
Full Commission Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Microsoft Teams Meeting ([Link to Join](#))
Phone 651-395-7448, Conference ID 873-466-064

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2021 Minnesota Racing Commission Meeting

Committee Reports

- 5) Finance Committee Report

New Business – Action Items

- 6) Approval of Additional Racing Steward at Canterbury Park
- 7) Approval of Plan of Operations Changes for Canterbury Park Related to Poker Rake
- 8) Approval of Executive Director Request to Pursue Data Services Provider

New Business – Informational Items

- 9) Status Reports
 - a. Canterbury Park Entertainment
 - b. Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
- 10) Staff Reports
 - a. Chief Commission Veterinarian's Report
 - i. Canterbury Park
 - ii. Running Aces
 - b. Chief State Steward's Report
 - c. Presiding Judge's Report
- 11) Deputy Director's Report
 - a. Licensing Report
 - b. Personnel Update

- c. ADW Report
 - 12) Executive Director's Report
 - a. COVID-19 Update
 - b. Contract Approvals
 - c. Rulemaking Update
 - d. Other
 - 13) MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports
 - a. Furlong Learning Video [Link](#)
 - 14) Future Meetings
 - a. Thursday, October 21, 2021 – Full Commission Meeting – Location to be determined
 - 15) Adjourn
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Item 4

Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2021 Minnesota Racing Commission Meeting

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting
Monday August 16, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Creekside Community Center, Bloomington, MN

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Agenda Item 1 - Chair McArdle called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. CDT

Roll Call:

Agenda Item 2 – Present – Chair McArdle, First Vice Chair Colombo, Second Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioners Dehn, Erhart, Goodman, Johnson, Idelkope and Gingold. A quorum was acknowledged.

Other participants –Steve May(Executive Director Minnesota Racing Commission) E. Joseph Newton (General Counsel, Minnesota Racing Commission), Andrew Offerman (Vice President of Racing Operations, Canterbury Park), Steve Carpenito (Director of Racing, Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack), Dr. Richard Bowman, Randy Blaseg (Chief State Steward, Minnesota Racing Commission), Robert Corey (Presiding Judge, Minnesota Racing Commission), Bob Schiewe (Deputy Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission), Cathy Dessert (Vice President, Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc.), Mike Cronin (Executive Director, Minnesota Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association)

Adoption of Agenda:

Agenda Item 3 – Chair McArdle motioned to approve, the Second by Commissioner Dehn. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Agenda Item 4 - Commissioner McArdle made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes of removing 2nd chair Columbo and amending the adopted by at the end of the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Commission Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Agenda Item 5 – Election of Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair - Chair McArdle motioned for First Vice Chair Colombo and Second Vice Chair Johnson to continue in their roles. Second by Commissioner Gingold. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Committee Assignments - Motion to assign Commissioner Dehn to the Racing Committee, and Commissioner Colombo to serve as Chair on the Racing Committee and put Commissioner Columbo onto the compliance committee. Second by Dehn. Motion carried.

New Business- Informational Items:

Agenda Item 7a – Status Reports Canterbury Park – Mr. Offerman delivered a status report. Mentioned upcoming events and closing day. Reviewed Twin Cities Summer Jam, drew 35,000 and was profitable, and mitigated damage to racing surfaces. There has been little progress on Canterbury Road, it has been postponed to next year. The Southwest Area of development is now open. Mr. Offerman noted attendance is down from 2019. Receiving 80% of the business volume on track, and food and beverage is down to about 55% due to post COVID-19 and due to a hybrid racing schedule. Sunday’s draw crowds of 6000 or 7000. Mr. Offerman noted that it has been a challenge to get employees for concessions.

Agenda Item 7b – Status Report Running Aces – Mr. Carpenito reported he is very pleased with results so far. Lost a day of racing on July 29th due to air quality. Saw an improvement in the number of horses in the box daily and starters per race. The improvement is credited to the two-year-old Minnesota-bred and an influx of stables from Michigan. Wagering was strong in July, averaging \$18410 from all sources per race, but is down 1% from 2019 but up 23% from 2020. August 22nd will be first annual Steve Wiseman Memorial Trot and have planned an upcoming event with the Colon Cancer Coalition. Comment by Commissioner Goodman requested financial comparisons to 2019 instead of 2020 going forward.

Informational Items:

Agenda Item 8a(i) – Chief Veterinarian report Canterbury – Dr. Bowman reviewed report as presented to Commission members. Noted number of claims is up substantially from previous years.

Agenda Item 8a(ii) - Chief Veterinarian report Running Aces – Dr. Bowman reviewed report as presented to Commission members. Dr. Bowman provided explanation on hair samples due to zero tolerance for clenbuterol.

Agenda Item 8b – Chief Stewart’s report – Randy Blaseg reported there have been practically no issues on the back side and praised the trainers. Lost 5 races due to high heat index but not the entire card. Director Steve May praised the handling of the canceled races but keeping the stakes races on schedule.

Agenda Item 8c – Presiding Judges Report –Robert Corey reported the meet has been quiet. The drivers and trainers have been very diligent in their duties. Chair McCardle commends Running Aces judges and Canterbury’s stewards for running quiet meets in challenging circumstances.

Agenda Item 9 – Deputy Director’s Report – Deputy Director Schiewe explained the report he provided the Commission on ADW fees expended for fiscal year 2021.

Agenda Item 10a. COVID-19 update- Executive Director Steve May reported that new mandates from the Governor’s office require all State Government employees wear masks in an office setting. Praised team member compliance. Explained Governor’s office new mandate that all state employees either get the COVID-19 vaccine or undergo weekly testing and they are in planning the logistics on this.

Agenda Item 10b. - Director May summarized that the peak licensing time has passed, and the next busy time will arrive in December.

Agenda Item 10c. – HISA Update – Director May summarized that horse racing coverage on TV has gone up from 42 hours to over 900 hours and that racing awareness is growing. Praised “This Old Horse” for its racehorse aftercare. Expects that new rules will be in place and comments are coming at the end of the year. Unsure how financing the new agency will work but hope to have it by early winter this year.

Agenda Item 10d. - Contract Approval – Director May summarized the contract that was made.

Agenda Item 10e. – Rule Making Update – Director May stated that there had been an initial planning meeting and is happy with the rule making progress. The commission is ahead of the rule making issues this year and working on the initial draft.

Agenda Item 10f. – Personnel Update – Director May introduced new team member Chad Peterson and explained his role. Summarized that they are in the process of hiring team membersto replace a licensing clerk at Canterbury Park and an investigator at Running Aces. Commissioner Dehn asked if the commission had made an effort to reach out to the communities of people of color to bring them on board for the open team member positions. Director May confirmed all State procedures were followed when the positions opened and is satisfied with the applicants. Commissioner Goodman asked that the commission

prepares a list of employees broken down by if they are men or women or people of color for submission to the Board for the next meeting.

Agenda Item 10g. Other – Director May explained that that the racing commission needs to verify current mailing addresses for Board members for future meeting materials.

Agenda Item 11 – MQHRA/MTA/MHR/MNHBPA Reports –

Cathy Desert from MHR shared a story about a horse she owned and returned to racing and thanked the commission and invited any members to sit at the MHR table on the close of racing at Running Aces on September 18th.

Mike Cronin MNHBPA stated Scott County vaccinated 125 people on the back side and the tutoring program was coming to an end with the meet. They had awarded MNHBPA lifetime achievement Dr. Bowman.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Meetings

- a. Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. CDT - Quarter Horse Breeders’ Fund Advisory Committee Meeting – Paddock Gardens Conference Room, Canterbury Park
- b. Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 1:30 p.m. CDT - Thoroughbred Breeders’ Fund Advisory Committee Meeting – Paddock Gardens Conference Room, Canterbury Park
- c. Monday, September 20, 2021 – Full Commission Meeting – Location to be determined
- d. Discussion on Future Meeting Location. - Director May said they are working on future meeting locations as Creekside Community Center will not be available.

Announce Future Meetings: The next Full Commission Meeting will take place Monday, September 20, 2021, 4:00 p.m. CDT at a location that is to be determined.

Adjournment: Chair McArdle adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m. CDT

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF _____, 2021 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

Item 5

Finance Committee Report

Memorandum

To: Minnesota Racing Commission Members

From: Steve May, Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission

Date: September 13, 2021

RE: Report from September 3, 2021 Minnesota Racing Commission Finance Committee Meeting

The Minnesota Racing Commission (“Commission”) Finance Committee met on September 3, 2021. The Committee reviewed two agenda items.

The first agenda item was a request from Canterbury Park to amend the methodology in which the “rake” from their poker tables is handled. Currently the Canterbury Park Plan of Operations calls for the total rake of \$6.00 to be split between what Canterbury Park holds (\$4.00) and what is contributed to the Jackpot Poker fund (\$0.30), a Promotion fund (\$1.20), and an Administrative Fee (\$0.50). These are set amounts.

The proposed changes to the Plan of Operations would allow Canterbury Park to monitor these amounts monthly and to adjust the Jackpot or Promotions Funds if either is extremely high or extremely low. This would allow the funds to have a more consistent amount to ensure that the money collected in the accounts is returned to the players on a more normal basis.

The Finance Committee approved the request contingent upon additional documentation from Canterbury Park. That documentation is included with the Canterbury Park request in Agenda Item 7.

The Finance Committee also had a request from Commission team members requesting authorization to allocate up to \$4,000 monthly (\$48,000) from the Advance Deposit Wagering (“ADW”) Regulatory Fund account to procure an independent, third-party data services provider to improve Commission auditing of pari-mutuel wagering activity at both of Minnesota’s racetracks as well as licensed ADW providers. The Finance Committee requested to review the proposals once submitted to the Commission and to require a presentation from the entities submitting the proposals.

The Finance Committee approved the request.

Item 6

Approval of Additional Racing Steward at Canterbury Park

August 15, 2021

7877.0145 EMERGENCY LICENSE.

Subpart 1. Racing officials. If a racing official approved by the commission becomes incapacitated or is unable to perform his or her duties, the stewards may approve an emergency license. The approval shall be based on the standards in part 7877.0175, and must be reported to the commission for consideration at the next commission meeting. If the emergency licensee has not previously been considered by the commission, the association shall be responsible for immediately submitting a completed license application and personal resume to the commission.

I, Randy Blaseg, Chief Racing Steward, hereby approve Mr. Andrew Offerman to serve as a substitute Racing Steward in Associate Racing Steward Stan Bowker's absence in accordance with Minnesota Administrative Rule 7877.0145, Subpart 1.



Item 7

Approval of Plan of Operations Changes for Canterbury Park Related to Poker Rake



August 27, 2021

To: Steve May, Executive Director, MRC
Bob Schiewe, Deputy Director, MRC

Canterbury Park's Plan of Operation allows for a take-out of each poker pot up to \$6 in rake as well as up to an additional \$2 for jackpot/promo fund collection. We currently take out a maximum of \$4 in rake and a maximum of \$2 in Jackpot/promo fund collection. From that jackpot/promo fund we can realize up to 25% as revenue.

We propose to take out the same maximum of \$6.00 (\$4 rake and \$2 jackpot/promo), but instead of dedicating a fixed amount to the jackpot/promo fund and another fixed amount to revenue, we propose dynamic amount dedicated to the jackpot/promo fund, not to exceed 25%. The actual take-out of the poker games would not change at all, only the accounting would change.

In March of 2018 we changed from a \$5 rake with \$1 jackpot/promo to a \$4 rake and a \$2 jackpot/promo. That change was to dedicate more money to our Jackpot/Promo fund which was actually negative at the time.

Currently our Jackpot/Promo fund is positive, but with our current business levels and the size of our room, we don't need to spend as much on poker promotions as we did in 2018. Rather than changing the rake structure back to \$5 and \$1 and having to re-train our dealers and players, we propose this so that we don't need to go back and forth between rake structures and future-proof our revenue structure.

This change would give us the flexibility to even out the volatility of the Jackpot/Promo pool, to allow us to recognize more revenue in times when our promotional offerings are fully funded, and to greatly simplify our accounting by aligning the recognition of our Table Games revenue and our Poker revenue in a similar fashion.

This proposal would not require any changes in Canterbury Park's plan of operation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MH' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Michael Hochman
VP Card Casino Operations
Canterbury Park

Accounting Proposal

Currently Canterbury takes a maximum of \$4.00 in rake and \$2.00 in Jackpot / Promo (\$6.00 total).

From 2004 - 2017, we took \$5.00 in rake and \$1.00 in Jackpot / Promo (\$6.00 total).

We propose to collect the same \$6.00 we have been, but instead of dedicating a *specific amount* to the Jackpot / Promo fund, we would, on a monthly basis, determine the amount that would be dedicated to the Jackpot / Promo fund. The amount dedicated to the Jackpot / Promo fund would never exceed 25% of the total \$6.00 take-out.

This change will allow us to normalize the volatility of the fund. It would also simplify our accounting by aligning the recognition of our Table Games revenue and our Poker revenue in a similar fashion.



Current Distribution



\$6.00 Take Out

The current \$6.00 distribution is \$4.00 in rake, and \$2.00 to the Jackpot / Promo fund; of that \$2.00, we recognize \$0.50 in admin revenue, and \$1.50 is dedicated to the Jackpot / Promo fund.

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\$4.50 to Revenue



\$1.50 to Jackpot / Promo



Proposed Distribution



\$6.00 Take Out

From the \$6.00 take out, Canterbury Park would dedicate up to, but not to exceed, 25% of the take out to the Jackpot / Promo fund.

In the example below, \$5 in revenue would be realized, and \$1 would be dedicated to the Jackpot / Promo fund.



\$5.00 Revenue



\$1.00 Jackpot / Promo fund.



Accounting Proposal

Historically our Jackpot / Promo fund has been a volatile fund. When we promote the room heavily, the fund becomes low – When business levels are higher and we don't need to promote the room as much, the fund becomes higher. By using a dynamic revenue/promo fund structure, we can mitigate this volatility and keep the fund stable.

This change would require no changes to Canterbury Park's plan of operation, but would be an internal accounting change.



Item 8

Approval of Executive
Director Request to
Pursue Data Services
Provider

Memorandum

To: Minnesota Racing Commission Finance Committee

From: Steve May, Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission

cc: Camille McArdle, DVM, Chair, Minnesota Racing Commission
Bob Schiewe, Deputy Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission
Kevin Hoese, Pari-Mutuel Auditor, Minnesota Racing Commission

Date: August 29, 2021

RE: Request to Approve Funds for Wagering Data Services Provider

The Minnesota Racing Commission (“Commission”) currently regulates two pari-mutuel racetracks, eight Advance Deposit Wagering (“ADW”) licensees, and three totalizator operators that conduct pari-mutuel wagering in Minnesota. This wagering results in \$11,652,43 of live wagering and \$33,864,988 in simulcast wagering at Canterbury Park and Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack (“Running Aces”)¹, \$41,494,418 in ADW wagering by Minnesota residents², as well as \$49,351,822 of all-source wagering at Canterbury Park and Running Aces.

To properly regulate this amount of wagering, Commission team members need to process dozens of wagering reports on a daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. The Commission had utilized an independent, third-party data services vendor in the past to assist in this oversight. That vendor provided reconciliation of pari-mutuel wagering reports, real-time wagering integrity services, and investigatory assistance when irregularities were discovered. At some point, though, the contract with the vendor was terminated.

It is my belief that a data services and wagering integrity provider is essential in the proper oversight and auditing of pari-mutuel wagering activities in Minnesota. While the Pari-Mutuel Auditor, Kevin Hoese, does an excellent job for the Commission, he needs the

¹ Wagering data for Calendar Year 2019 used for this as Calendar Year 2020 was impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic.

² Wagering data for Calendar Year 2020

proper tools to perform and improve his job functions to ensure that wagering is conducted with the highest levels of integrity.

I would like to begin the process of obtaining the services of a data services provider for this work. Based on my knowledge, there are more than one vendors that could perform all or part of this work. Therefore, I do not believe that the Commission could authorize a sole-source contract for the work.

Therefore, I am seeking approval from Finance Committee and Commission to do the following:

- (1) Approve up to \$48,000 per fiscal year to be used solely for the services of a data services and wagering integrity provider for the Commission, to be paid from the ADW Regulatory Fee account of monies collected by ADW providers licensed by the Commission;
- (2) Publish a Request for Proposals to procure a new contract for a data services and wagering integrity provider for the Commission through the normal procurement process; and
- (3) Authorize the Finance Committee to review and approve the contract for the data services provider after the normal state procurement process has been conducted.

I always strive to be a good steward of Commission funds, and I believe this is a very wise proposed expenditure of fees collected and Commission funds.

Item 9

Status Reports



Canterbury Park - August 2021 Minnesota Racing Commission Status Report

Summary of Canterbury Park Card Casino Operations

Business Segment	2021		2020		2019		% Comparison				
	August	Year-to-Date	August	Year-to-Date	August	Year-to-Date	August 2020	2020 Year-to-Date	August 2019	2019 Year-to-Date	Segment
Table Games	\$2,762,067	\$18,348,016	\$1,893,700	\$9,907,140	\$2,083,026	\$16,353,072	45.86%	85.20%	32.60%	12.20%	Table Games
Poker	\$850,661	\$5,590,063	\$556,555	\$3,085,894	\$805,064	\$6,305,558	52.84%	81.15%	5.66%	-11.35%	Poker
Total Card Casino Revenue	\$3,612,728	\$23,938,079	\$2,450,255	\$12,993,034	\$2,888,090	\$22,658,630	47.44%	84.24%	25.09%	5.65%	Total CC

Summary of Canterbury Park Player Pool

CPE Minimum Player Pool Balance	Jackpot Balances	\$646,824	25% MVP Balance	\$145,754	.25% Trailing TG Revenue	\$63,058	
					CPE Minimum Player Pool Balance 8/31/21	\$855,635	
CPE Maximum Player Pool Balance	Jackpot Balances	\$646,824				6% Trailing TG Revenue	\$1,513,389
					CPE Maximum Player Pool Balance 8/31/21	\$2,160,213	
CPE Actual Player Pool Balance					CPE Actual Player Pool Balance as of 8/31/2021	\$1,259,044	

Summary of Canterbury Park Pari-Mutuel Operations

Business Segment	2021		2020		2019		% Comparison				
	August	Year-to-Date	August	Year-to-Date	August	Year-to-Date	August 2020	2020 Year-to-Date	August 2019	2019 Year-to-Date	Segment
Live Handle	\$2,307,858	\$7,157,146	\$1,074,266	\$2,972,378	\$2,728,786	\$9,363,118	114.83%	140.79%	-15.43%	-23.56%	Live Handle
Simulcast Handle	\$1,786,976	\$13,750,509	\$1,643,266	\$9,258,452	\$2,391,725	\$18,481,644	8.75%	48.52%	-25.29%	-25.60%	Simulcast
Total On-Track PM Handle	\$4,094,834	\$20,907,655	\$2,717,533	\$12,230,830	\$5,120,511	\$27,844,762	50.68%	70.94%	-20.03%	-24.91%	Total On-Track
Out-of-State Handle	\$21,378,025	\$70,047,623	\$16,719,744	\$52,560,998	\$9,066,500	\$26,176,257	27.86%	33.27%	135.79%	167.60%	Out-of-State

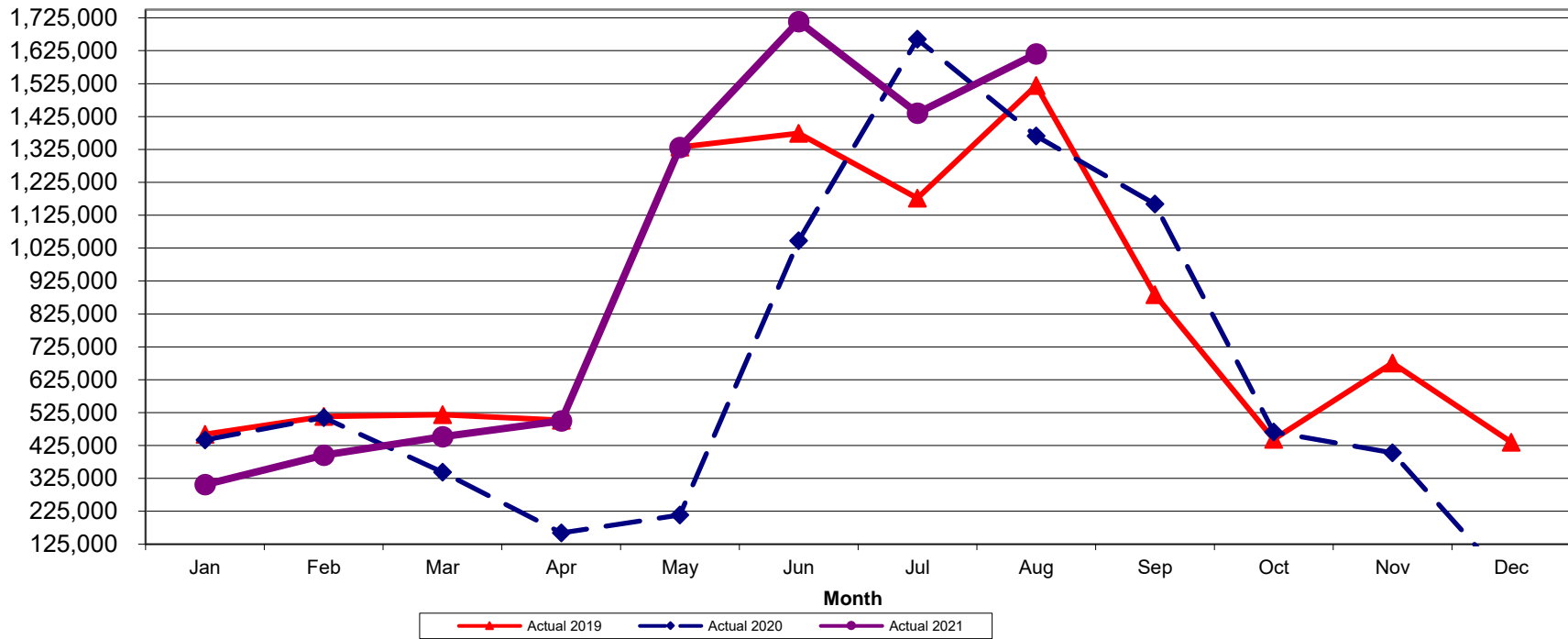
Summary of Canterbury Park & SMSC Purse Accounts

Beginning CPE TB Purse Balance			8/1/2021	\$2,339,271.36	Beginning CPE QH Purse Balance			8/1/2021	\$405,940.54
Live Racing Purse Earnings			\$183,942.16		Live Racing Purse Earnings			\$9,917.94	
CPE Simulcast Purse Earnings (85% During Mixed Meet)			\$72,859.76		CPE Simulcast Purse Earnings (15% During Mixed Meet)			\$12,857.60	
Running Aces Simulcast Purse Earnings			\$23,938.48		Running Aces Simulcast Purse Earnings			\$761.43	
Card Casino Purse Earnings (91%)			\$417,067.49		Card Casino Purse Earnings (9%)			\$41,248.43	
Out-of-State Host Fee Purse Earnings			\$289,192.24		Out-of-State Host Fee Purse Earnings			\$25,633.74	
ADW Purse Earnings from Prior Month (6% of 82%)			\$32,289.77		ADW Purse Earnings from Prior Month (50% of 18%)			\$5,289.55	
Interest Earned (Service Charges)			\$99.18		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)			(\$1,337,730.00)		(Quarter Horse Purse Transfers)			(\$184,400.00)	
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance			8/31/2021	\$1,985,930.44	Ending CPE QH Purse Balance			8/31/2021	\$317,249.24
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance			8/31/2020	\$1,355,183.19	Ending CPE QH Purse Balance			8/31/2020	\$206,471.13
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance			8/31/2019	(\$359,847.99)	Ending CPE QH Purse Balance			8/31/2019	(\$54,930.21)
CPE TB Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020				\$630,747.26	CPE QH Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020				\$110,778.11
CPE TB Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2019				\$2,345,778.44	CPE QH Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2019				\$372,179.45
Beginning SMSC TB Purse Balance			8/1/2021	\$1,321,888.75	Beginning SMSC QH Purse Balance			8/1/2021	\$97,818.77
SMSC Contributions & Interest Earnings (89%)			\$1,780,059.95		SMSC Contributions & Interest Earnings (11%)			\$220,007.41	
SMSC Thoroughbred Purse Paid			(\$1,715,040.00)		SMSC Quarter Horse Purse Paid			(\$322,700.00)	
Marketing Fund Transfers (89%)			(\$288,360.00)		Marketing Fund Transfers (11%)			(\$35,640.00)	
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance			8/31/2021	\$1,098,548.70	Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance			8/31/2021	(\$40,513.82)
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance			8/31/2020	\$1,296,359.08	Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance			8/31/2020	\$191,208.90
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance			8/31/2019	\$1,479,480.72	Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance			8/31/2019	\$306,818.84
SMSC TB Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020				(\$197,810.38)	SMSC QH Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2020				(\$231,722.72)
SMSC TB Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2019				(\$380,932.02)	SMSC QH Purse Balance Difference 2021 vs 2019				(\$347,332.66)

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 - 2019	459,020	513,260	518,529	502,265	1,331,695	1,374,116	1,176,584	1,519,150	883,107	444,188	675,662	435,368	<u>7,394,619</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>5,742,097</u>
Actual - 2021	306,119	395,952	451,773	499,702	1,331,141	1,713,897	1,435,469	1,615,458					<u>7,749,511</u>

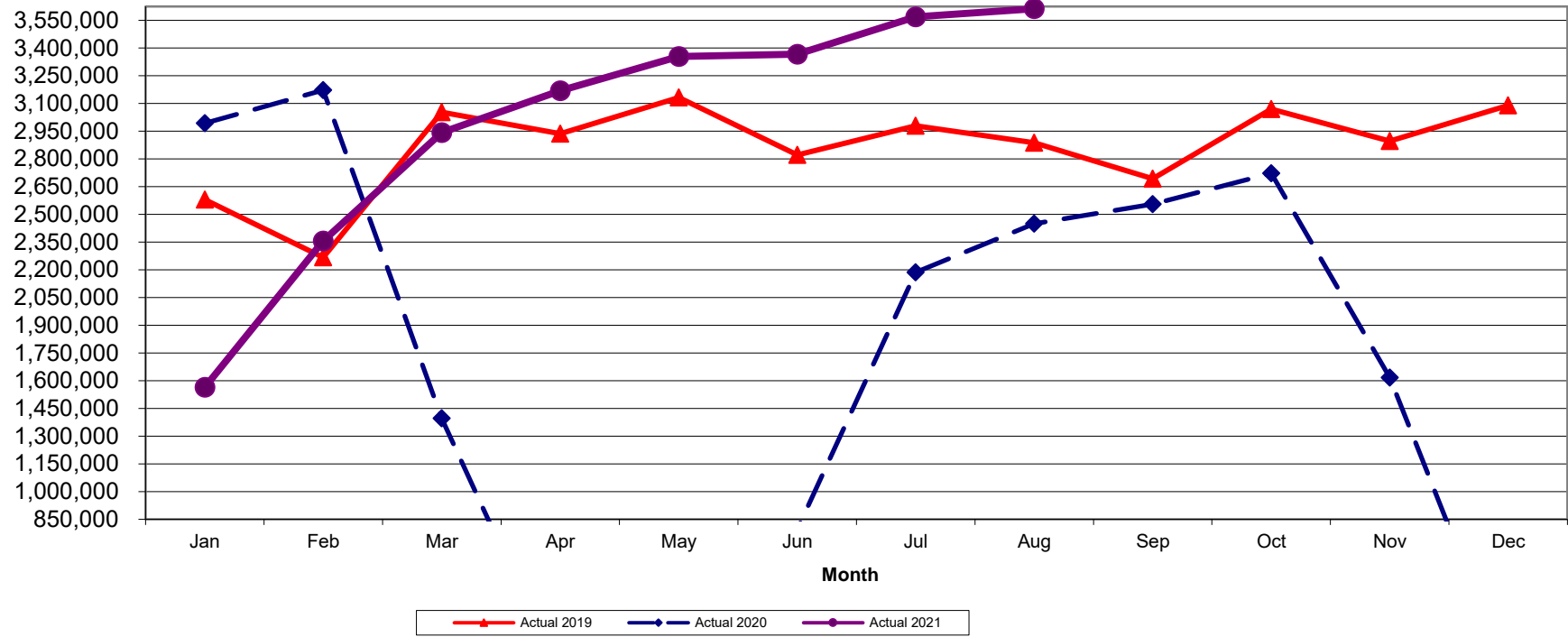
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CANTERBURY PARK - CPE
Card Casino Revenue - Trend

	<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 - 2019	2,579,696	2,266,974	3,053,294	2,936,958	3,132,286	2,821,761	2,979,571	2,888,090	2,692,274	3,069,283	2,896,583	3,089,426	<u>22,658,630</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>12,993,034</u>
Actual - 2021	1,564,348	2,356,728	2,943,218	3,168,717	3,354,977	3,366,893	3,569,266	3,612,728					<u>23,938,079</u>

CARD CASINO REVENUES



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omitted under 2020
Minnesota Statutes
Chapter 13D.05

Item 10

Staff Reports

**Veterinarian's Report
Canterbury Park
August 31, 2021**

Medication Violations - 2

- Racing - 2
 - **Confirmed - 2**
 - NSAIDS
 - CORTICOSTEROIDS
 - Dexamethasone
 - Betamethasone
 - Triamcinolone
 - Methylprednisolone
 - OTHER - Medroxyprogesterone Acetate; Clenbuterol
- Workout - 0
- Other - 0

DVM Violations - 0

Samples Submitted (through August 24, 2021)

- Post-race testing
 - Blood and Urine - 985
 - Blood only - 77
- Deceased Horses
 - Blood only - 1
 - Hair and Blood - 8
 - Hair only - 3
- Out of Competition Testing - 0
- Research - 4
- Special (needles, syringes, bottles, etc.) - 0
- TCO2 - 486
- Workout - 58
- AQHA Challenge Hair - 12 here, 6 elsewhere

Current Veterinarian's List

- **Total - 91 (42 current, 49 from prior years)**
 - Bled - 1
 - Ill - 9
 - Injured - 23
 - Non-Ill - 3
 - Unsound - 52
 - Medication Problem - 3

Horses Working for DVM

- **Total - 63**
 - Off greater than one year - 19
 - 4-Year-old and greater first-time starters - 15
 - On Vet's List (MN and other states) - 29
 - Cornell collar - 0
 - Steward's List - 0
 - Other - 0

Ambulance Use

- **Total - 32**
 - Backside - 4
 - Detention Barn - 4
 - Racetrack - 23 total
 - Main - 21 (training; 17 racing)
 - Turf - 2
 - Paddock - 0
 - Training Track - 1

Deceased Horses

- **Total - 12**
 - Racing - 5
 - Dirt Track - 5
 - Turf Track - 0
 - Starting Gate - 0
 - Paddock - 0
 - Training - 4
 - Illness/Other - 2
 - Indian Relay - 1

Claims (Total) - 189

Claims Voided Due to Veterinary Reasons - 4

**Veterinarian's Report
Running Aces Harness Park
August 31, 2021**

Medication Violations Reported by Industrial Laboratories

- Racing - 2
 - NSAIDS
 - CORTICOSTEROIDS
 - OTHER - 2 (3-OH lidocaine, aminocaproic acid)
 - Out for split sample or appeal - 0
- Workout - 0
- Other - 2 (clenbuterol)

DVM Violations - 0

Post-race Testing - through 8/29

- Blood Only - 228
- Blood and Urine - 571

Workout Samples - 0

Research Samples - 3

OCT - 24

TCO2 tests - 193

Current Veterinarian's List - 87 (2021 season)

- Bled - 1
- Ill -34
- Injured - 26
- Non-Ill - 4
- Unsound - 15
- Medication - 7

Horses Working for DVM

- Off > year - 1
- On Vet's List - 21
- Cornell collar - 0

Ambulance Use - 1

- Backside - 0
- Racetrack - 1

Deceased Horses - 0

- Racing - 0
- Illness/Other - 0

Claimed Horses - 22

Voided Claims Due to Veterinary Reasons - 1

Board of Stewards Monthly Report Through September 9, 2021

Since the last Commission meeting, we've had two riders receive three day suspensions. We've had 4 objections and 4 inquiries on the races. We've had three disqualifications resulting from either an inquiry or an objection.

I think the big issue in the room is in regards to Empire Racing Stables and those in charge of it. Thankfully, a federal judge assigned a receiver who, because of her quick grasp on how horse racing is conducted, we the stewards and the executive secretary were able to come up with a method of solving this situation hopefully somewhat satisfactory to everyone. You can never foresee these kinds of events, but it certainly is best that heads remain cool and calm in sorting out the best way to resolve them when they do occur, and I personally believe that that is the case for this situation.

I am fully confident that Dr. Hovda will tell you the number of horses claimed and Andrew Offerman will give you an update on the wagering that has taken place. Once again I would like to compliment the trainers that are racing here at Canterbury Park because they obviously have competent staff that are respectful of the rules of the Minnesota Racing Commission that everyone must abide by.

I would like to make mention of the fact that I think the rule involving horses having the one hour time in the Test Barn for the new claimants to determine whether or not they are sound is outstanding, because it seems to be working quite well.

I would like everyone on the Racing Commission to be made aware of the fact that Steward Stan Bowker has developed health issues and it appears he will be unable to appear for the rest of the season. I cannot praise him enough for his wisdom and guidance while he worked alongside us. We're very fortunate Eddie Arroyo has been able to come and be here to the conclusion of the season. Eddie has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is a delight to work with.

Randy Blaseg, Chief Steward

Judges Report for August 2021 at Running Aces

The month of August is now in the books as we head down the stretch of the 2021 harness racing meet at Running Aces. As the season has progressed the number of entries in the box has increased considerably. More entries facilitate fuller fields and better racing. Recently most of the racing programs have had nine races per night, with plenty of action on the track.

The month of August brought some inclement weather to Running Aces for the first time this season. The August 5th racing program was suspended after the 4th race when lightning struck the building causing a power outage. After a lengthy delay with continued lightning strikes in the vicinity, management and the judges decided to cancel the remaining races on the program. The safety of all the participants as well as compromised Lasix times were the main factors in this decision.

Thirty-one rulings were issued during the month of August bringing the season total to sixty. Most of the ruling were due to various whipping violations. Unfortunately, in the heat of a hotly contested finish, some drivers revert to old habits. The severity of the fines and suspensions-imposed increase with repeated offenses. We are being very diligent trying to protect the horses from any type of abuse. We believe changes need to be made in the length of the whips, and the material used in manufacturing them. Or better yet do away with them altogether.

There were two medication positives in August, bringing the season total to five. Both positive tests resulted in a loss of purse money and a \$1000 fine.

Here are the stats for August (and the season)

Avg. Horses in the Box	79 (71)
Avg. Races per Card	8.9 (8.6)
Avg. Starters per Race	7.5 (7.0)
Avg. Handle on Track	\$12,977 (\$12,431)
Avg. Total Handle	\$134,515 (\$152,300)
Total Handle	\$1,883,203 (\$6,909,116)

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Deputy Director's Report

August 2021 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed @ Canterbury Park: **142**

Class C Applications Processed @ Running Aces: **53**

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

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

Class C Non-Gaming/Racing Vendors: **0**

Class C Licensing Fees for August: **\$5,635**

Fingerprint Fees for August: **\$2,100**
(Fingerprint fees are forwarded to Public Safety for processing reports)

Fines Collect during FY22: **\$9,875**

CP Ruling #	Name	Susp Start	Susp End	Violation Date	Ruling Date	Fine Amount	Fine Paid	Violation Description
C21000	Biehler, Lori			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 200.00		Prohibited Use of Riding Crop
C21001	Wade, Lindey			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 200.00		Prohibited Use of Riding Crop
C21002	Canchari, Alex			5/19/2021	5/20/2021	\$ 200.00		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		Failure to take care of business
C21007	Diodoro, Robertino			5/31/2021	6/15/2021	\$ 200.00		Not Eligible to Race Workout Rule
C21008	Wiley, Sue			5/31/2021	6/15/2021	\$ 200.00		Not Eligible to Race Workout Rule
C21009	Cappellucci, Dick			5/20/2021	6/22/2021	\$ 500.00		Medication Violation
C21010	Reyna, Jose			6/9/2021	6/23/2021			Summary Suspension, Failure to disclose
C21011	Escobedo, Edwin			6/22/2021	6/23/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21012	Fuentes, Luis			6/20/2021	6/23/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21013	Silva Jr, Jose			6/22/2021	7/3/2021	\$ 750.00		Necessitating a Late Scratch
C21014	Amaya, Daniel			7/6/2021	7/8/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21015	Valenzuela, Luis	7/28/2021	8/1/2021	7/7/2021	7/14/2021			Careless Riding
C21016	Valero, Roberto			7/28/2021	7/29/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21017	Escobedo, Edwin			7/28/2021	7/29/2021	\$ 300.00		Misuse of Whip
C21018	Garcia, Ramiro			7/28/2021	7/29/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21019	Escobedo, Edwin			7/28/2021	7/29/2021	\$ 500.00		Misuse of Whip
C21020	Hamilton, Quincy			7/29/2021	8/3/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21021	Canchari, Alex			8/1/2021	8/3/2021	\$ 100.00		Failure to Report
C21022	Harr, Kelsi			8/1/2021	8/3/2021	\$ 100.00		Failure to Report
C21023	Fuentes, Ruben			8/3/2021	8/4/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21024	Reyna, Jose			6/9/2021	8/5/2021			Summary Suspension, Failure to disclose
C21025	Canchari, Alex	8/17/2021	8/19/2021	8/5/2021	8/10/2021			Careless Riding
C21026	Vasquez, Francisco			8/1/2021	8/12/2021	\$ 200.00		Positive Alcohol Test
C21027	Hamilton, Quincy			8/15/2021	8/18/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21028	Hamilton, Quincy			8/17/2021	8/18/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21029	Fuentes, Ruben			8/17/2021	8/18/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21030	Quinonez, Alonso	8/29/2021	9/1/2021	8/18/2021	8/22/2021			Careless Riding
C21031	Canchari, Alex			8/24/2021	8/29/2021	\$ 500.00		Conduct Detrimental to Racing
C21032	Fuentes, Luis			8/29/2021	8/31/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21033	Hernandez, Israel			8/29/2021	8/31/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
C21034	Negron, Luis	9/8/2021	9/14/2021	8/29/2021	9/1/2021			Careless Riding
C21035	Anderson, Doug			8/26/2021	8/31/2021	\$ 250.00		Failure to Honor Commitment to Run
C21036	Stuart, Clinton			8/26/2021	8/31/2021	\$ 250.00		Failure to Honor Commitment to Run

C21037	Calhoun, Tim	9/1/2021	9/5/2021	\$	100.00	Conduct Detrimental to Racing
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RA Ruling #	Name	Susp Start	Susp End	Violation Date	Ruling Date	Fine Amount	Fine Paid	Violation Description
R210001	Jenson, Brady			5/16/2021	5/17/2021	\$ 200.00		Driving infraction
R210002	Bertrand, Richard			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 50.00		Not ready for Post Parade
R210003	Plano, Luke			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 100.00		Driving infraction
R210004	Roland, Nick			5/18/2021	5/19/2021	\$ 100.00		Driving infraction
R210005	Plano, Luke	5/25/2021	5/25/2021	5/20/2021	5/21/2021	\$ 100.00		Misuse of Whip
R210006	Erickson, Mallory			5/25/2021	5/26/2021	\$ 100.00		Incorrectly identifying a horse
R210007	Detgen, Brian	6/8/2021	6/8/2021	6/3/2021	6/4/2021	\$ 100.00		Any whipping other than wrist action only
R210008	Magee, Richard			6/3/2021	6/8/2021	\$ 200.00		Hook wheels, interference
R210009	Roland, Nick			6/3/2021	6/8/2021	\$ 100.00		Kicking
R210010	Roland, Nick			6/3/2021	6/8/2021	\$ 100.00		Kicking
R210011	Roland, Nick	6/15/2021	6/15/2021	6/8/2021	6/10/2021	\$ 200.00		Jamming the field
R210012	Plano, Luke			6/15/2021	6/20/2021	\$ 200.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210013	Holm-Johansen, Ulf			5/27/2021	6/18/2021	\$ 1,000.00		Medication/Drug Violation - Animal
R210014	Roland, Nick	6/22/2021	6/22/2021	6/17/2021	6/18/2021	\$ 100.00		Misuse of Whip
R210015	Magee, Richard			6/6/2021	6/18/2021	\$ 300.00		Medication/Drug Violation - Animal
R210016	Longo, Gerald			6/18/2021	6/21/2021	\$ 50.00		General/Miscellaneous Rulings
R210017	Roland, Nick			6/22/2021	6/25/2021	\$ 100.00		General/Miscellaneous Rulings
R210018	Roland, Nick			6/29/2021	6/30/2021	\$ 200.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210020	Jungquist, James			7/6/2021	7/7/2021	\$ 100.00		License Denied, Rescinded, Revoked, Suspended, Withdrawn or Exclusion
R210021	Magee, Richard	7/13/2021	7/13/2021	7/8/2021	7/9/2021	\$ 100.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210022	Detgen, Brian	7/13/2021	7/14/2021	7/8/2021	7/9/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210023	Magee, Richard			6/22/2021	7/14/2021	\$ 300.00		Misuse of Whip
R210024	Plano, Luke			7/11/2021	7/12/2021	\$ 100.00		Medication/Drug Violation - Animal
R210025	Jungquist, James	7/29/2021	7/29/2021	7/22/2021	7/22/2021	\$ 100.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210026	Plano, Luke			7/25/2021	7/26/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210027	Cutting, Jacob	8/1/2021	8/1/2021	7/25/2021	7/26/2021	\$ 100.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210028	Plano, Luke	8/1/2021	8/1/2021	7/27/2021	7/28/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210030	Demars, Sebastian	8/5/2021	8/5/2021	8/1/2021	8/2/2021	\$ 100.00		Misuse of Whip
R210031	Roland, Nick			8/3/2021	8/4/2021	\$ 25.00		Misuse of Whip
R210032	Jenson, Brady			8/1/2021	8/2/2021	\$ 200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210033	Hernandez, Edward			8/3/2021	8/4/2021	\$ 50.00		Trainer Responsibility
R210034	Plano, Luke			8/10/2021	8/11/2021	\$ 50.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210035	Roland, Nick	8/15/2021	8/15/2021	8/5/2021	8/8/2021	\$ 200.00		Trainer Responsibility
R210036	Jenson, Brady	8/15/2021	8/15/2021	8/8/2021	8/9/2021	\$ 100.00		Misuse of Whip

R210037	Jungquist, James	8/15/2021	8/15/2021	8/10/2021	8/11/2021	\$	200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210038	Hernandez, Edward			8/10/2021	8/12/2021	\$	100.00		Trainer Responsibility
R210040	Plano, Luke			8/10/2021	8/13/2021	\$	50.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210041	Magee, Dean	8/26/2021	8/26/2021	8/15/2021	8/16/2021	\$	100.00		Misuse of Whip
R210043	Kerwood, Anthony			8/17/2021	8/18/2021	\$	200.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210044	Roland, Nick	8/24/2021	8/24/2021	8/19/2021	8/22/2021	\$	200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210046	Moore, Melody			8/22/2021	8/23/2021	\$	50.00		Trainer Responsibility
R210047	Plano, Luke	8/26/2021	8/26/2021	8/22/2021	8/23/2021	\$	100.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210050	Roland, Nick			8/19/2021	8/23/2021	\$	200.00		General/Miscellaneous Rulings
R210051	Jungquist, James			8/24/2021	8/25/2021	\$	200.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210052	Roland, Nick			8/10/2021	8/27/2021	\$	1,000.00		Medication/Drug Violation - Animal
R210053	Roland, Nick			8/24/2021	8/27/2021	\$	100.00		Trainer Responsibility
R210054	Roland, Nick	8/31/2021	9/9/2021	8/26/2021	8/27/2021	\$	500.00		Misuse of Whip
R210055	Cutting, Jacob	8/31/2021	8/31/2021	8/26/2021	8/27/2021	\$	200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210056	Jungquist, James	9/2/2021	9/5/2021	8/29/2021	8/30/2021	\$	200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210057	Plano, Luke			8/31/2021	9/1/2021	\$	100.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210058	Longo, Gerald	9/5/2021	9/5/2021	8/31/2021	9/1/2021	\$	100.00		Misuse of Whip
R210059	King, Jenni			9/2/2021	9/3/2021	\$	50.00	No	General/Miscellaneous Rulings
R210060	Plano, Luke	9/7/2021	9/7/2021	9/2/2021	9/3/2021	\$	200.00		Misuse of Whip
R210061	Detgen, Brian			9/5/2021	9/6/2021	\$	200.00		Careless/Unsafe/Improper Riding or Driving
R210062	Critchett, Laura			8/22/2021	9/6/2021	\$	1,000.00		Medication/Drug Violation - Animal
R210063	Plano, Luke			8/22/2021	9/6/2021	\$	1,000.00		Medication/Drug Violation - Animal
R210064	Jenson, Brady	9/12/2021	9/14/2021	9/7/2021	9/8/2021	\$	200.00	No	Misuse of Whip
R210065	Jungquist, James	9/12/2021	9/19/2021	9/7/2021	9/8/2021	\$	500.00	No	Misuse of Whip
R210066	Moore, Melody			9/7/2021	9/8/2021	\$	200.00		Failure to Honor Declaration/Engagement

Agency Name: Minnesota Racing Commission

Utilization Analysis:

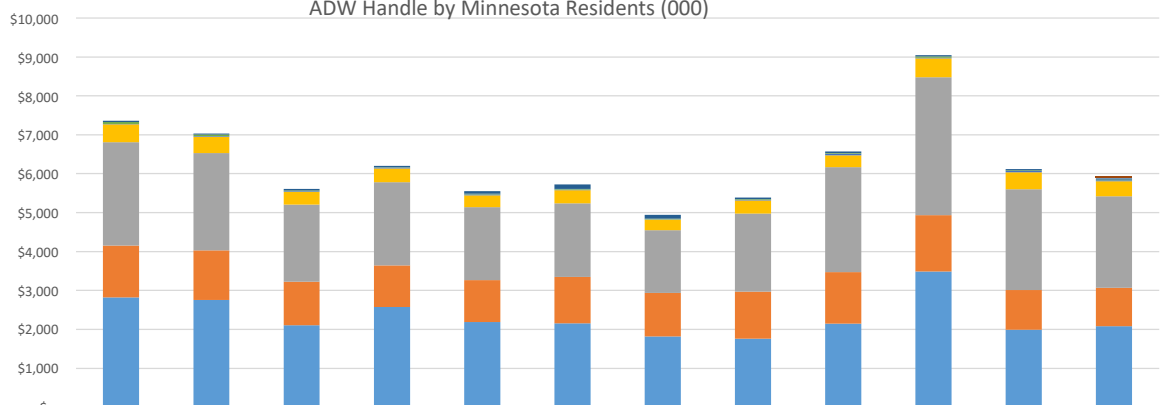
Comparing Incumbency to Availability, Establishing Placement Goals, and Timetable

FEMALES				
Job Categories	% of Female Employees in the Job Category	Female Availability %	Female Establish Goals?	If Yes, Goals for FY 2020-2022
Officials/Administrators	0.00%	33.20%	Monitor	
Professionals	66.67%	59.94%	Monitor	
Technicians	0.00%	89.20%	Monitor	
Office/Clerical	83.33%	93.74%	Monitor	
Service Maintenance	85.00%	90.70%	Yes	90.70%
Totals	71.79%			

RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES				
Job Categories	% of Racial/Ethnic Minority Employees in the Job Category	Racial/Ethnic Minority Availability %	Racial/Ethnic Minority Establish Goals?	If Yes, Goals for FY 2020-2022
Officials/Administrators	0.00%	5.40%	Monitor	
Professionals	0.00%	7.42%	Monitor	
Technicians	0.00%	8.30%	Monitor	
Office/Clerical	0.00%	9.81%	Monitor	
Service Maintenance	25.00%	0.00%		
Totals	12.82%			

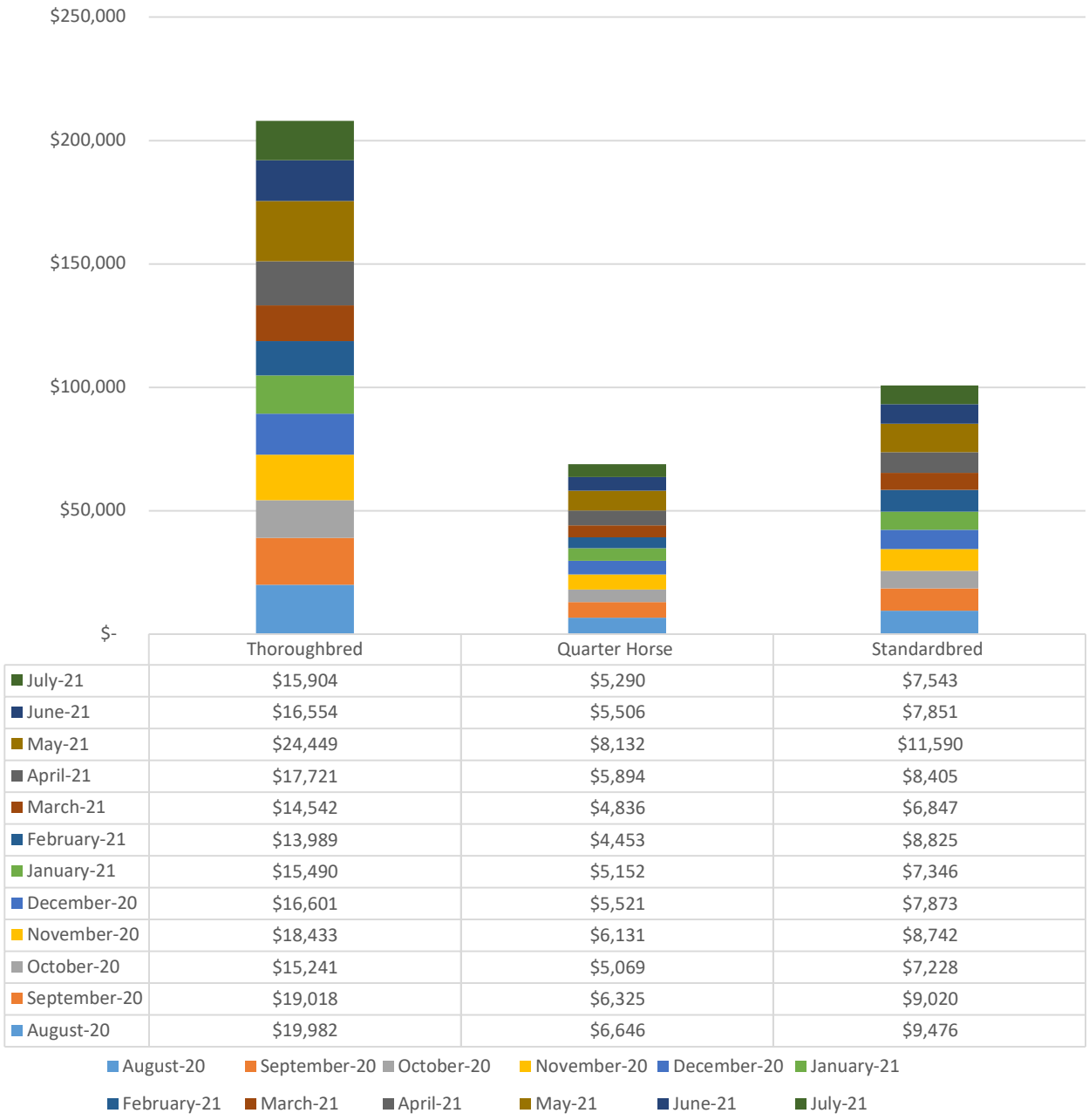
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES				
Job Categories	% of Individuals with Disabilities Employees in the Job Category	Individuals with Disabilities State Goals %	Individuals with Disabilities Establish Goals?	If Yes, Goals for FY 2020-2022
Officials/Administrators	0.00%	2.60%	Monitor	
Professionals	0.00%	2.76%	Monitor	
Technicians	0.00%	3.00%	Monitor	
Office/Clerical	16.67%	6.08%	Monitor	
Service Maintenance	10.00%	40.00%	Yes	40.00%
Totals	7.69%			

ADW Handle by Minnesota Residents (000)



	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Horse Tourneys												\$53
Lien Games	\$37	\$22	\$36	\$30	\$72	\$114	\$99	\$43	\$38	\$39	\$32	\$30
WatchandWager.com LLC	\$46	\$37	\$25	\$10	\$11	\$14	\$18	\$17	\$22	\$29	\$18	\$17
eBet Technologies	\$9	\$22	\$9	\$26	\$20	\$15	\$7	\$19	\$35	\$14	\$32	\$25
NYRA Bets (NewCo Ventures)	\$461	\$418	\$332	\$352	\$311	\$346	\$272	\$334	\$306	\$485	\$437	\$388
TVG (ODS Tech)	\$2,655	\$2,504	\$1,978	\$2,135	\$1,869	\$1,885	\$1,610	\$2,006	\$2,693	\$3,546	\$2,588	\$2,352
Xpressbet, LLC	\$1,337	\$1,273	\$1,116	\$1,069	\$1,088	\$1,195	\$1,122	\$1,211	\$1,325	\$1,447	\$1,022	\$987
Twinspires.com	\$2,821	\$2,755	\$2,111	\$2,578	\$2,182	\$2,154	\$1,817	\$1,759	\$2,151	\$3,491	\$1,990	\$2,081

Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW



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Executive Director's Report



MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
Contract Review

Contracted Vendor Name: **Avalon Gaming, Inc.**

Contract for: CP RA

Date of Contract: 7/9/2020 Amount of Contract: \$10,450.50

Vendor Contract Received by MRC: 8/25/2020

Vendor License issued: YES NO Not Required

License #

	Affects Integrity of Racing or Card playing	Does NOT affect integrity of Racing or Card Playing	Pre-Race or Cards Construction OR Start-up Contracts	Utility Contracts	Outside Live Meet/ No Impact on Racing or Card Playing
Under \$50,000	Executive Director	Executive Director may waive	WAIVED	WAIVED	WAIVED
\$50,000 - \$250,000	ED with concurrence of Chair & Admin. Committee Chair	Executive Director may waive	WAIVED	WAIVED	WAIVED
\$250,000- \$1,000,000	FULL COMMISSION	ED may waive with concurrence of Chair & Admin Committee Chair	WAIVED	WAIVED	WAIVED

Notes:

Purchase of three baccarat tables and associated hardware.

Recommend For Approval

YES

NO

WAIVED

Reviewed by: NJC Date: 8, 29, 21
(Initial)

Contingent on Avalon Gaming
being approved for 2021 MRC License.
Still need to APPLY in 2021 NJC
8-29-21

CANTERBURY PARK LOCATION
1100 CANTERBURY ROAD, STE. 100
SHAKOPEE, MN 55379
TELEPHONE: 952-496-7950
FAX: 952-496-7954
MN.GOV/MRC



RUNNING ACES LOCATION
15201 ZURICH STREET, STE. 212
COLUMBUS, MN 55025-7908
TELEPHONE: 651-925-3951
FAX: 651-925-3953
MN.GOV/MRC

August 30, 2021

Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
Attention Taro Ito
15201 Running Aces Blvd.
Columbus, MN 55025

RE: Avalon Gaming, Inc. Conditional Contract Approval

Dear Mr. Ito,

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Executive Director by the Minnesota Racing Commission ("Commission") on December 17, 2020, I have reviewed the Avalon Gaming, Inc. contract submitted to the Commission on August 25, 2021, by Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack for 1 baccarat table and related hardware items. I hereby grant a conditional approval of this contract contingent upon Avalon Gaming, Inc. applying for and being granted a Gaming-Related Vendor License by the Minnesota Racing Commission.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this approval letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve May', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steve May
Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission

cc: Camille McArdle, DVM, Chair, Minnesota Racing Commission
Bob Schiewe, Deputy Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission
Lynnette Blom, Director of Casino Operations, Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
Josh Gago, Director of Casino Management, Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack



MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
Contract Review

Contracted Vendor Name: **Scientific Games**

Contract for: CP RA

Date of Contract: 8/13/2020 Amount of Contract: \$21,588/year

Vendor Contract Received by MRC: 8/25/2020

Vendor License issued: YES NO Not Required

License #

	Affects Integrity of Racing or Card playing	Does NOT affect integrity of Racing or Card Playing	Pre-Race or Cards Construction OR Start-up Contracts	Utility Contracts	Outside Live Meet/ No Impact on Racing or Card Playing
Under \$50,000	Executive Director	Executive Director may waive	WAIVED	WAIVED	WAIVED
\$50,000 - \$250,000	ED with concurrence of Chair & Admin. Committee Chair	Executive Director may waive	WAIVED	WAIVED	WAIVED
\$250,000- \$1,000,000	FULL COMMISSION	ED may waive with concurrence of Chair & Admin Committee Chair	WAIVED	WAIVED	WAIVED

Notes:

New equipment for baccarat table.

Recommend For Approval

YES

NO

WAIVED

Reviewed by: NJC Date: 8, 29, 21
(Initial)