

**Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. CST
Nutrena Conference Center
1801 Dudley Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda

New Business – Action Items

- 4) Renewal of Class B License – Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC
- 5) Renewal of Class B License – North Metro Harness Initiative (d/b/a Running Aces Casino and Racetrack)
- 6) 2023 Live Racing Requests from Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC
 - a. Live Race Day Application
 - b. Televised Race Days
 - c. Racing Officials
- 7) 2023 Live Racing Requests from North Metro Harness Initiative (d/b/a Running Aces Casino and Racetrack)
 - a. Live Race Day Application
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- 8) Approval of Minnesota Thoroughbred Association Request for Stallion Auction Award
- 9) Approval of Racehorse Aftercare Grant Recommendations

New Business – Informational Items

- 10) Status Reports
 - a. Canterbury Park Entertainment
 - b. Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
- 11) Executive Director's Report (delivered by Joe Newton)
 - a. HISA Update
 - b. Rulemaking Update
 - c. Licensing Report

- d. Personnel Update
 - e. ADW Report
 - f. Contract Approvals
- 12) MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports
- 13) Tribute to Minnesota Horsepersons
- 14) Future Meetings
 Dates and Location to be determined
- 15) Adjourn

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Item 4 –
Renewal of Class B
License – Canterbury
Park Entertainment,
LLC

Item 5 –
Renewal of Class B
License – North Metro
Harness Initiative
(d/b/a Running Aces
Casino and Racetrack)

Item 6a –
2023 Live Racing
Requests from
Canterbury Park
Entertainment, LLC-
Live Race Day
Application



November 15, 2022

Ms. Charlene Briner
Interim Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN 55379

RE: Canterbury Park 2023 Live Racing Dates Request

Under MRC 7872.0100, Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC respectfully requests that its application for 2023 live racing dates be placed on the agenda for consideration at the December 2022 meeting of the Minnesota Racing Commission. Please note that this request includes a 54-Day Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse mixed live racing meet. We are not requesting dates for Arabian or Standardbred horses to compete at Canterbury Park in 2023. CPE is close to reaching mutually beneficial contracts with representatives of both the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse organizations.

As a result of the requirements outlined in MRC 7872.0100, CPE respectfully reserves the right to bring forth an amended 2023 dates requests for your consideration at a later date in the event that additional discussions with the Minnesota HBPA or Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association deem it appropriate.

This request contains the following exhibits:

1. A statement of the precise nature and extent of the assignment requested including breeds of horses, number of races per program, types of races, purses and hours of racing as required by MRC 7872.0100 (Exhibit A)
2. A detailed statement of how the request meets each of the criteria required by MRC 7872.0110 (Exhibit B)
3. A 2023 Racing Calendar for May, June, July, August and September (Exhibit C)
4. Canterbury Park Holding Corporation's Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2022 (Exhibit D)
5. Canterbury Park's 2022 Meet Analysis (Exhibit E)

Your consideration of this request is very much appreciated,

Amber Carlisle
Racing Operations Manager
Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC

EXHIBIT A

MRC 7872.0100 *Statement of the precise nature and extent of the assignment requested including dates, breeds of horses, number of races per program, types of races, purses, and hours of racing.*

A. Live Racing Dates – (See Exhibit C for calendar)

1. **54-Day Mixed Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Meet**
Saturday, May 27, 2023 – Saturday, September 16, 2023

B. Breeds of Horses

1. Thoroughbred
2. Quarter Horse

C. Number of Races per Program

1. Between eight (8) and fourteen (14) per day

D. Types of Races (Turf & Dirt)

1. Maiden
2. Maiden Claiming
3. Claiming
4. Starter Allowance
5. Starter Allowance/Optional Claiming
6. Allowance
7. Allowance/Optional Claiming
8. Overnight Stakes
9. Stakes
10. Starter Stakes
11. Minnesota-bred (all categories listed above)
12. Fillies and Mares (Minnesota-bred and open races in all categories listed above)

E. Purses

1. Purses will be paid pursuant to amounts required under MN Statute §240. It is estimated that approximately \$11 million in purses will be offered for the meet.

F. Hours of Racing

1. Sundays & Holiday Mondays – **1:00 PM**
2. Sunday, July 3, Saturday, September 9, Wednesday, September 13 and Saturday, September 16 – **4:00 PM**
3. Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays – **5:00 PM**

MRC 7872.0110 *Statement of the basis for the assignment of live racing days.*

A. The integrity of the license:

1. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC (CPE) has operated a Tele-Racing Center since May 1994 and live race meets since the summer of 1995. The Company is a public corporation and the principals involved are well-respected businesspeople several of which have been active participants in the horse racing industry for more than 35 years.

B. The financial strength of the licensee:

1. Over the past twenty-seven years, CPE's ownership has demonstrated its commitment to the racing industry in Minnesota and has provided the resources necessary to ensure the successful operation of its assigned racing days.
2. The Company maintains a \$10 million operating line of credit provided by a bank and had no borrowings under that line of credit as of September 30, 2022. Additionally, as of September 30, 2022, CPE had no long-term debt and total Stockholders' Equity of \$70.1 million.
3. CPE has reported a profit each year from 1996 through 2020 with the exception of 2010 when CPE reported a loss of \$992,206.

In 2021, CPE recorded a profit of \$11,798,153. For complete information regarding operating results and CPE's financial position, see the attached Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2022. (Exhibit D)

C. The ability of the licensee to conduct horse racing, including the licensee's facilities, systems, policy makers, manager and personnel:

1. CPE's facility is among the most up-to-date in the industry. In recent years, the Company has invested significant resources in capital improvement projects designed to keep our facility competitive with the rapidly changing entertainment industry and ensure the safety of our equine athletes. Here is a summary of the most recent improvements:

Following the 2018 season, CPE surveyed its main track, stripped the cushion material and regraded the entirety of the base from inside to outside throughout the oval to the original 1985 elevations. In doing so, CPE discovered numerous areas that required rebuilding and resurfacing to fit the original specifications. Furthermore, as a part of this repair process, CPE had a GPS model of the racing surface developed for use in equipment that will assist in doing more precise track renovation and maintenance work in the future.

In 2019 CPE completed a significant renovation and expansion of its Card Casino which included completely redesigned food and beverage offerings, an expanded gaming floor and a more visible pit for use during live racing.

Immediately following the conclusion of the 2022 racing season, construction began on the new track lighting system which will feature updated lighting around the paddock area, grandstand and racetrack oval. This lighting project will return the racetrack's footprint to its original standard when the facility was first built. CPE contracted Musco Lighting, which has significant experience lighting various horse racing facilities around the world. The new lighting system will vastly improve the quality of illumination during night racing cards and feature modern technology to reduce light pollution to the surrounding community.

The Company employs experienced racetrack policy makers, managers and personnel in all departments and strives to use the latest technology available within the industry. The officers and directors of the company have successfully run the past 28 race meets conducted at Canterbury Park, including the safe completion of the shortened 2020 live racing season in the midst of a global pandemic.

D. Past compliance of the licensee with statutes, rules and orders regarding pari-mutuel horse racing:

1. Since its inception in 1994, CPE has complied with all laws, rules and orders of the Minnesota Racing Commission. In September 2013, as a result of an inquiry into the improper payment of purses at Running Aces Harness Park, it came to the attention of the Corporation that CPE had underpaid purses by \$15,068 in 2012. In order to move into compliance with statute, the Company recognized an additional purse expense of \$15,068 in October 2013. The Minnesota Racing Commission was made aware of this corrective action in a letter dated October, 16, 2013.

E. The licensee's market, including area, population and demographics:

1. Canterbury Park's primary market area for live racing is the entire Twin Cities metropolitan area. The demographics and population growth are very strong, particularly in our southwest portion of the metro area. At present, it is estimated that Scott and Carver counties are the two fastest growing Counties in the State of Minnesota.

F. The performance of the licensee with previously assigned dates:

1. CPE has been previously assigned live racing dates in 1995 through 2022 as well as Televised Race dates in 1994 through 2022.

The 2020 and 2021 live meets proved informative as we have dramatically increased our out-of-state wagering and the interest amongst racing fans across America. The 2022 racing season generated a new Canterbury Park wagering records with total handle amounting to \$97.6 million.

The dates requested in 2023 are a hybrid of our former business model based on weekend attendance and our more recent model which has emphasized off-track wagering.

CPE desires to continue to refine its schedule and run Saturday evenings in addition to Sunday afternoons in order to allow more opportunities for our race fans to attend the races during more traditional hours. These days will allow us to focus on the entertainment-centric customer two days per week while continuing to focus on an off-track gaming-centric model on Wednesday & Thursday evenings.

We believe that moving our Opening Day to Memorial Day Weekend will allow for a better supply of race-ready horses to be on-site thereby increasing field size and bolstering our numbers at the beginning of the season. (See Exhibit E)

G. The impact of the assignment of the racing days on the economic viability of the racetrack, including attendance and pari-mutuel handle:

1. CPE believes that the requested live racing days will provide the best possible financial outcome for both Canterbury Park and the Minnesota horsepeople in 2023, as stated above, by continuing to grow our off-track following while doing our best to appeal to the local customer.

Moving most of our racing to mid-week had a positive impact on handle in the last few seasons; however, it also resulted in lower attendance and on-track handle than pre-Covid operations; thus, the need to try to create a more entertainment-focused Saturday & Sunday schedule while trying to keep as much upside as possible from out-of-state handle.

H. The quality and quantity of economic activity and employment generated:

1. Over 35 racing seasons, Canterbury Downs & Canterbury Park has spearheaded the horse racing and horse breeding industries throughout the state. The results were well documented in the 1987 and 1988 Economic Impact Studies of the Minnesota Department of Revenue and for the Minnesota Racing Commission. Furthermore, the results were confirmed in the 2016 report entitled *Economic Contribution of Minnesota's Horse Racing Industry* completed by the University of Minnesota's Extension Center and sponsored by the Minnesota Racing Commission when it was reported that Minnesota's horse racing industry generated an estimated \$409.2 million of economic activity throughout the state of Minnesota on an annual basis, \$176.1 million a result of direct spending within the industry.
2. To date, in its 1,752 assigned racing dates beginning in 1995, CPE has awarded approximately \$275 million in purse funds to participants in its race meets. These funds have largely been reinvested throughout the industry.

I. State tax revenue from racing and related activity:

1. Directly from the operation of Canterbury Park, the state receives tax revenue from the following sources:

A) State income tax on withheld wagering winnings

- B) Admissions tax
- C) Sales tax from concessions
- D) Corporate income tax
- E) License fees
- F) Reimbursed state expenses
 - 1) Stewards
 - 2) Drug testing
 - 3) Veterinarians
- G) Payroll withholding
- H) State unemployment tax
- I) Pari-Mutuel Taxes (if threshold as described in MN §240.15 is reached)

To date, the State of Minnesota has received more than \$55 million in tax revenues from these sources.

2. As a result of the existence of a first-class track in Minnesota with a competitive purse structure, breeding farms create employment that benefits the state from payroll withholding, state unemployment tax, income tax, sales tax on purchases and many others. As previously mentioned, the indirect economic impact of these activities is discussed in detail in the 2016 Economic Contribution Study when it was reported that Minnesota's horse racing industry generated an estimated \$409.2 million of economic activity throughout the state of Minnesota on an annual basis, \$176.1 million a result of direct spending within the industry.

J. The entertainment and recreation opportunities for Minnesota citizens:

1. Under normal circumstances, horse racing at Canterbury Park attracts families from throughout the state. In 2019, pre-pandemic, the average daily attendance reached 6,592 while 435,087 patrons visited in total. Both figures were amongst the highest ever recorded for Canterbury Park. While 2022 attendance figures were not back to 2019 levels, it was very encouraging to see large crowds back to near pre-pandemic levels on our big days.
2. Despite legislation introduced by then Rep. Brad Tabke in April 2021, Minnesotans remain unable to wager on Canterbury Park unless physically at the racetrack which may limit the overall ability for horse racing to penetrate the current entertainment market.
3. In total, more than 800 TVs are available throughout the facility for the convenience of our guests. With the conversion to the High-Definition broadcast of CPE's races in 2016, Canterbury's facility has been completely upgraded to high-definition monitors. In addition, we completely renovated our infield television display and tote board in the spring of 2013. Furthermore, as a part of the same capital improvement project, CPE added a video display in the paddock for the first time in track history. The renovated video boards bring high-definition video capabilities to both the paddock and the infield and allow for the graphical display of all tote information. These improvements provided Canterbury Park with some of the finest high-definition and graphical odds displays in all of North American racing and allowed CPE to provide more

racing information to our racing fans to create a more engaging fan experience on par with that they see in other professional sports venues throughout the state of Minnesota.

4. CPE added an Expo Center in 2014 that hosts both racing and non-racing events. In the winter of 2014-2015, CPE completely renovated its restaurant and suite area to complete a new premier event space and restaurant called the Triple Crown Club. In the winter of 2015-2016 CPE renovated many of its food and beverage areas and bars on the Mezzanine Level. In 2019, CPE finished a multi-phase renovation project on Track Level. Also in 2019, CPE renovated to its Card Casino which included new food and beverage offerings, an expanded gaming floor and a more visible pit for use during live racing. In a project spanning from 2020 to 2022 CPE completed major improvements to its parking lot and surrounding road infrastructure to improve vehicle and pedestrian access to the facility.

K. The variety of racing:

1. CPE will offer a variety of racing in terms of breeds (thoroughbred and quarter horses), racing distances (110 yards – 2 miles), racing surfaces (turf and dirt) and race conditions (outlined in Exhibit A) in 2023.

L. The quality of racing:

1. In 1995 CPE established that concentrating the available purse fund into a shorter live racing season would enhance the quality of racing by increasing the average daily purses.
2. In 2022 Canterbury Park's featured day of racing, the Northern Stars Turf Festival, resulted in the Company's highest day of handle on record with a total of \$4.7 million wagered. In conjunction with record handle, the race card featured horses that shipped from all over the country in order to participate.

M. The availability and quality of horses:

1. Purses and breeders' fund monies generated from winter simulcasting and card club operations will continue to help maintain both the availability and quality of horses in 2023. Prior to the 2013 – 2019 racing seasons, over 2,000 horses were listed on stall applications and a full complement of nearly 1,550 were stabled on the backside throughout the duration of these meets of which over 450 were foaled in Minnesota. Over the past three seasons, recruitment has grown more challenging; however, stall applications nearly topped 1,800 during the 2022 season.

In 2020, amongst a global pandemic, Canterbury Park attracted nearly 2,400 stall applications amidst the uncertainty in the industry. Despite the 2,400 applications, Canterbury Park only housed 1,250 horses for the 2020 racing season. During the 2022 meet, nearly 1,800 horses applied for stall space with over 1,300 horses housed on property during the peak of the racing season.

In 2023, Canterbury Park will be aggressively recruiting horses from throughout the country with the goal of attracting a horse population equal to that of previous meets. However, the industry is rapidly-changing with enhanced competition from racing in both Illinois and Nebraska where slot machines have recently been approved at race tracks which will make their purse structures more competitive.

N. The development of horse racing:

1. By offering a first-class facility and competitive purses, CPE is striving to keep Minnesota competitive amongst its Midwest competition. Additionally, CPE continues to strive to be innovative in the development of new industry initiatives and in showing a spirit of cooperation between management and horsemen not typical throughout the industry.
2. In 2023, the Canterbury Racing Club will start its fourteenth season of educating Minnesotans about horse ownership. Additionally, Canterbury College, an innovative education seminar teaching fans how to handicap is now entering its third decade. CPE will continue to lead the industry in these initiatives and is proud of the relationship we share with our horsemen that allows us to work on such efforts collaboratively.
3. Most substantially, CPE and the Minnesota HBPA combined to jointly form the Minnesota Racehorse Engagement Project in 2019. This effort was solely focused on engaging the public with racehorse ownership both on the track and after a racing career has ended.

O. The quality of racetrack facilities:

1. The racetrack facilities are high quality in every respect and are explained in detail in the original five-volume license application of Minnesota Racetrack, Inc., copies of which are on file with the Minnesota Racing Commission. Over the past 28 years CPE has committed more than \$27 million to upgrades and enhancements to our grandstand and backside facilities.

Both our dirt track and our turf track are carefully maintained. We continue to work with the original engineer of the main track Michael Heuer, PE of Braun Intertec. Mr. Heuer worked as the local engineer that assisted the late Joe King in the original design, installation and maintenance of this surface over its first twenty years of existence.

2. Canterbury Park received accreditation from the National Thoroughbred Racing Association Safety and Integrity Alliance for the first time in 2010. In 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019 and 2022 Canterbury Park received a re-accreditation and, in some areas, our practices have been adopted by the NTRA as industry-leading standard practices to be implemented at other facilities throughout their accreditation process.
3. Immediately following the conclusion of the 2022 racing season, Phase I of the barn area improvements project began. Canterbury Park has contracted with several professional construction companies and is working closely with the

horseperson's groups to create a renovated and improved stable area, including new barns and dormitories.

P. Security:

1. Canterbury Park's Security Department has a very experienced staff with most of our Security management team having been with Canterbury Park since 1995. Our Security department works closely with the Minnesota Racing Commission and the Shakopee Police Department.
2. Since 2001, when we developed an in-house emergency medical response program, our staff has done an admirable job of managing our on-track and first aid room medical programs.

Q. Purses:

1. Purse and breeders' fund moneys generated from Simulcasting, the Card Club, and the purse enhancement fund will supplement the purses derived from the pari-mutuel handle. It is estimated that over \$12 million will be offered for all breeds in 2023 over 54 days of racing, providing a competitive purse structure of \$200,000 in purses per day.

R. Benefits to Minnesota Breeders and Owners:

1. From 2016 – 2020, Minnesota-bred thoroughbreds earned more than \$5 million in purse money during each Canterbury Park live racing season. In 2021 and 2022 Minnesota-bred thoroughbreds earned over \$6 million in purse money.
2. In 2020, during global pandemic, more than 45% of Canterbury Park's total purse money was dedicated to races restricted to Minnesota-bred thoroughbreds, easily a new track record as CPE made every effort to mitigate damage to Minnesota owners and breeders.
3. Additionally, Breeders' and Stallion owners also received more than \$600,000 in awards paid based on the results of the 2022 live race meet.
4. Breeders' & Stallion Awards have changed greatly over the past few seasons. Rule changes that were supported by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Fund Advisory Committee and approved by Commission in early 2013 have increased the amount of money available for Breeders' and Stallion awards to incentivize additional breeding in the state of Minnesota. These rules move all available Breeders' Fund money generated from both Live Racing and Simulcasting to Breeders' Awards. Thus, the only source of funding remaining for purse supplements is revenue derived from the Card Casino.
5. The Advance Deposit Wagering law, passed during the 2015 legislative session, provides additional funds to purses and Minnesota-bred Stakes and breeders' awards for both thoroughbreds and quarter horses. As a result of the global pandemic shifting a substantial amount of handle online, these are no longer making up the difference of the amount lost based on the decrease in on-track business.

S. Stability in racing dates:

1. It is very important to have stability in racing dates in order to convince trainers and owners to bring their horses to Minnesota from other established racing circuits. In 2022, Canterbury Park, for the twenty-seventh straight year and despite a global pandemic in 2020, offered at least 50 days of racing during the months of May, June, July, August & September.
2. In 2023, CPE is applying for a racing season that consists of 54 days, thereby giving horsemen a racing opportunity that is similar to prior Canterbury Park meets.

T. Competition among racetracks and with other providers of entertainment and recreation as well as its effect:

1. In 2022 CPE faced competition for the fifteenth year from another racetrack in the Twin Cities, Running Aces Harness Park. Throughout those fifteen years, CPE believes that Running Aces card room and simulcast operations have had a significant impact on CPE's revenues.
2. Canterbury Park competes with many other forms of recreation in the state such as the Twins, Timberwolves, Minnesota United FC, Wild, Vikings, Valleyfair, Minnesota State Fair, Renaissance Festival, charitable gambling, internet gambling, Native American Gaming and the State Lottery.
3. Additionally, the advent of ADW laws in 2016 has increased the competition for the pari-mutuel handle. This has never been truer than in 2020-2021 when the competition for the pari-mutuel dollar has seen a substantial increase as the result of handle migrating to online sources. With so many alternatives, competition for both the wagering and entertainment dollar is intense.

U. The social effects:

1. The pari-mutuel horse racing industry employs thousands of people and purchases millions of dollars of goods and services in the state.
2. CPE has a strong Responsible Gaming Program for its patrons and employees. We also provide financial support to several Minnesota problem gambling organizations.
3. CPE has a strong commitment to charitable and community organizations. We have committed to return between 2% and 5% of pre-tax profits to these organizations resulting in donations totaling more than \$3 million since 2004.
4. In 2008, Canterbury Park and the Minnesota HBPA created a funding mechanism for supporting organizations which provide for rehabilitation and re-training of retired racehorses. In 2012, the voluntary fee collected from horse owners in support of these programs was increased from \$1 per start to \$2 per start and in 2016 the fee increased from \$2 per start to \$3 per start. In 2018 the fee increased to \$5 per start and in 2019 it was raised to \$7 per start.

In 2020, the fee was set at \$8 per start and a 1.5% claiming fee was added to each claimed horse with proceeds specifically designated to racehorse retirement. In 2022 the per start fee was increased to \$10 per start. This per start fee is matched by Canterbury Park.

From 2008 to present more than \$590,000 has been raised through this program for distribution to retired racehorse programs.

Year	Per Start Fee	Canterbury Match	1.5% Claiming Fee*	Total Contributions
2008	\$6,112**	\$6,012	\$0	\$12,124
2009	\$4,268	\$4,268	\$0	\$8,536
2010	\$4,153	\$4,153	\$0	\$8,306
2011	\$5,955**	\$3,955	\$0	\$9,910
2012	\$9,645**	\$9,345	\$0	\$18,990
2013	\$10,612	\$10,612	\$0	\$21,224
2014	\$10,174	\$10,174	\$0	\$20,348
2015	\$10,212	\$10,212	\$0	\$20,414
2016	\$15,195	\$15,195	\$0	\$30,390
2017	\$15,636	\$15,636	\$0	\$31,272
2018	\$25,088	\$25,088	\$0	\$50,176
2019	\$31,807	\$31,807	\$0	\$63,614
2020	\$28,312	\$28,312	\$17,997	\$74,621
2021	\$35,008	\$35,008***	\$31,672.50	\$101,688.50
2022	\$43,750	\$43,750***	\$30,971.25	\$118,471.25
Total	\$256,053	\$253,427	\$80,620.75	\$590,294.75

* This fee was new in 2020.
 ** Special contributions were made by individuals and/or entities in 2008, 2011 and 2012 which have been included in the Per Start Contribution column.
 *** CPE will match the 2022 Per Start Contribution as part of its 2022 Annual Giving.

The funds listed above have been donated primarily to Bowman’s Second Chance Thoroughbred Adoption in Rhame, North Dakota and This Old Horse. However, CPE and the HBPA have contributed funds to the Minnesota Retired Racehorse Project (now CANTER Minnesota), Minnesota Hooved Animal Rescue, and the Minnesota Hay Bank. Additionally, we have provided funding in emergencies to help other rescue organizations throughout the country when the need arises.

V. Ecology:

1. A detailed environmental impact study was completed as a part of the original license application of Minnesota Racetrack, Inc., which has been amended and is on file in the Minnesota Racing Commission.
2. All government permits relating to the protection of the environment have been granted.

W. Community and government support:

1. Canterbury Park continues to receive widespread support from both community and local government.

X. Sentiment of horsepersons:

1. The principal owners of Canterbury Park are horsemen and have an excellent working relationship with the Minnesota HBPA, the Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association and Minnesota Thoroughbred Association. CPE anticipates the horsemen organizations support for this dates request and is confident there will be a contract in place prior to the MRC's action on this request.
2. Canterbury Park receives additional support from out-of-state horsepersons racing annually at Canterbury Park.

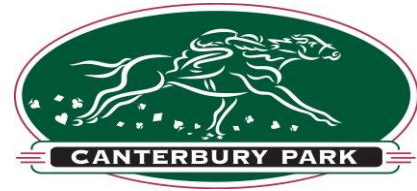
Y. Any other factors related to assignment of racing days, which the Commission deems crucial to its decision-making, as long as the same factors are considered with regard to all requests:

1. Canterbury Park has established racing dates and post times, with the approval of the Minnesota Racing Commission, based on the past twenty-eight years of racing at Canterbury Park. Stability in racing dates is an important factor in the recruitment of horses and the reputation of a racetrack as well as a necessity when attracting customers to your facility. Canterbury Park respectfully requests that the Minnesota Racing Commission consider these facts when allocating racing dates.

Summary

For reasons stated herein, CPE requests approval of the application of live racing dates. CPE is currently in negotiations with representatives of the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse groups and is close to finalizing a mutually beneficial contract. If these negotiations deem a necessary adjustment in race dates, CPE respectfully reserves the right to bring forth an amended 2023 dates request for your consideration.

Canterbury Park 2023 Live Racing Calendar
54 Days - Saturday, May 27 - Saturday, September 16



May 2023 - (3 Days)						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July 2023 - (17 Days)						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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30	31					

June 2023 - (12 Days)						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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August 2023 - (16 Days)						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

2023 Canterbury Park Post Times:	
	1:00 PM Central Post Time
	5:00 PM Central Post Time
	4:00 PM Central Post Time

September 2023 - (6 Days)						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

**In the Matter of the Application
Of Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC
for Approval Of 2023 Live Racing Days**

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, and after full consideration of the request for live racing days submitted by Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC, the Minnesota Racing Commission (hereinafter "Commission") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC holds a valid Class A license for the ownership and operation of a racetrack and a Class B license to sponsor and manage horse racing at Canterbury Park.
2. On November 15, 2022, Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC submitted a request for approval of 54 live racing days for 2023.
3. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC has sponsored and managed horse racing at Canterbury Park without disciplinary action for violation of statute or rule.
4. The Commission has received no serious complaints regarding the health, safety, or welfare of horses, patrons, employees or horsepersons at the track.
5. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC has complied with all rules requiring medical and safety equipment for horses and humans.
6. Canterbury Park is the only Class A, live thoroughbred and quarter horse pari-mutuel racetrack in Minnesota.
7. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC will promote horse racing within the State.
8. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC exhibits a level of financial strength that will carry it through 2023 live racing.
9. The Commission held a public hearing on December 15, 2022 to receive public testimony on Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC's request for live race dates.
10. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC submitted with its request a detailed statement of how its request meets each of the criteria in Minn. R. 7872.0110.
11. The Commission has complied with all substantive and procedural rules relative to the approval of live racing days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, subd. 1, the Commission shall assign racing days to each racetrack licensee authorized to conduct racing with pari-mutuel betting.
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, subd. 2, the Commission must hold a public hearing before assigning racing days.
3. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 7872.0100, a Class B licensee may apply for an assignment of live racing days.
4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, subd. 1, the Commission must assign racing days for 2023 by December 31, 2022.
5. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 7872.0110, the Commission must consider certain factors before approving the request.
6. The Commission has considered each factor contained in Minnesota Rules, part 7872.0110, Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC's detailed statement, and all comments and statements both written and oral provided by all parties and members of the public.
7. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC will conduct horse racing in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.
8. Canterbury Park will not adversely affect the health, welfare, or safety of horses or the public.
9. Canterbury Park will not create a competitive situation that will adversely affect racing in the public interest but rather will promote racing and the public interest.
10. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC is fit to sponsor and manage horse racing.
11. The Commission has complied with all substantive and procedural rules relative to approval of live racing days.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The request for assignment of live racing days for 2023 submitted by Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC is hereby granted.
2. Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC may conduct thoroughbred and/or quarter horse racing at Canterbury Park on those days assigned.
3. The racing conducted on those days must be in accordance with all state and federal laws and applicable rules of the Commission.
4. The Commission reserves the right to revise this Order as it deems appropriate pursuant to applicable laws and rules.

Dated: _____

Roy Johnson, Second Vice Chair
Minnesota Racing Commission

Item 6b –
2023 Live Racing
Requests from
Canterbury Park
Entertainment, LLC-
Televised Racing Days



November 21, 2022

Ms. Charlene Briner
Interim Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN 55379

RE: Canterbury Park 2023 Request for Televised Race Days and Commingled Simulcast Wagering on Televised Race Days

Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC respectfully requests that its applications for the following be placed on the agenda for consideration at the December meeting of the Minnesota Racing Commission:

1. 2023 Televised Racing Days & Pari-Mutuel Pools (MRC 7872.0100 and MRC 7871.0010)
2. 2023 Commingled Simulcast Wagering on Televised Race Days (MRC 7871.0030)

Our televised dates request in 2023 includes 364 Televised Race Days (no simulcast racing on Christmas Day). As a result of our multi-breed agreement with North Metro Harness Initiative, Canterbury Park respectfully requests Televised Racing Days for Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Standardbred and Arabian racing.

Pursuant to MRC 7871.0090 Subp. 1, Canterbury Park will file individual track information with regard to each meet with the Commission as it becomes available.

Pursuant to MRC Rule 7872.0100, our request for Televised Race Days includes the following exhibits.

1. The specific tracks for which we are requesting Televised Race Days with specific dates and meet information to be provided as they become available and documented according to MRC 7871.0090 Subp.1 (Exhibit A)
2. The calendar of the 364 requested televised racing days (Exhibit B)

Your consideration is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Amber Carlisle
Racing Operations Manager
Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC

Canterbury Park 2023 Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse & Arabian Track List - Exhibit A

Ajax Downs Ajax, Ontario, Canada	Fair Meadows Tulsa, OK	Mountaineer Park Chester, WV
Australia A, B, C, D Australian Racing	Far Hills Race Meeting Far Hills, NJ	Oaklawn Park Hot Springs, AR
Arizona Downs Prescott, AZ	Finger Lakes Farmington, NY	Penn National Grantville, PA
Assiniboia Downs Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada	Fonner Park Grand Island, NE	Philadelphia Park (Parx) Philadelphia, PA
Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) Pleasanton, CA	Fort Erie Racetrack Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada	Pimlico Baltimore, MD
Downs at Albuquerque Albuquerque, NM	Golden Gate Fields San Francisco, CA	Prairie Meadows Altoona, IA
Arapahoe Park Aurora, CO	Grants Pass Downs Grants Pass, OR	Presque Isle Downs Erie, PA
Ascot Race Course Ascot, United Kingdom	Gulfstream Park Hallandale, FL	Remington Park Oklahoma City, OK
Aqueduct (NYRA) New York City, NY	Hastings Race Course Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	Retama Park San Antonio, TX
The Big Fresno Fair (Fresno) Fresno, CA	Hawthorne Race Course Chicago, IL	Rillito Park Tucson, AZ
Belmont Park (NYRA) New York City, NY	Horsemen's Park Omaha, NE	Ruidoso Downs Ruidoso, NM
Belterra Park Cincinnati, OH	Horseshoe Indianapolis Shelbyville, IN	Sam Houston Race Park Houston, TX
California State Fair (Sacramento) Sacramento, CA	Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) Ferndale, CA	San Joaquin Fair (Stockton) Stockton, CA
Century Mile Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Japan Racing Association Japan Racing	Santa Anita Park Arcadia, CA
Charles Town Charlestown, WV	Keeneland Lexington, KY	Saratoga (NYRA) Saratoga Springs, NY
Churchill Downs Louisville, KY	Kentucky Derby Future Wagers Louisville, KY	Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Colonial Downs New Kent County, VA	Kentucky Downs Franklin, KY	Sunland Park Sunland Park, NM
Columbus Ag Park Columbus, NE	Laurel Park Laurel, MD	Sun Ray Park Farmington, NM
Del Mar Del Mar, CA	Lincoln Race Course Lincoln, NE	Tampa Bay Downs Oldsmar, FL
Delaware Park Wilmington, DE	Lone Star Park Grand Prairie, TX	Thistledown Cleveland, OH
Delta Downs Vinton, LA	Longchamp & Chantilly Race Course Paris, France	Timonium Racetrack Timonium, MD
Dubai Racing (Meydan Race Course) Dubai, UAE	Los Alamitos Race Course Cypress, CA	Turf Paradise Phoenix, AZ
Ellis Park Henderson, KY	Louisiana Downs Bossier City, LA	Turfway Park Florence, KY
Emerald Downs Seattle, WA	Mahoning Valley Youngstown, OH	Will Rogers Downs Claremore, OK
Evangeline Downs Lafayette, LA	The Meadowlands East Rutherford, NJ	Woodbine Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Fair Grounds New Orleans, LA	Melbourne Racing Club Caulfield, Victoria, Australia	Zia Park Hobbs, NM
Fairmount Park Collinsville, IL	Monmouth Park Oceanport, NJ	

Canterbury Park 2023 Standardbred Track List - Exhibit A

Bangor Raceway Bangor, ME	Hoosier Park Anderson, IN	Rideau Carlton Raceway Cardinal, Ontario, CA
Buffalo Raceway Hamburg, NY	Miami Valley Gaming Lebanon, OH	Rosecroft Raceway Ft. Washington, MD
Capitol Racing (Cal Expo) Sacramento, CA	The Meadows Meadow Lands, PA	Running Aces Harness Park Columbus, MN
Century Downs Calgary, Alberta	The Meadowlands East Rutherford, NJ	Saratoga Harness Raceway Saratoga, NY
Chester Downs (Harrah's Philly) Chester, PA	Mohawk Raceway Campbellville, Ontario, Canada	Scarborough Downs Scarborough, ME
Dayton Raceway Toledo, OH	Monticello Raceway Monticello, NY	Scioto Downs Columbus, OH
Delaware County Fair Delaware, OH	Northfield Park Northfield, OH	The Red Mile Lexington, KY
Dover Downs Dover, DE	Northlands Park Edmonton, Alberta, CA	Tioga Downs Nichols, NY
Flamboro Downs Dundas, Ontario, CA	Northville Downs Northville, MI	Vernon Downs Vernon, NY
Fraser Downs Surrey, BC, CA	Ocean Downs Berlin, MD	Western Fair Raceway London, Ontario, CA
Freehold Raceway Freehold, NJ	Plainridge Racecourse Plainville, ME	Woodbine Harness Toronto, CA
Grand River Raceway Ontario, CA	Pocono Downs Wilkes Barre, PA	Yonkers Raceway Yonkers, NY
Harrington Raceway Harrington, DE	Pompano Park Pompano Beach, FL	
Hawthorne Race Course Chicago, IL	Red Shores at Charlottetown Driving Park Charlottetown, PEI	

2023 Televised Dates



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Federal Holidays 2023

Jan 1	New Year's Day	May 29	Memorial Day	Oct 9	Columbus Day	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Jan 2	New Year's Day (observed)	Jun 19	Juneteenth	Nov 10	Veterans Day (observed)		
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 11	Veterans Day		
Feb 20	Presidents' Day	Sep 4	Labor Day	Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day		

Item 6c –
2023 Live Racing
Requests from
Canterbury Park
Entertainment, LLC-
Racing Officials



December 3, 2022

Ms. Charlene Briner
Interim Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN 55379

RE: 2023 Full Year Racing Official Approval

Pursuant to MRC Rule 7877.0110, Subp. 4, Racing Officials, Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC requests Racing Commission approval of the following officials for its 2023 Racing Seasons:

General Manager	Randy Sampson
Director of Security	Bryan Lingen
Mutuels Manager	Tammi Bennett
Assistant Racing Secretary	Amber Carlisle

Randy and Bryan have served in these positions previously at Canterbury Park. Mr. Sampson has held his position for 27 years. Mr. Lingen is Canterbury Park's current Director of Risk Management & Compliance and will be serving his third season as the Director of Security.

Tammi Bennett has been Canterbury Park's Mutuels Manager since 2021. Ms. Bennett has been with Canterbury Park and Downs for over 35 years where she began as a Mutuel Teller.

Amber Carlisle has been at Canterbury Park since 2014 and has served as Assistant Racing Secretary for the previous seven seasons. Following the 2022 live season Ms. Carlisle was promoted to Racing Operations Manager.

Please let us know should you require any additional information about any of these individuals.

Sincerely,

Amber Carlisle
Racing Operations Manager
Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC

Item 7a -
2023 Live Racing
Requests from North
Metro Harness
Initiative (d/b/a
Running Aces Casino
and Racetrack)
Live Race Day
Application



November 15, 2022

Ms. Charlene Briner, Interim Executive Director
MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
15201 Zurich St. NE, Suite 212
Columbus MN 55025

Subject: MRC Rule 7872.0100 and 7872.0110
Request for Racing Days

Dear Ms. Briner:

North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC d/b/a Running Aces respectfully requests consideration and approval for Live Racing Days in 2023.

This request for Live Racing Days includes the following exhibits required under MRC Rule 7872.0100:

- Statement of the precise nature and extent of the assignment requested, including dates, breeds, number of races per program, types of races, purses, and hours of racing.
- Exhibit A: 2023 Proposed Racing Calendar.
- Exhibit B: Detailed statement of how the request meets each of the criteria in 7872.0110.
- Letter of support provided by MHRI, Inc.

We appreciate your assistance with this application and look forward to another successful Racing season here at Running Aces. Please contact me directly with any related questions or comments at 651.925.4532.

Sincerely,

Taro Ito
President and CEO

Statement of the precise nature and extent of the assignment requested, including dates, breeds, number of races per program, types of races, purses, and hours of racing.

A. Live Racing Dates: Running Aces proposes a 55-day Live Harness Racing meet commencing Sunday, May 14, 2023 and closing Saturday, September 16, 2023.

B. Breeds of Horses: All races will be for Standardbred horses.

C. Number of Races Per Day: Running Aces will hold a minimum of 8 but up to 12 races on each live racing day.

D. Types of Races:

1. Maiden
2. Claiming
3. Conditioned Claiming
4. Condition (NW2500L4, NW5000L4, etc.)
5. Non-winners (1, 2, etc.)
6. Stakes
7. Minnesota-bred
8. Minnesota-bred stakes
9. Fillies and mares (open)
10. Open (stallions and geldings)
11. Open Trot
12. Late closers

E. Purses: Purses will be paid in accordance with Minnesota statutes and our agreement with Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc. (MHRI).

F. Hours of Racing: We estimate that each race program will take between 2½ to 4 hours to complete. We request a 7:00 PM post time for all race days for the 2023 live racing season. We anticipate that the Minnesota Night of Champions will be on Saturday, September 16, 2023 and may contain as many as 12 championship races.

2023 Running Aces Schedule EXHIBIT A

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Racing Schedule 2023

Backside opens April 30

55 days, May 14 - Sept 16

Post Time All Nights 7:00 PM CT

A maximum of two qualifiers will be held prior to the races on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

LEGEND

2023 Racing Days
SPECIAL HOLIDAY MONDAY 7:00 post CT
Backside Opens
Qualifying Races - post time 11:30 AM
Minnesota Sired Consolations - 7:00 PM Post CT
MINNESOTA NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS - 7:00 PM Post CT

2023 Holidays

May 14 - Mothers Day

May 29 - Memorial Day

June 18 - Fathers Day

July 4 - Independence Day

Sept 4 - Labor Day

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Detailed statement of how the request meets each of the criteria in part 7872.0110

A. The integrity of the licensee and the host racetrack: North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC (NMHI) d/b/a Running Aces has upheld the integrity of its license as a host track. NMHI received its class A and B racing licenses from the Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC) in 2005. NMHI completed construction of Running Aces in early 2008 and has successfully conducted fifteen full race meets over the period of 2008 to 2022 consecutively.

NMHI opened the card room at Running Aces on June 30, 2008. Throughout the licensing and development process, the inaugural race meet, and now in connection with ongoing operations, NMHI has conducted its business in accordance with Minnesota statute and the rules of the MRC.

B. The financial strength of the licensee and the host racetrack: NMHI and its owners have the financial resources to conduct the 2023 live race meet in accordance with this application for Race Dates.

NMHI is 100 percent owned by RAHP, LLC (RAHP) which in turn is 100 percent owned by funds managed by Black Diamond Capital Management, LLC (BDCM).

BDCM manages investment funds of over \$8 billion.

Black Diamond has demonstrated its support of Running Aces by the history of its capital investments into Running Aces to support operations and capital projects. NMHI has an equity owner with the financial wherewithal to support NMHI if necessary.

Based upon NMHI's strong balance sheet and operating results, NMHI has the financial strength to support its obligations to the racing community. All cash generated for contribution to purses is funded in separate accounts and we maintain a \$500,000 bond issued for the benefit of the Minnesota Racing Commission.

C. The ability of the licensee and the host racetrack to operate a racetrack and conduct horse racing, including licensee's facilities, systems, policy makers, managers and personnel.

We have a state-of-the art Live and Simulcast Racing facility, totalizator system, and production systems capable of presenting a quality and professional product to our customers. We have experienced licensed staff who continue to drive competitive products and programs to enhance our overall customer experience. Our Senior Racing Officials and Managers work with transparency and open communication with MHRI, the horsemen and women and the MRC staff to ensure all aspects of our policies, procedures, and practices are in the best interest of our customers and the integrity of our operations.

D. Past compliance of the licensee and the host racetrack with all laws, rules and orders regarding pari-mutuel horse racing.

We conduct our Racing and Card Club operations in full accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules of the MRC. In 2014, Running Aces was found to be non-compliant with MN Statute 240.13 subd.5. This situation has since been resolved to the satisfaction of the MRC and MHRI.

Running Aces has received letters regarding compliance concerns from the MRC which have been responded to and corrected in a timely manner.

E. The licensee's market, including area, population, and demographics.

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Detailed statement – EXHIBIT B November 15, 2022 Exhibit B

We have continued to attract new and returning customers from all over the Twin Cities metro area, predominantly south and west of the property. The majority of our gaming customers and gaming revenues are generated from customers that reside within 30 miles of the property.

F. The performance of the licensee and host racetrack with previously assigned dates.

We have successfully completed fifteen live racing meets assigned by the Minnesota Racing Commission. In 2022, we completed 55 of our assigned 56 live race days. On the evening of Sunday, August 7, 2022 we were forced to cancel the remainder of our race card after five races due to poor track conditions after torrential rain.

G. The impact of the assignment of racing days on the economic viability of the racetrack, including attendance and pari-mutuel handle.

The requested 2023 schedule of racing days has been developed to continue the success of previous live racing meets. We met with MHRI and agreed to a schedule for the proposed 55 live racing days in 2023. For the 2023 meet we have continued with very similar schedule to the schedule we applied for in 2022, a season we achieved an all-time record pari-mutuel handle. We will open the backside and barns for horse men and women to arrive on April 30, 2023 for training in advance of the first scheduled race day on Sunday, May 14, 2023.

The 2023 live racing days request is designed to accommodate the projected supply of horses and horsemen and women attracted to Running Aces. In addition, the requested schedule will assist in offering full, competitive fields to our fans which brings excitement to our races and drives attendance and pari-mutuel handle while offering additional racing opportunities for Minnesota's 2 and 3-year-old horses, and aged horses.

H. The quantity and quality of economic activity and employment generated.

As a result of COVID-19 our staffing levels have been reduced. Currently we offer approximately 410 full-time and part-time jobs and up to an additional 55 seasonal jobs. We currently support annual payroll and employee benefits in excess of \$18 million. These jobs and payroll, as well as the many vendors and other third parties that engage directly in business with us has resulted in a substantial increase in economic activity in the areas surrounding our racetrack and card club. We are one of the largest employers within the community, a generally rural area 20 miles north of downtown Minneapolis and 15 miles north of downtown St. Paul.

In 2017 the University of Minnesota Extension Program for Community Vitality estimated that Minnesota's Horse Racing Industry generated an estimated \$409.2 million of economic activity in the State of Minnesota in 2015. Of this \$176.1 million of the estimated impact was direct spending by the horse racing industry (defined as owners, trainers, breeders, Canterbury Park, Running Aces and the MRC).

I. State tax revenues from racing and related economic activity.

The State of Minnesota will receive revenue under some or all of the following taxes from business at Running Aces during 2023:

1. sales tax
2. business income tax

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Detailed statement – EXHIBIT B November 15, 2022 Exhibit B

3. license fees
4. reimbursement of state expenses related to the regulation and operation of the track
5. Minnesota income tax on employee wages
6. unemployment tax
7. real estate taxes

We estimate that the total revenue from the above sources will exceed \$3 million in 2023. This does not include tax revenue from economic activity generated indirectly by Running Aces, but outside of its operations.

J. The entertainment and recreation opportunities for Minnesota citizens.

We offer a family-friendly environment for our live and simulcast racing which appeals to a broad range of people who seek entertainment and recreation. With the approval of the requested live racing days, Running Aces will greatly enhance the entertainment options for those Minnesotans who already dedicate a significant portion of their time and financial resources to the care and racing of Standardbred horses. Our daily race attendance again showed solid gains over 2021 as we continue to rebound from the effects of COVID-19. This demonstrates that there is a demand for entertainment of this nature in our market and that Running Aces is a popular entertainment venue.

K. The variety of racing.

Harness racing is a relatively small and under-represented segment of horse racing, often over-shadowed by the much more well-known Thoroughbred races. Harness racing typically draws a more family-oriented spectator than thoroughbred racing. In the face of a long history of decline in the popularity of harness racing, we provide the sport of harness racing with a first-class venue, benefiting horsepersons and spectators.

Within our harness racing calendar, we will offer a variety of different races featuring different gaits, purses, Minnesota-only races and qualifying requirements.

L. The quality of racing.

Running Aces will conduct its racing in its modern facility with outstanding barns for stabling, state-of-the-art equipment and systems, and one of the safest racing surfaces in the industry. We continue to face significant competitive disadvantages with other race tracks benefiting from enhanced purses provided by Racinos, slot machine revenues, and other forms of gaming.

M. The availability and quality of horses.

The availability of horses has struck the racing industry very hard in all facets. However, we believe that our purpose-built facility for harness racing has created excitement among harness horse owners, trainers and drivers that participated in our first fourteen seasons. We have enjoyed strong local support from horsemen and women racing in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. We have also developed a strong relationship and natural partnership with horsemen and women from California racing at Cal Expo. Nearly 50% of all horses racing in MN also race in CA during the winter months.

Running Aces

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We continue to face challenges with attracting competitive horses as MN is isolated from other areas with more concentrated harness racing such as the Mid-East and the East Coast. Additionally, more States are authorizing Racinos or other forms of gaming at horse racing tracks to save the racing industry and to significantly improve purses. Purses are key to attracting horse men and women to the industry and to drive equine ownership as the cost to support one race horse is significant. For 2023, we are targeting purse levels which should surpass those of 2022, which were the highest in our history and coupled with a continued recruitment program we have reason to believe horse population will continue the improvement in 2023. We believe by primarily racing three days per week will help to provide competitive fuller fields and help to manage the horse supply. The timing of our season remains consistent with pre COVID-19 years which will assist in attracting new and returning stables to Minnesota.

Running Aces' purses are comparable with regional Standardbred tracks without electronic gaming but this places us in the bottom quartile for purses and at a significant disadvantage of attracting horse men and women.

N. The development of horse racing.

Running Aces proposes to offer 55 days of live harness racing in Minnesota during 2023. In addition to these dates, Running Aces requests to simulcast live racing from other racetracks every day excluding Christmas Day.

With promotions, educational seminars, and well-trained and approachable staff, we will continue to build our Live and Simulcast Racing programs in ways to continue to grow our sport. Our vision for continued growth will be measured in the relative increase of Minnesota owned and bred horses foaled and participating in our annual quality race meets. Growth in standard bred racing in MN will be dependent upon implementing other forms of approved gaming from which to provide increased purses and promote the breeding, ownership and training of standard bred horses.

We remain committed to developing, with the combined efforts of MHRI and the MRC, a racehorse rescue program for retired Standardbred horses in Minnesota.

In December 2017 we formed a charity, North Metro Racehorse and Community Foundation. The charity has made donations of approximately \$55,000 to date, including a donation to This Old Horse, Calx for the housing of horses due to COVID-19 and a driver at Running Aces who was battling cancer.

O. The quality of racetrack facilities.

Running Aces is a first-class harness racing facility from the grandstand to the barns to the track surface itself. We have worked with experts in all areas of harness racing to ensure that these facilities are the highest quality in design, execution and operation.

We have three barns (A, B, and C) with 251 total stalls, plus a fourth barn (D) which houses a secured paddock and the state veterinary areas. In 2016, we constructed ten additional ship-in stalls and in 2020 we constructed eight more ship in stalls for additional stabling on site.

Running Aces has available 15 trailers for housing and an additional five pads with services, which can accommodate up to forty horsemen and women to stay onsite and in close proximity to their horses. We will furnish and offer affordable housing for those who choose to take advantages of these accommodations. Additional discounts and services are also available for MHRI members.

Running Aces

Application for Race Days 2023

Detailed statement – EXHIBIT B November 15, 2022 Exhibit B

There are also private stabling facilities in Rice Lake, WI, Cannon falls, MN, and other suitable stabling facilities which are relatively close to Running Aces for horsemen and women to utilize during the race meet.

P. Security.

We successfully completed our fifteenth year of live racing adequately securing our gaming and horse racing facilities. We have developed a close working relationship with the MRC, the Minnesota Alcohol and Gaming Enforcement Division and local police and fire departments to provide necessary security during the race meet. We will continue to provide a high level of security to protect the racing venue. As we prepare for the 2023 season, we will work with the MRC to continue making improvements to our existing and new security protocols in response to the 2022 end of meet judges and MRC recommendations.

Q. Purses

Running Aces 2022 purses showed an increase of more than \$2,000,000 from 2021 purses. For 2023, we believe purses should be in excess of \$6 Million besting 2022's purses which were the highest ever paid by Running Aces. Our purses remain in the bottom quartile compared to other harness tracks.

R. Benefits to Minnesota breeders and horse owners.

Running Aces provides a state-of-the-art venue for Standardbred owners in Minnesota to compete in-state at least 50 days every year. Our meet and the consistency of race days and available races, contributes to Minnesota's Standardbred owner's ability to increase ownership, breeding and training of Minnesota race horses as well as to enable planning for them to contest their horses competitively at other regional harness racing meets year-round.

S. Stability in racing dates

The 2023 racing days schedule is consistent with past years and is based on the successes and lessons learned from our first fifteen years of live racing. By maintaining a similar schedule from year to year, horsemen and women are aware of the timing of our season and can plan and train their horses accordingly. In addition, for the 2023 proposed season, Running Aces will continue to open the backside fourteen days in advance of the first racing day and will remain open through mid-September to accommodate 55 race days. A consistent schedule also contributes to better attendance and participation from our fans, horsemen, and their families and friends' entertainment.

This request is based on the successful results of the planning and execution of the previous race meets and we believe that consistency is the best ongoing approach to participation and growth of the program.

T. Competition among racetracks and with other providers of entertainment and recreation as well as its effects.

We compete with other family-oriented entertainment venues in the Anoka, Washington and Chisago County areas such as movie theaters, restaurants and sporting events. Our live meet schedule provides a quality, entertaining racing product at a time when potential guests are looking for entertainment opportunities in the summer.

U. The social effects.

Running Aces

Application for Race Days 2023

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As a result of COVID-19 our staffing levels have been reduced. Currently we offer approximately 410 full-time and part-time jobs and up to an additional 555 seasonal jobs to the north side of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Running Aces hires these employees in accordance with the affirmative action plan adopted as part of its license application. The economic effects of this employment and the rest of Running Aces business activities will have a significant impact on the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities area.

Our racetrack and card room add a high-quality, family friendly entertainment option for people in the northern suburbs of the Twin Cities.

Running Aces will maintain a comprehensive compulsive gambling awareness program throughout its operations.

V. Ecology

We have constructed a facility in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and we operate our business in the same manner.

W. Community and government support.

Running Aces enjoys strong government support in Columbus, Minnesota. We believe our strong support within the local community, including the local business community, continues to grow.

X. Sentiment of horsepersons.

We have agreement with MHRI on the purse accounting period to use for the 2023 meet and we have consulted with MHRI on the 2023 race meet schedule. MHRI has provided letters of support for our 2023 Live and Simulcast Racing.

Y. Any other factors related to assignment of racing days which the commission deems crucial to its decision-making as long as the same factors are considered with regard to all requests.

Running Aces will respond to any such request.



November 9, 2022

Charlene Briner Executive Director Minnesota Racing Commission

15201 Zurich St NE

Columbus, MN 55025

Dear Charlene,

This is a letter, per request of Running Aces, from the MHRI Board of Directors, agreeing to the racing schedule for 2023.

We are hopeful that the Minnesota Racing Commission will approve these dates that you, Running Aces, and MHR' have collaboratively defined.

We look forward to a successful 2023 racing season at Running Aces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy Dessert", is written in a light grey or blue ink.

Cathy Dessert on behalf of Justin Anfinson President MHRI

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

**In the Matter of the Application
Of North Metro Harness Initiative LLC
For 2023 Live Racing Days**

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, and after full consideration of the request for live racing days submitted by North Metro Harness Initiative LLC, the Minnesota Racing Commission (hereinafter "Commission") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC holds a valid Class B license to sponsor and manage horse racing at Running Aces Casino and Racetrack.
2. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC submitted a request for approval of 55 live racing days for 2023.
3. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC has sponsored and managed horse racing at Running Aces without disciplinary action for violation of statute or rule.
4. The Commission has received no serious complaints regarding the health, safety, or welfare of horses, patrons, employees or horsepersons at the track.
5. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC has complied with all rules requiring medical and safety equipment for horses and humans.
6. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC operates the only Class A, live standardbred pari-mutuel racetrack in Minnesota.
7. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC will promote horse racing within the State.
8. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC exhibits a level of financial strength that will carry it through 2023 live racing.
9. The Commission held a public hearing on December 15, 2022 to receive public testimony on North Metro Harness Initiative LLC's request for live race dates.
10. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC submitted with its request a detailed statement of how its request meets each of the criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 7872.0110.

11. The Commission has complied with all substantive and procedural rules applicable to the approval of live racing days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, subd. 1, the Commission shall assign racing days to each racetrack licensee authorized to conduct racing with pari-mutuel betting.
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, subd. 2, the Commission must hold a public hearing before assigning racing days.
3. Pursuant to Minnesota Rule, part 7872.0100, a Class B licensee may apply for an assignment of live racing days.
4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 240.14, subd. 1, the Commission must assign racing days for 2023 by December 31, 2022.
5. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 7872.0110, subp. 2, the Commission must consider certain factors before approving the request.
6. The Commission has considered each factor contained in Minnesota Rules, part 7872.0110, subp. 2, North Metro Harness Initiative LLC's detailed statement and all comments and statements both written and oral provided by all parties and the public.
7. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC will conduct horse racing in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.
8. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC will not adversely affect the public health, welfare, and safety of horses or the public.
9. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC will not create a competitive situation that will adversely affect racing in the public interest but rather will promote racing and the public interest.
10. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC is fit to sponsor and manage horse racing.
11. The Commission has complied with all substantive and procedural rules applicable to approval of live racing days.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The request for assignment of live racing days for 2023 submitted by North Metro Harness Initiative LLC is hereby granted.
2. North Metro Harness Initiative LLC may conduct Standardbred horse racing at Running Aces Casino and Racetrack on those days assigned.
3. The racing conducted on those days must be in compliance with all state and federal laws and applicable rules of the Commission.
4. The Commission reserves the right to revise this Order as it deems appropriate pursuant to applicable laws and rules.

Dated: _____

Roy Johnson, Second Vice Chair
Minnesota Racing Commission

Item 7b -
2023 Live Racing
Requests from North
Metro Harness
Initiative (d/b/a
Running Aces Casino
and Racetrack)
Televised Racing Days

November 15, 2022

Ms. Charlene Briner, Interim Executive Director
MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
15201 Zurich St. NE, Suite 212
Columbus MN 55025

Subject: MRC Rule 7872.0100, Subp.6
Submission of Televised Racing Dates Request

Dear Ms. Briner:

North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC d/b/a Running Aces, respectfully requests approval to simulcast and accept wagers on Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and Standardbred sites pursuant to MRC rule 7872.0100, Subp.6.

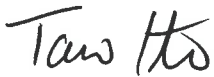
The following are included within this request:

- Simulcast Track Listing for TB, QH, and SB Harness (Exhibit B)
- Approval letter from Minnesota Horsemen's Benevolent & Protection Association, Inc.
- Approval letter from Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc.

Running Aces is requesting simulcasting 364 days in 2023 excluding only 12/25/2023. Contracts will be available to the MRC for review prior to accepting any wagers on the approved sites.

Please contact me with any related questions, concerns, or comments at 651.925.4532.

Sincerely,



Taro Ito
President and CEO

Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack

2023

Simulcast Tracks – Exhibit B

TB & QH Tracks

Australia A, B, C

Australian Racing

Arizona Downs

Prescott Valley, AZ

Assiniboia Downs

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can

Alameda County Fair

(Pleasanton)

Pleasanton, CA

The Downs at Albuquerque

Albuquerque, NM

Aqueduct (NYRA)

Ozone Park, NY

The Big Fresno Fair (Fresno)

Fresno, CA

Belmont Park (NYRA)

Elmont, NY

Belterra Park

Cincinnati, OH

Calder Racecourse (GP West)

Miami Gardens, FL

California State Fair

(Sacramento)

Sacramento, CA

Canterbury Park

Shakopee, MN

Century Downs

Calgary, Alberta, Can

Century Mile

Edmonton, Alberta, Can

Charles Town

Charlestown, WV

Churchill Downs

Louisville, KY

Churchill Downs (Derby Future

Wager)

Louisville, KY

Colonial Downs

New Kent, VA

Del Mar

Del Mar, CA

Delaware Park

Wilmington, DE

Delta Downs

Vinton, LA

Ellis Park

Henderson, KY

Emerald Downs

Auburn, WA

Evangeline Downs

Lafayette, LA

Fair Grounds

New Orleans, LA

Fair Meadows

Tulsa, OK

FanDuel Sportsbook and Racng

Collinsville, IL

Finger Lakes

Farmington, NY

Fonner Park

Grand Islands, NE

Fort Erie Racetrack

Fort Erie, Ontario, CA

Golden Gate Fields

Berkeley, CA

Grants Pass Downs

Grants Pass, OR

Gulfstream Park

Hallandale Beach, FL

Hastings Race Course

Vancouver, BC, Can

Hawthorne Race Course

Stickney, IL

Horseshoe Indianapolis

Shelbyville, IN

Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale)

Ferndale, CA

Keeneland

Lexington, KY

Kentucky Downs

Franklin, KY

Laurel Park

Laurel, MD

Lone Star Park

Grand Prairie, TX

Los Alamitos Race Course

Cypress, CA

Louisiana Downs

Bossier City, LA

Mahoning Valley Racecourse

Youngstown, OH

The Meadowslands (MTH @ M)

East Rutherford, NJ

Meydan Racecourse (Dubai

Racing)

Dubai, UAE

Monmouth Park

Oceanport, NJ

Mountaineer Park

Chester, WV

Oaklawn Park

Hot Springs, AR

Penn National

Grantville, PA

Parx Racing

Bensalem, PA

Pimlico

Baltimore, MD

Presque Isle Downs

Erie, PA

Prairie Meadows

Alltoona, IA

Remington Park

Oklahoma City, OK

Retama Park

San Antonio, TX

Ruidoso Downs

Ruidoso, NM

Sam Houston Race Park

Houston, TX

San Mateo County Fair (San

Mateo)

San Mateo, CA

San Joaquin County Fair

(Stockton)

Stockton, CA

Santa Anita Park

Arcadia, CA

Saratoga (NYRA)

Saratoga Springs, NY

Solano County Fair (Santa Rosa)

Santa Rosa, CA

Sunland Park

Sunland Park, NM

Tampa Bay Downs

Oldsmar, FL

Thistledown

North Randall, OH

Timonium Racetrack

Timonium, MD

Turf Paradise

Phoenix, AZ

Turfway Park

Florence, KY

Will Rogers Downs

Claremore, OK

Woodbine

Toronto, Ontario, Can

Zia Park

Hobbs, NM

Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack

2023

Simulcast Tracks – Exhibit B

Harness Tracks

Bangor Raceway

Bangor, ME

Batavia Downs

Batavia, NY

Buffalo Raceway

Hamburg, NY

Cal Expo Harness

Sacramento, CA

Century Downs

Calgary, Alberta, Can

Century Mile

Edmonton, Alberta, Can

Chester Downs (Harrahs

Philly)

Chester, PA

Cumberland Raceway

Cumberland, ME

Cumberland Run Corbin

Corbin, KY

Dayton Raceway

Dayton, OH

Delaware County Fair

Delaware, OH

Dover Downs

Dover, DE

Flamboro Downs

Dundas, Ontario, Can

Fraser Downs

Surrey, BC, Can

Freehold Raceway

Freehold, NJ

Georgian Downs

Innisfil, Ontario, Can

Grand River Raceway

Elora, Ontario, Can

Harrington Raceway

Harrington, DE

Hawthorne Race Course

Stickney, IL

Hoosier Park

Anderson, IN

Miami Valley Gaming

Lebanon, OH

The Meadows

Meadow Lands, PA

The Meadowlands

East Rutherford, NJ

Mohawk Racetrack

Campbellville, Ontario, Can

Monticello Raceway

Monticello, NY

Northfield Park

Northfield, OH

Northville Downs

Northville, MI

Oak Grove Gaming

Oak Grove, KY

Ocean Downs

Berlin, MD

Plainridge Racecourse

Plainville, MA

Pocono Downs

Wilkes Barre, PA

Red Shores at

Charlottetown

Charlottetown, PEI, Can

Rideau Carleton

Raceway

Gloucester, Ontario, Can

Rosecroft Raceway

Ft Washington, MD

Saratoga Harness

Raceway

Saratoga Springs, NY

Scioto Downs

Columbus, OH

The Red Mile

Lexington, KY

Tioga Downs

Nichols, NY

Vernon Downs

Vernon, NY

Western Fair Raceway

London, Ontario, Can

Woodbine Harness

Toronto, Ontario, Can

Yonkers Raceway

Yonkers, NY



November 9, 2022

Charlene Briner

Executive Director Minnesota Racing Commission

15201 Zurich Street NE

Columbus, MN 55025

Dear Charlene,

This letter is to support Running Aces Casino and Racetrack's Import Simulcast Sites list for the 2023 racing season; per the import site list contained in Exhibit B of its request to the racing Commission.

Any changes to the import list will require additional, written approval from Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Dessert", is written over a light grey circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cathy Dessert for Justin Anfinson, President MHRI

Minnesota Horsemen's Benevolence & Protective Association

1100 Canterbury Road South, Shakopee, MN 55379

Mr. Taro Ito

Running Aces Harness Park

15201 Zurich Street NE

Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025

Dear Mr. Ito:

The Minnesota HBPA gives its consent upon full compliance with the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, the Minnesota Administrative Code and Minnesota Department of Racing Policies while retaining its right to withdraw consent at will, the Running Aces Harness Park to receive full/partial card flat racing simulcasts and select stakes from the following tracks for 2023. (See attached Exhibit B)

Please be advised that the Minnesota HBPA continuously reviews and evaluates simulcast arrangements and reserves the right to withdraw its approval at will.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Cronin

11-1-22

Executive Director – Minnesota HBPA

Item 7c -
2023 Live Racing
Requests from North
Metro Harness
Initiative (d/b/a
Running Aces Casino
and Racetrack)
Racing Officials

November 15, 2022

Ms. Charlene Briner, Interim Executive Director
MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION
15201 Zurich St. NE, Suite 212
Columbus MN 55025

Subject: MRC Rule 7877.0110 Subp. 4
Running Aces 2023 Racing Official Submission

Dear Ms. Briner:

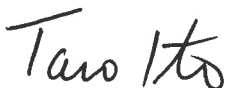
North Metro Harness Initiative, LLC d/b/a Running Aces respectfully submits for review and approval the resumes of the employees with responsibilities related to the 2023 Live Racing season.

The Running Aces employees are:

- Steve Carpenito, Director of Racing
- Ryan Hertling, Track Superintendent
- Kiel Winkler, Mutuel Manager
- Neng Yang, Director of Security

We appreciate your consideration of Running Aces Racing Officials for the 2023 Live Racing meet. Please contact me with any related questions, concerns, or comments at 651.925.4532.

Sincerely,



Taro Ito
President and CEO

Item 8 -
Approval of Minnesota
Thoroughbred
Association Request for
Stallion Auction Award



November 7, 2022

Minnesota Racing Commission
1100 Canterbury Road, Suite #100
Shakopee, MN 55379

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

The Minnesota Thoroughbred Association (MTA) would like to request funding for the 2023 Stallion Auction Incentive. The incentive will be offered to breeders as an opportunity to increase the quantity and quality of Minnesota registered foals. The incentive will be paid to individuals who purchase stallion seasons in the 2023 MTA Stallion Auction and foal in Minnesota in 2024.

In 2022, this incentive program paid \$14,000 to breeders who foaled in Minnesota. This money was paid to 11 different breeders, many of whom spent more money on better stallions than they would have normally because they knew this bonus was in place.

For foals of 2023, breeders have named 19 mares bred to seasons purchased through our auction. We look forward to seeing the mares and foals registered with the Minnesota Racing Commission and racing at Canterbury Park in the future!

As this request is a repeat, we've summarized the incentive. A breeder will receive \$1,000 from the MRC's ADW Breeders Fund Special Revenue Fund, in accordance with MS 240.131 which directs such funds to be appropriated to the commission to offset the cost of administering the breeders fund and promote horse breeding in Minnesota. It is our opinion that this program will promote horse breeding in Minnesota by incentivizing breeders to select higher quality stallions by reducing related breeding costs including transportation and stud fees.

Summary of Stallion Auction Incentive Program

- Any breeder who purchases a stallion season via the 2023 MTA stallion auction and whose mare is registered in the State of Minnesota in 2024 will become eligible when a live foal is reported and registered with the Minnesota Racing Commission (MRC)/Breeders Fund prior to June 30th of 2024.
- Once the above criteria have been met, the MRC, with confirmation from the MTA, will issue a check to the registered breeder in the amount of \$1,000. Checks are to be sent to the breeders by September 1, 2024.
- The MRC/Breeders Fund will be asked to set aside a maximum of \$30,000 for the program. Any additional incentives above the \$30,000 will be the responsibility of the MTA to pay to the breeders.

We welcome any questions you may have and will make ourselves available to any members of the Minnesota Racing Commission prior to the next meeting for comments and input.

Best regards,

Cameron Mahlum
MTA President
651-247-1072
cjmahlum@gmail.com

Kay M. King
MTA Executive Director
612-298-3478
kay@minnesotabred.com

Item 9 -
Approval of Racehorse
Aftercare Grant
Recommendations

At the Monday December 5, 2022 Racehorse After Care Meeting Chair Goodman opened the meeting and asked Interim Executive Director to summarize what had occurred since the last meeting.

On Thursday, December 1, MRC staff met to evaluate applications for aftercare funds. A total of 5 applications were submitted by the November 28th deadline totaling \$346,000, which is \$146K above the \$200,000 made available by the Commission.

The panel consisted of Interim ED Charlene Briner and 2 MRC employees designated by her, both of whom have no previous relationship or knowledge of any of the applicants. MRC staff Stephanie Jensen and Dr. Lynn Hovda were on hand to answer technical and industry questions and provide professional expertise, General Counsel Joe Newton provided responses to legal questions, and Grants Coordinator Chad Peterson provided technical and process support and guidance.

After an initial discussion, the panel adjourned to score the applications independently. The scoring results, in order of highest scored application to lowest, are as follows:

- 1 – Bowman Second Chance Thoroughbred
- 2 – This Old Horse
- 3 – Galloping Out
- 4 – Remember Me Rescue
- 5 – Koch Thoroughbreds

The panel then reconvened with MRC professional staff to consider award recommendations based on the requested amounts and availability of funds. Factors considered in the recommendations include:

- Overall strength and score of the application
- Clarity about the use of funding by applicant
- Total amount of funds requested by applicant
- Capacity to utilize funds
- MRC's obligation to monitor grantees and outcomes
- Previous discussion by the Aftercare Committee to award minimum amounts to qualified applicants
- MRC's fiduciary responsibility for the use of taxpayer dollars

Based on these factors, the evaluation panel recommends the following for consideration by the Aftercare Committee:

\$75,000 to Bowman Second Chance Thoroughbreds (requested \$75,000)
\$110,000 to This Old Horse (requested \$159,000)
\$5000 to Galloping Out (requested \$5000)
\$5000 to Remember Me Rescue (requested \$7300)
\$5000 to Koch Thoroughbreds (requested \$100,000)

Chair Goodman opened to discussion by commissioners. Each Commissioner complemented the staff and thanked them. Chair Goodman, Commissioners Colombo, Johnson, Koob offered their thoughts. Ms. Briner, Mr. Newton, Dr. Hovda and Mr. Scurto answered questions. After discussion of the staff recommendations, Chair Goodman made a motion to Amend the staff recommendation to reduce the \$5,000 to Remember Me Rescue and Galloping Out to \$2,500 and increase the \$5,000 to Koch Thoroughbreds to \$10,000. Commissioner Colombo second. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Item 10a-
Status Report
Canterbury Park



Canterbury Park - November 2022 Minnesota Racing Commission Status Report

Summary of Canterbury Park Card Casino Operations

Business Segment	2022		2021		2020		% Comparison				
	November	Year-to-Date	November	Year-to-Date	November	Year-to-Date	November 2021	2021 Year-to-Date	November 2020	2020 Year-to-Date	Segment
Table Games	\$2,323,644	\$27,348,237	\$2,684,917	\$26,179,315	\$1,237,795	\$15,217,103	-13.46%	4.47%	87.72%	79.72%	Table Games
Poker	\$830,452	\$9,660,517	\$907,801	\$8,136,084	\$378,657	\$4,668,759	-8.52%	18.74%	119.31%	106.92%	Poker
Total Card Casino Revenue	\$3,154,096	\$37,008,754	\$3,592,718	\$34,315,399	\$1,616,452	\$19,885,862	-12.21%	7.85%	95.12%	86.11%	Total CC

Summary of Canterbury Park Player Pool

CPE Minimum Player Pool Balance	Jackpot Balances	\$420,825	25% MVP Balance	\$165,927	25% Trailing TG Revenue	\$69,219
				CPE Minimum Player Pool Balance 11/30/22		\$655,971
CPE Maximum Player Pool Balance	Jackpot Balances	\$420,825	6% Trailing TG Revenue			\$1,661,258
				CPE Maximum Player Pool Balance 11/30/22		\$2,082,083
CPE Actual Player Pool Balance				CPE Actual Player Pool Balance as of 11/30/2022		\$1,724,090

Summary of Canterbury Park Pari-Mutuel Operations

Business Segment	2022		2021		2020		% Comparison				
	November	Year-to-Date	November	Year-to-Date	November	Year-to-Date	November 2021	2021 Year-to-Date	November 2020	2020 Year-to-Date	Segment
Live Racing Days	-	64	-	65	-	53	N/A	-1.54%	N/A	20.75%	Live Racing Days
Live Handle	\$0	\$9,827,064	\$0	\$8,469,777	\$0	\$3,690,732	N/A	16.03%	N/A	166.26%	Live Handle
Simulcast Handle	\$1,759,899	\$17,907,252	\$1,847,551	\$18,834,773	\$1,196,912	\$14,134,545	-4.74%	-4.92%	47.04%	26.69%	Simulcast
Total On-Track PM Handle	\$1,759,899	\$27,734,316	\$1,847,551	\$27,304,550	\$1,196,912	\$17,825,277	-4.74%	1.57%	47.04%	55.59%	Total On-Track
Out-of-State Handle	\$0	\$87,786,738	\$0	\$82,391,221	\$0	\$64,909,091	N/A	6.55%	N/A	35.25%	Out-of-State

Summary of Canterbury Park & SMSC Purse Accounts

Beginning CPE TB Purse Balance	11/1/2022	\$2,522,681.52
Live Racing Purse Earnings		\$0.00
CPE Simulcast Purse Earnings (85% During Mixed Meet)		\$77,509.52
Running Aces Simulcast Purse Earnings		\$23,261.19
Card Casino Purse Earnings (91%)		\$361,648.60
Out-of-State Host Fee Purse Earnings		\$0.00
ADW Purse Earnings from Prior Month (67% of 82%)		\$31,341.11
Interest Earned (Service Charges)		\$2,460.26
(Minnesota HBPA Admin Fees Paid)		\$0.00
(Thoroughbred Purse Transfers)		\$0.00
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance	11/30/2022	\$3,018,902.20
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance	11/30/2021	\$2,138,087.52
Ending CPE TB Purse Balance	11/30/2020	\$2,042,453.59
CPE TB Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2021		\$880,814.69
CPE TB Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2020		\$976,448.62

Beginning CPE QH Purse Balance	11/1/2022	\$386,967.21
Live Racing Purse Earnings		\$0.00
CPE Simulcast Purse Earnings (15% During Mixed Meet)		\$2,111.51
Running Aces Simulcast Purse Earnings		\$2,563.87
Card Casino Purse Earnings (9%)		\$35,767.44
Out-of-State Host Fee Purse Earnings		\$0.00
ADW Purse Earnings from Prior Month (50% of 18%)		\$5,134.15
Interest Earned (Service Charges)		\$0.00
(MN Quarter Horse Racing Association Admin Fees Paid)		\$0.00
(Quarter Horse Purse Transfers)		\$0.00
Ending CPE QH Purse Balance	11/30/2022	\$432,544.19
Ending CPE QH Purse Balance	11/30/2021	\$322,868.31
Ending CPE QH Purse Balance	11/30/2020	\$280,285.89
CPE QH Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2021		\$109,675.88
CPE QH Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2020		\$152,258.30

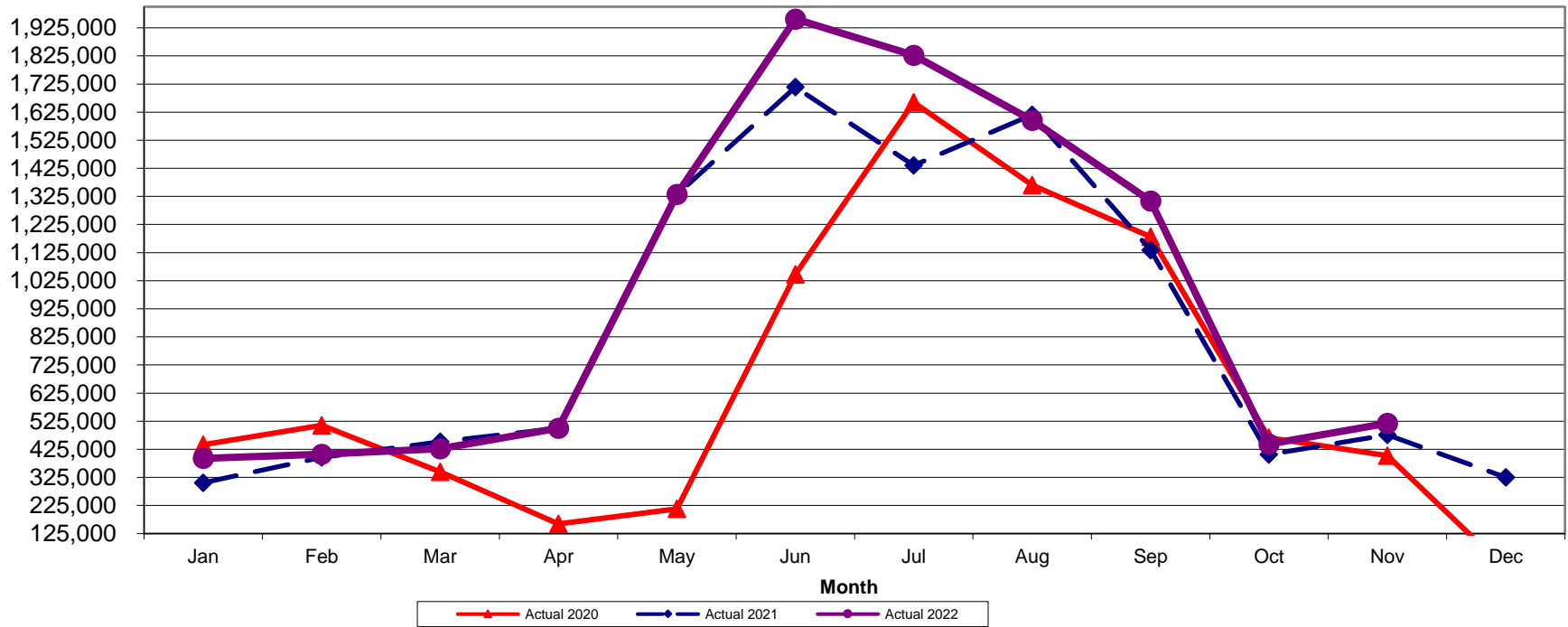
Beginning SMSC TB Purse Balance	11/1/2022	\$0.00
SMSC Contributions & Interest Earnings (89%)		\$0.00
SMSC Thoroughbred Purse Paid		\$0.00
HBPA Account Transfer		\$0.00
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance	11/30/2022	\$0.00
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance	11/30/2021	\$36.10
Ending SMSC TB Purse Balance	11/30/2020	\$17.26
SMSC TB Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2021		(\$36.10)
SMSC TB Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2020		(\$17.26)

Beginning SMSC QH Purse Balance	11/1/2022	\$0.00
SMSC Contributions & Interest Earnings (11%)		\$0.00
SMSC Quarter Horse Purse Paid		\$0.00
Marketing Fund Transfers		\$0.00
Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance	11/30/2022	\$0.00
Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance	11/30/2021	\$4.46
Ending SMSC QH Purse Balance	11/30/2020	\$4.61
SMSC QH Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2021		(\$4.46)
SMSC QH Purse Balance Difference 2022 vs 2020		(\$4.61)

CANTERBURY PARK - CPE
Pari-Mutuel Revenue - Trend

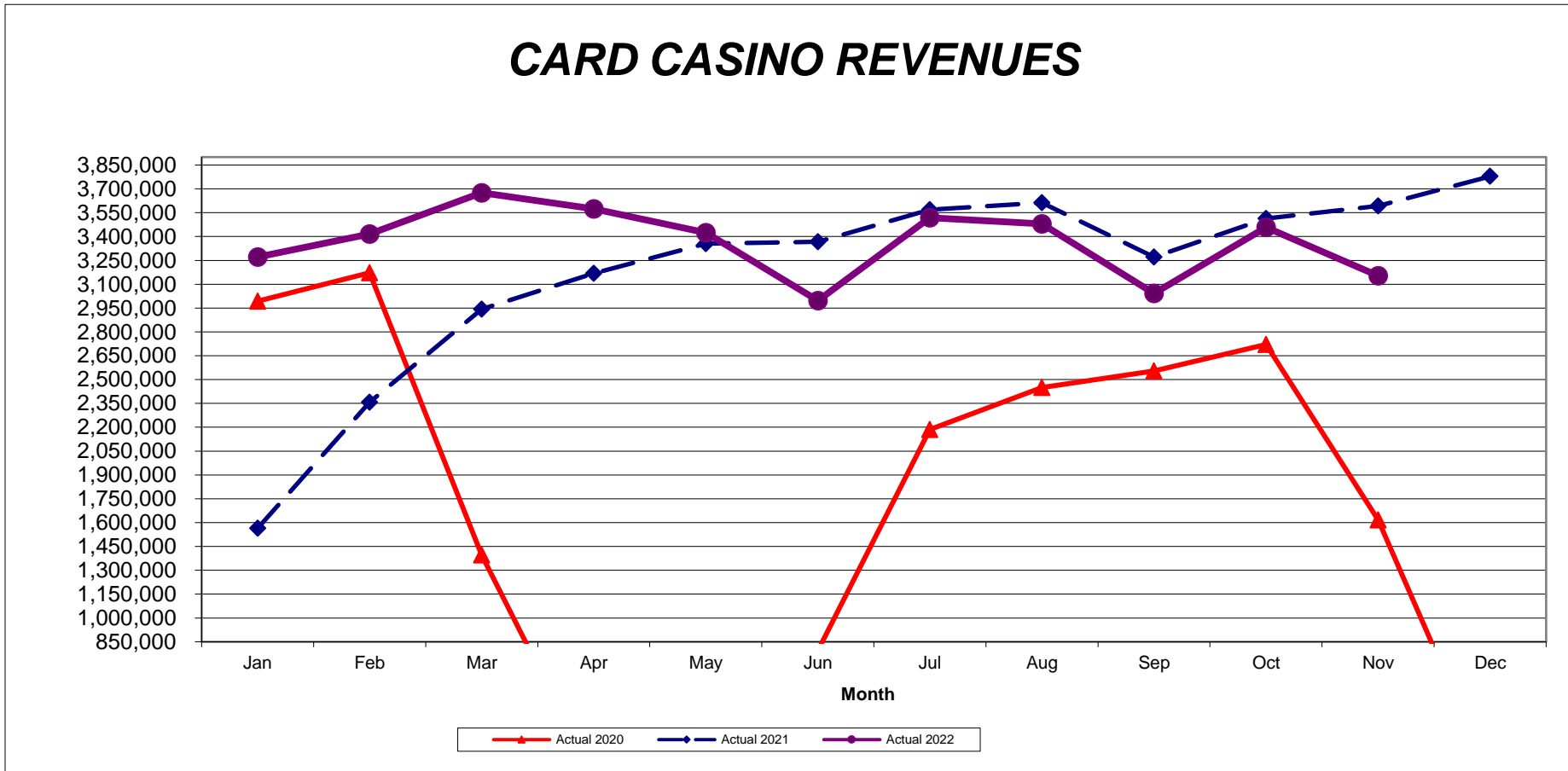
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>
Actual - 2020	441,696	509,949	344,381	159,865	213,522	1,047,197	1,660,012	1,365,475	1,181,486	466,131	402,863	-	<u>7,792,577</u>
Actual - 2021	306,119	395,952	451,773	499,702	1,331,141	1,713,897	1,435,469	1,615,458	1,133,474	406,328	476,837	325,376	<u>9,766,150</u>
Actual - 2022	392,759	407,351	427,516	500,305	1,332,187	1,956,449	1,827,592	1,596,316	1,308,391	443,970	517,866		<u>10,710,701</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 - 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>19,885,862</u>
Actual - 2021	1,564,531	2,356,944	2,943,218	3,168,717	3,354,977	3,366,893	3,569,586	3,612,728	3,270,867	3,513,735	3,592,718	3,778,557	<u>34,315,399</u>
Actual - 2022	3,270,587	3,415,147	3,675,582	3,573,730	3,424,229	2,996,925	3,518,208	3,479,705	3,042,499	3,458,046	3,154,096	-	<u>37,008,754</u>



Item 10b-
Status Report Running
Aces Casino, Hotel, and
Racetrack

Pages 63-65 have
been omitted under
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Statutes Chapter
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Item 11c -
Interim Executive
Director's
Licensing Report

Minnesota Racing Commission

November 2022 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed at Canterbury Park: **183**

Class C Applications Processed at Running Aces: **215**

Class C Large Racing/Gaming Vendors:

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

Class C Non-racing/Gaming Vendors: **1**

ADW Provider Applications: **7**

ADW Provider Fees for November: **\$25,000.00**

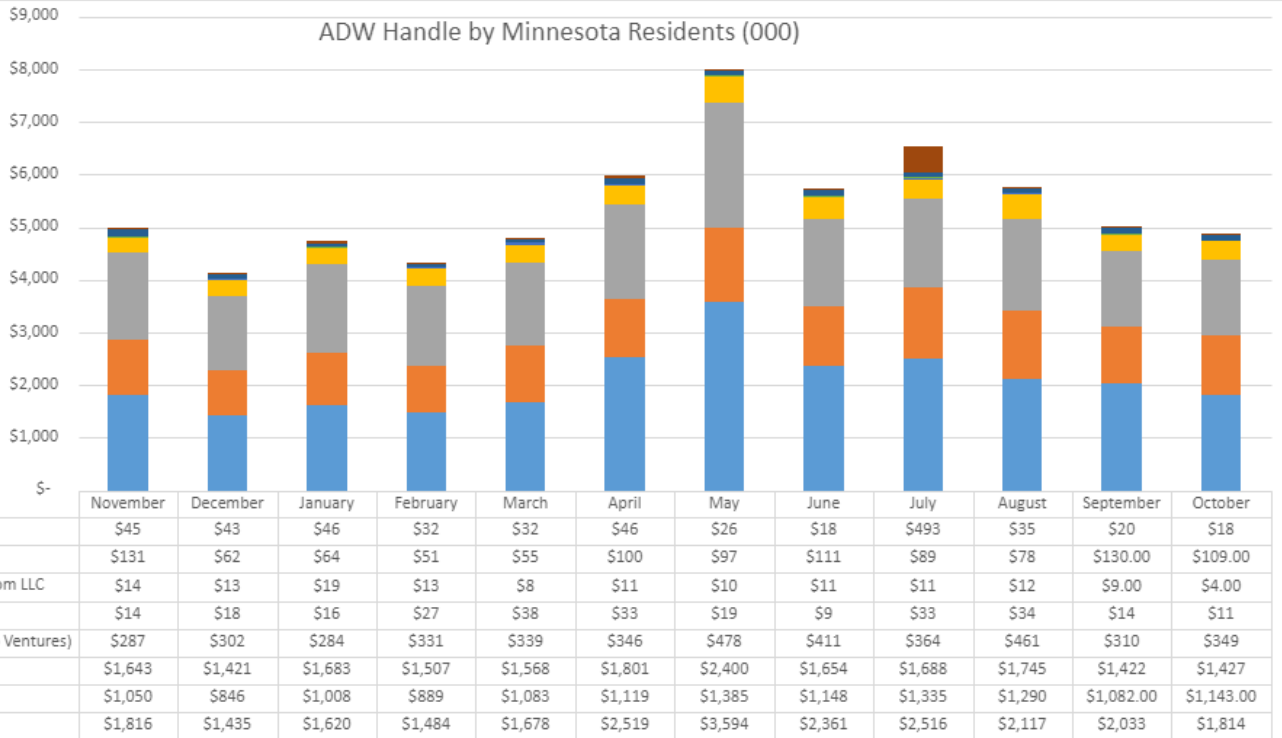
Class C Licensing Fees for November: **\$9,410.00**

Fingerprint Fees for November: **\$1,275.00**

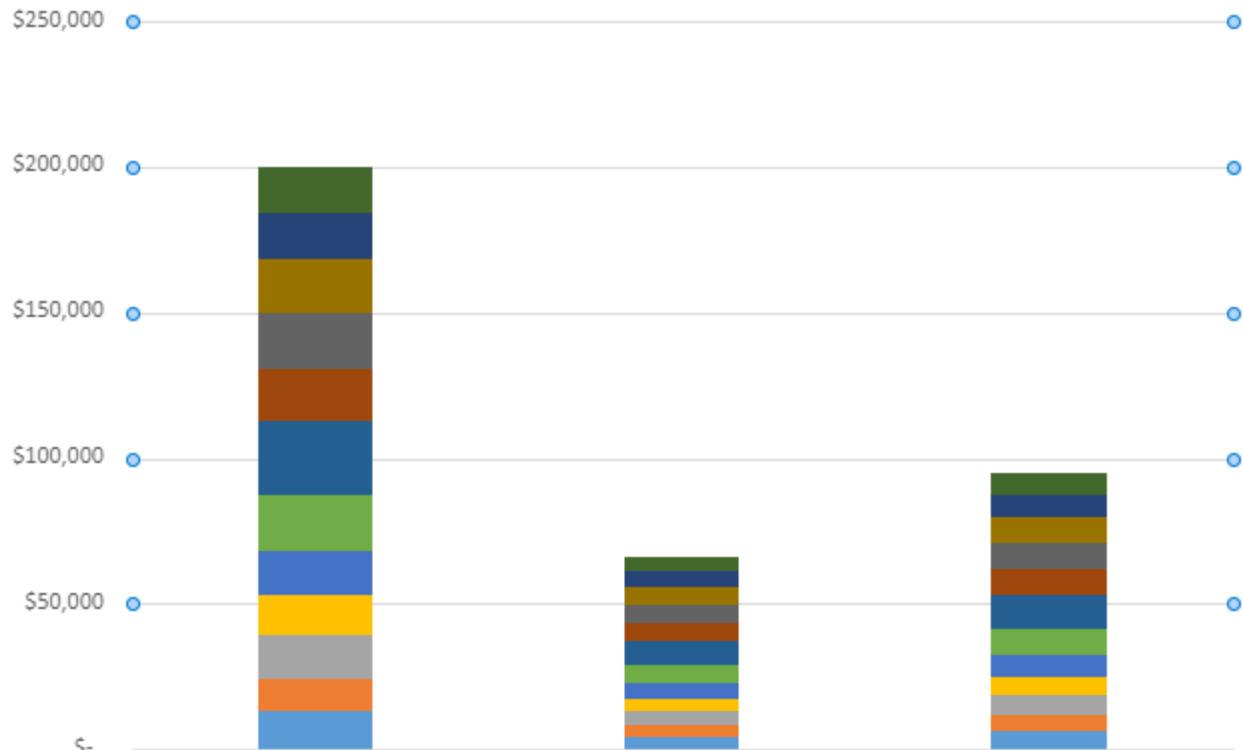
(Fingerprint fees are forwarded to Public Safety for processing reports)

Fines Collected during 2022 Racing Season: **\$28,475.00**

Item 11e -
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Director's
ADW Report



Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW



	Thoroughbred	Quarter Horse	Standardbred
October-22	\$15,437	\$5,134	\$7,321
September-22	\$15,937	\$5,301	\$7,558
August-22	\$18,294	\$6,085	\$8,676
July-22	\$19,260	\$6,406	\$9,134
June-22	\$18,156	\$6,039	\$8,611
May-22	\$25,307	\$8,417	\$12,002
April-22	\$18,902	\$6,287	\$8,964
March-22	\$15,185	\$5,050	\$7,202
February-22	\$13,703	\$4,558	\$6,499
January-22	\$14,997	\$4,981	\$7,103
December-21	\$11,119	\$3,698	\$5,214
November-21	\$13,448	\$4,486	\$6,397

■ November-21
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 ■ January-22
 ■ February-22
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 ■ April-22
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 ■ June-22
 ■ July-22
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 ■ October-22

Item 11f -
Interim Executive
Director's
Contract Approvals

November 23, 2022

Canterbury Park Entertainment LLC
Attention Randy Sampson
1100 Canterbury Rd.
Shakopee, MN 55379

Re: Request for Approval Contracts

Via Electronic Mail

Dear Mr. Sampson:

On November 18, 2022 the Minnesota Racing Commission (“Commission”) received contracts from Mark A. Erickson regarding construction of dorms, part of the project approved by the Commission earlier. The submission sought Commission approval of the following:

Schoenrock & Sons-Construction/Excavation and Related Construction Labor - \$50,000;

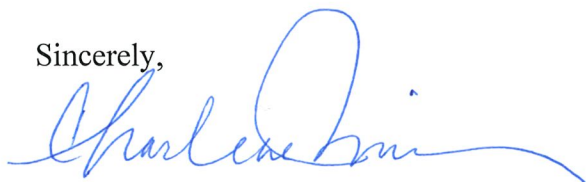
Dayco Concrete - \$120,150; and

Tent-Apres Tent Rental - \$29,358.18.

Given the amounts and nature of these contracts and pursuant to authority delegated to the Interim Director by the Minnesota Racing Commission (“Commission”) on June 21, 2022, I am hereby waiving review and you may proceed with the contract work.

Please notify the Commission if there are any changes to the contracts at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Charlene Briner
Interim Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission

Cc: Camille McArdle, Chair, Minnesota Racing Commission
Nick Cummins, Investigator, Minnesota Racing Commission
Mark A. Erickson, Facilities Department, Canterbury Park