turning back for Cathy- she was head-over-heels for the animals, and the sport.

It was not like the Dessert's did not have any other hobbies- the couple was heavily involved in Ballroom Dancing- even competing at the highest levels. It's a



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The IHHA wants to welcome back every horsemen and fan who have watched and anxiously waited for our return to live action. It's obviously been a difficult road for so many but we are all excited to get back to doing what we do best....race our horses. We hope prosperous days are ahead for everyone. Good luck to all. Because we treasure and appreciate our fan base, the IHHA will be offering free programs for Hawthorne this summer. You can find those programs at our website, harnessillinois.com, or on our Facebook page or Twitter. Enjoy!

Also, **Membership Applications** for the IHHA are still available.

Horsemen, you can get an application in the paddock office or if you're not at the racetrack, you can call the IHHA and give us your current address or go to harnessillinois.com, click "About IHHA," then "IHHA Membership" to download one. Membership to the IHHA is open to anyone that has an interest in harness racing.

passion of theirs that also remains dear to them still, as they continue to support local Ballroom Dancing interests. They also love the sport of Curling, and have been very active in that over the years as well. But these days, most of Cathy's attention goes to the horses.

At the end of 2014, straight out of the Bucket List- they went to the sale and bought a yearling trotter. As racing luck sometimes goes, the week before that horse was set to qualify for his two year old season in 2015 he suffered a freak stall injury that ended his chances for the year. Despite finding immediate disappointment in their first foray into regular ownership, the Dessert's reached out to the Nick Roland and Jessica Johnson stable- they had met them during one of those barn tours- and made it known that they would like to buy a horse to race that summer season.

Within a week, the Roland stable came through, with a pacer from Iowa named Reachingforthestars.

The Dessert's were now full-fledged racehorse owners, and they were excited. They shared their excitement with anyone and everyone they could- random patrons on the track apron, friends, family, family of friends, and friends of family. Soon there was a huge throng of "Reaching For The Stars" fans on the apron at Running Aces.

Bill Dessert, who operates a very successful Printing and Embroidery business in the Twin Cities, brought some light up star buttons for fans of their horse to wear when he raced, soon there were literally hundreds of these stars lit up on the track apron on night's when he raced, it was amazing and fun, and win or lose- a great time was had by all.

Around 2016, a pacer named Buzz Light came into the picture, and while he took his time learning how to go fast and how to win races, he got there, and he would eventually go on to win 5 races in a row. All of

the horses are special to Cathy, but Buzz Light is definitely a favorite.

2016 also brought more horses for the Dessert's and they had 2 horses racing for most of that season, and a couple of youngsters in training- and they bought another yearling trotter in 2017, this time a filly. Unbelievably, the new filly also suffered an injury during her early training lessons which delayed her freshman campaign, her name is Twilight Tinker. Despite that rough start, she not only made it to the

races that year, but she was the 2 year old filly Champion, and in fact- she has won the state Championship each year since as well, becoming the first horse to ever win three consecutive years in Minnesota.

Another Pacer, Joker John, also came onto the scene for the Dessert's in 2016, and while not a champion, he tried his hardest and he showed flashes of promise- and he was very loved and cherished. Then in 2020 Joker John suffered an infection that led to an unfortunate series of events that ultimately took him away. It was a heartbreaking time for Cathy. They have experienced the extreme highs, and they have experienced the extreme lows of the sport but they remain in love with the horses, and the Harness Racing game. In fact, they have owned all or part of 30 horses over their 5 years as full-fledged owners, and have seen everything from the loss of a foal, losses due to cata-

strophic injury, and youngsters that could not cut it as racehorses- but they have also seen the thrills of success and the thrills of having a champion. One thing has always remained the same- win or lose, Champion or failure- Cathy has truly loved them all.

Buzz Light was recently retired to a fantastic home in California where he is loved by his new family and he gets to be surrounded by adoring children. Buzz could have continued racing, but The Dessert's saw a wonderful opportunity for an after-racing

In the very first year, Susan signed up 24 people for \$100 each to own a horse in the "Bucket List" Racing stable. Each member of the stable owned 2 percent of the stable's horse.

forever home, and with his best race days likely behind him- they jumped at the chance to place him in that safe and loving environment with an early retirement from the racetrack. It was difficult for Cathy to say goodbye to Buzz, but she could not pass up on the perfect place for him to go and be a free, happy retired horse with the love and attention of children and his entire new family.

Fast forward to now, Cathy now has one of the top trotters to ever race in Minnesota- Bordogna (in partnership with Ken Stauffer) and they have two defending State Champion horses- Twilight Tinker and Bertha Vanation. In addition to that they have recently acquired a new top-level pacer from out east, Numbered Account who recently paced in 1:50 at Dover Downs, and will make his Running Aces debut in the Open Pace on opening week. They also have a few exciting youngsters on their roster, including the trotting filly Twilight Tara, a full sister to their cham-

pion mare Twilight Tinker. They have horses with four different trainers, including one horse that is currently racing in Indiana.

Cathy has also been Vice-President of MHRI for nearly four years- she sought a seat on the board of directors because she never does anything half way- she felt the need to do her part to look out for the future of the sport for her horses.

On any given race night at Running Aces, you will find Bill and Cathy front and

center, at their usual table on the track apron. More likely than not, they have brought guests to the track with them, newcomers, friends, neighbors, casual acquaintances, come one, come all is there motto. There's a good chance they will chat up random strangers on the rail, and invite them to the winner's circle.

Bill Dessert will greet them with a big smile, and if they are trying to learn, he will be trying to help them know how to wager on the races. There's a good chance that they might call me and see if they can bring their new friends up to visit me in the Announcer's booth, because that is how they roll- they want new visitors to see as many of the fun and exciting aspects of the races as possible. They are the type of participants that this sport- any sport is lucky to have.

To say that the Dessert's are fully invested in the sport of Harness Racing would be an understatement. Bill is the business man, and Cathy is the Horse lover, but together they have been a blessing to the Minnesota Harness Racing community- and it all started with a chance first time visit to the track on a random Sunday afternoon in 2013, and then that wonderful experience in the Bucket List fractional ownership group in 2014.

There are many more stories of success about fractional ownership at Running Aces in Minnesota, and we will share some more of those in next month's issue of the magazine with part two of "Success Stories"

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