

Racing Commission Meeting

October 19, 2023

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**Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m. CDT
Nutrena Conference Center
1801 Dudley Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55108**

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Approval of Minutes from Monday, September 18, 2023
- 5) Committee Reports
 - A. Racehorse Aftercare Committee's Recommendation for Grant Distributions
- 6) Action Items
 - A. Old Business
 1. Running Aces Request to Modify Floor Plan – Update on Tribal Consultation
 - B. New Business
 1. Consideration of Racehorse Aftercare Committee's Recommendation
- 7) Status Reports
 - A. Canterbury Park Entertainment
 - B. Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
- 8) Staff Reports
 - A. Chief Commission Veterinarian's Report
 - B. Chief State Steward's Report End-of-Meet Report
 - C. Presiding Judge's Report End-of-Meet Report
- 9) Executive Director's Report
 - A. Contract Approvals
 - B. Licensing Report
 - C. ADW Report
 - D. HISA Update
 - E. Personnel Update
 - F. Other

- 10) MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports
- 11) Future Meetings
 - A. Full Commission Meeting - November 16, 2023; and December 21, 2023
- 12) Adjourn

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Item 4 –

Minutes from

September 18, 2023

Full Commission Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Nutrena Conference Center

1801 Dudley Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair McArdle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

Present – Chair McArdle, Commissioners Goodman, Koob, Dehn, Idlekope and Gingold. A quorum was acknowledged.

Other participants – Kyle Gustafson (Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission), E. Joseph Newton (General Counsel, Minnesota Racing Commission), Dr. Christy Klatt DVM (Veterinarian Minnesota Racing Commission), Casey Larson (Judge, Minnesota Racing Commission), Randy Sampson (President/CEO, Canterbury Park and Entertainment), Chris Merz (Director of Racing, Canterbury Park and Entertainment), Steve Carpenito (Director of Racing, Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack), Kay King (Executive Director, Minnesota Thoroughbred Association), Nancy Robertson (Horse Person Advocate, Minnesota Harness Racing, Inc.) Mike Cronin (Minnesota Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association).

Adoption of Agenda:

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Dehn motioned to approve the agenda; Second by Commissioner Koob; Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Minutes

After a few corrections from Chair McArdle and Commissioner Dehn: Motion to approve the August 21, 2023, minutes by Commissioner Gingold; Second by Commissioner Dehn. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 5 – Committee Reports

A. Racehorse Aftercare Committee Report

Commissioner Goodman presented the summary of the September 13, 2023, meeting. The committee made a motion to ask Dr. Hovda and her team to review and potentially score the applications (5). The Racehorse Aftercare Committee will meet on October 5, 2023, they will then bring the matter to the full Commission meeting October 19, 2023. The committee had more than double the request for money than available which is common with all grant applications. The committee is well staffed now with both our Executive Director, our attorney along with the consultant Mr. Gustafson has hired, as well as some great existing staff. The meetings are also very well attended.

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Agenda Item 6 – Action Item

- A. Appointment of Thoroughbred and Standardbred Breeders' Fund Advisory Committee Members. Mr. Gustafson outlined the recommendations for each committee, all are active in breeding in Minnesota except for Mr. Merz who is a representative from Canterbury Park. Mr. Gustafson did point out that Quarter Horse committee did not initially have any response. The president of the MQHRA was contacted and will submit a list of recommended candidates. Motion to approve the Thoroughbred and Standardbred Breeders' Fund Advisory Committee Members made by Commissioner Goodman; Second by Commissioner Koob. Motion Passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Staff Reports

A. Chief Commission Veterinarian Report

Dr. Klatt presented the numbers in the packets and asked if any questions. Chair McArdle asked if there was an increase in use of the ambulance due to heat this year. Dr. Klatt responded that no not more than in the past. The in-place protocols as the horses come right off the track at the test barn with the cold blankets and water hoses managed the heat issue. Chair McArdle thanked and commended the veterinary staff.

B. Chief Stewards Report

Chair McArdle complemented the 3 members of the Steward staff.

C. Presiding Judges Report

Judge Larson presented. The Judges appreciate the support by the Commission, Executive Director, Lawyer, MRC Staff, Running Aces and the Associations. Will have full report of the season at next months meeting. Chair McArdle thanked the Judges for doing a great job.

Agenda Item 8 - Status Reports

A. Canterbury Park Entertainment

Mr. Sampson went over the 2023 Meet Analysis. Numbers disappointing but the crowds, on-track daily handle, safety of the track, the number of injuries and types of issues were all positive. It was a challenging year, in 30 years first time had to cancel races due to air quality, second time that the starting gate malfunctioned and canceled one day and postponed another due to heat. Closing day canceled races after the third race due to track conditions/human error. At the request of the HBPA, Canterbury Park will pay out \$400.00/horse that entered due to being unable to race. Updates – continue to make significant investments. Starting yesterday putting in a new safety rail at a cost of \$400,000 - \$500,000. This year completed the dorm project \$2,000,000 and new track lighting \$2,000,000. Barn update, the materials for all 3 barns are on site just waiting on the approval, which should come this week, optimistic that they will be in place by spring. Discussions continue with the HBPA for next year racing dates and purses. Clear need for the industry to work together to create awareness of the importance and value of the industry with the legislature for some sort of supplement for purse funds. Mr. Merz commented that first and foremost the focus was on safety for this meet. At the beginning of the meet started with safety drills and sent off to HISA per their rules. Canterbury did such a good job outperforming every single racetrack in the county, will be the uniform standard for HISA. Going forward for 2024 the condition book will be reimaged to make it more consistent where trainers can train to the races that are in the book. Also going to continue to increase the use of the turf course which generally increases field size and safety. For recruiting going to hit Texas, and California, will be more aggressive in Louisiana, Oaklawn and Tampa. Also, will be working more closely with Hawthorne and Prairie Meadows to do a better job of coordination. Commissioner Dehn asked about the cost of ownership. Mr. Sampson explained that yes inflation has hit the horse industry hard. Chair McArdle suggested the need to have the cost to run a racehorse barn and to have that number when going to lobby the legislature to better understand the economic constraints and strain that is happening on horse owners.

B. Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack

Mr. Carpenito presented. Saturday September 16 completed the 2023 race meet. MN Night of Champions, record \$780,000 purse money distributed. Included first ever dead heat for win on Champions Night. 53 of 55 scheduled race days completed, 1 canceled due to heat the other due to air quality. Overall, pleased with the results of the 2023 meet, the action on the racetrack was exciting. There was an improvement in the quality of the horses competing, 11 new track records established, record \$6.9 million paid out to the horseman. New all source handle record wagered. Thanked Horseman and Commissioners and look forward to improving for 2024.

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director’s Report

- A. Contract Approvals**
- B. HISA/HIWU Update**
- C. Tribal Consultation**
- D. Personnel Update**
- E. ADW Report**
- F. Licensing Report**
- G. Other**

Mr. Gustafson, Executive Director presented.

- A. Contract Approvals – None.
- B. HISA – Rule Revision out for comment. Test’s still taking long time to get back.
- C. Tribal Consultation Update – Date scheduled with SMSC, still waiting on dates to meet with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.
- D. Personnel Update – Deputy Director posting closed. Setting up interviews, expect several rounds of them.
- E. ADW
- F. Licensing Report
- G. Other – September 11 Chair and Vice Chair of House State Government Finance Committee and MN House of Representatives for Shakopee, Brad Tabke visited and toured Canterbury Park. They saw the impact of the industry on the state. They took a lot from the tour and planted good seeds.

Item 10 – MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports

MTA – Kay King - Yearling sale (27th) went well; the receiving barn improvements worked out very well. 33 MN bred yearlings consigned, 4 withdrawn so 29 went through the ring and 22 sold to new owners. Also had 2 Oklahoma bred yearlings consigned and sold. Average down about \$80,000 in gross. 9 horses were sold to owners that have not purchased a horse in the last 5 years. Talking about foal crops in 2022 there were 108 foals out of 141 mares, and we ended up with 33 in our sale. In 2023 there are 77 foals out of 115 mares so concerned for next year, can we even hold a sale? How do we make it work? Maybe we do a mixed sale at the end of the meet? For Festival gave gifts to the Owners of the MN Breds in stakes races. The MTA partnered with the MQHRA and recognized the Pony Riders and the Outriders (15) with a MTA cooler, MQHRA Yeti and a \$25 gift card. Going forward getting ready for the Stallion Auction.

MHRI – Nancy Robertson– Wonderful final night of racing, the dead heat winners’ picture was quite exciting with both owners, both horses and then all their supporting individuals behind them. Good spread of winners, no owner or trainer won more than two of the 13 races. Each winner was given a trophy, buckets with the shank that had the MHRI logo on it, horse treats, a towel, and engraved glasses. Yearling sale September 19th in Cannon Falls, 101 yearlings and 39 additional horses either of racing age or broodmares consigned.

MNHBPA – Mike Cronin – New president Justin Revak, bio includes Rocket Wrench Racing. Mr. Cronin related the story

of how several years ago Justin went out and bought air conditioners for people living on the backside during a bad heat spell who did not have one. That's the type of individual he is, a really good person. Last day of racing was disappointing, everyone had been excited, but wanted to point out that the trainers went out of their way all this meet coming into our office saying how good a job the track crew was doing. Commend Chris on the condition book revision and more turf races, but the biggest issue for 2024 is purse money.

Item 11 – Future Meetings

Next meeting – Thursday, October 19, 2023. Meeting place is Nutrena Conference Center 1801 Dudley Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55108.

Item 12 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dehn, Second by Commissioner Goodman. Chair McArdle adjourned the meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

THESE MEETING MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

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Item 5 –

Committee Reports

A. Racehorse Aftercare
Committee's
Recommendation for
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Item 6 –

Action Items

A. Old Business

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B. New Business

1. Consideration of
Racehorse Aftercare
Committee's
Recommendation

Item 7-

Status Report

A. Canterbury Park

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B. Running Aces

Casino, Hotel, and

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Staff Reports

A. Chief Commission
Veterinarian's
Report

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Staff Reports

B.Chief State

Steward's Report

End-of-Meet Report

Stewards' End Of Meet Report 2023

Canterbury Park provided another great year of racing that was fun for all who came out to the races! From fantastic stakes races to funny ostrich races to furry Corgi races, this was a meet that delighted the crowds of both seasoned racing fans and families looking for a little entertainment. The dog races continued to draw large crowds again this year with families enthusiastically joining the fun cheering for these chaotic races.

The schedule for the 54-day race meet was Wednesdays, some Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and a few special Holiday Mondays. Post times were Sundays, Memorial Day, and Labor Day 1pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 5pm, with special 4pm post times on July 3rd, September 9th, 13th, and 16th.

Lothenbach Stables Inc. of Wayzata, MN, owned by Bob Lothenbach, led the Thoroughbred owners for the 4th consecutive year with 48 wins totaling \$1,223,352 in purse money. Leading Quarter Horse owner Tom Maher celebrated a 3rd consecutive season at the top winning 10 times with earnings of \$224,240.

The leading Thoroughbred trainer was Joel Berndt with 52 wins, and with 15 wins Jason Olmstead was the leading Quarter Horse Trainer for the 9th time.

The leading Thoroughbred jockey was last year's champion Harry Hernandez with 51 wins and total purses of \$1,187,133. Edwin Escobedo was the leading Quarter Horse jockey for the 4th consecutive year with 12 wins and total purses of \$177,714.

This year's Horse of the Meet was Doctor Oscar owned by Pete Mattson and trained by Tim Padilla.

The following are the other Divisional Champions:

- Sprinter – Doctor Oscar owned by Pete Mattson and trained by Tim Padilla
- Older Filly or Mare – Midnight Current owned by Lothenbach Stables and trained by Joel Berndt
- Older Horse – Doctor Oscar owned by Pete Mattson and trained by Tim Padilla
- Grass Horse – Midnight Current owned by Lothenbach Stables and trained by Joel Berndt
- Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding – Jose Patio owned by Barry and Joni Butzow and trained by Michael Biehler

- Three-Year-Old Filly – Cupids Crush owned by Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC and trained by Mac Robertson
- Two-Year-Old – Relentlessly Fast owned by Tom Maher and trained by Tyler Stein
- Claimer – Lock It Down owned and trained by Esteban Martinez
- Quarter Horse – Relentlessly Fast owned by Tom Maher and trained by Tyler Stein

Cancellations:

- On June 14th the races were cancelled after the 3rd race for poor air quality
- On July 27th first post time was moved to 7pm due to excessive heat
- On August 19th the races were cancelled for excessive heat and the entire card was moved to August 24th
- On August 23rd the races were cancelled for excessive heat
- On September 13th during the 6th race the starting gates malfunctioned and the Stewards declared the race No Contest
- On September 16th the races were cancelled after the 3rd race due to poor track conditions

The biggest day of the year was the Northern Lights Turf Festival on June 21st with \$2,522,805 and the second biggest day was September 13th with \$2,367,846. Over \$400,000 was refunded due to the No Contest in the 6th race on September 13th, but if that handle was added to the total, the 13th would have been the biggest day of the year. Even though the 13th was a Wednesday, the large fields were a draw with bettors and brought in the second largest handle of the entire meet. It's obvious that the racetrack is going to have to put out a concerted effort to bring in enough horses to run a quality race meet. And it's practically impossible for the racing secretary to put together a good card when he doesn't have enough horses to work with.

The paddock farrier's services were utilized multiple times this meet preventing 5 scratches. This service remains valuable to the health and safety of the horses.

In past meets, the Stewards had difficulty with some poor-quality photo finishes, but this year the photo finishes were satisfactory. However, the mirror image is still problematic and should be addressed going forward.

The Stewards thought it was very difficult to judge mishaps down the backstretch and around the last turn of the turf course given the fact the backstretch camera is designed for the main track only and

the view is obstructed by the light poles for the main track. This has been noted in previous End of Meet Reports and it is imperative that it is addressed. The Stewards appreciate the excellent job the camera crew did this year, and they recognize the difficulties that they have had. However, it would greatly assist with visibility if the quarter pole camera was manned.

The timing system that was revamped in 2022 functioned well during the meet.

The new lighting system worked great this season. The quick reboot meant very little disruption to the races, and they are much appreciated.

The Trainers Meet and Greet was generally well-received this year and distributed important information about HISA/HIWU.

This was a great year working with Canterbury staff! They conducted themselves with integrity and passion for the sport. Robbie Junk and the entire racing office should be commended for the job they did coordinating races week after week in some difficult and unexpected situations. Darren Hall did an excellent job overseeing a great group of assistant starters who worked with dedication all season long. The communication with outriders Gross Hecker, Alicia Foster, and Bo Butler was outstanding and they all did an incredible job.

The MRC Veterinary staff, as always, functioned at an extremely high level with pre-race inspections, morning workouts, Lasix, test barn and daily race day oversight. The Stewards are very grateful to the MRC Veterinarians for sharing their wisdom and knowledge throughout the race meet. In addition, we are very pleased with the speed with which Commission Veterinarians make their decisions on the track and in the paddock with recommending scratches to the stewards.

The addition of Sean Corrigan to the Investigative staff was tremendously helpful to the Stewards. This allowed the investigators to stagger their timing so that there was always an MRC Investigator on site from morning through the races. Nick Cummins continues to bring expertise and professionalism to the investigator position making the race season run smoothly. The Stewards are extremely appreciative of both Nick and Sean for all their hard work this season and for being great to work with.

Licensing functioned far better this year than it has in the past 2 years, and that can be directly attributed to the staff, Mary Beth Schaefer and Kimberly Cave. With over 2,000 licenses issued this

racing season, they worked efficiently to get licensees processed as quickly as possible. They also ensured that each jockey, trainer, owner, and stable name was licensed prior to each race day and issued emergency licenses as needed.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge new Executive Director Kyle Gustafson. This was his first racing season, and he was wonderful to work with. No matter the challenge, Mr. Gustafson was able to remain calm, gather expertise from those around him, make rational and thoughtful decisions, and guide the department with integrity. The Stewards are very appreciative of him and his dedication.

Canterbury had 67 claims, of which 11 were voided, for a total of 56 valid claims with a total of \$604,750 for an average of \$10,799 per claim. Conversely, 2021 had 217 claims, totaling \$2,031,500, and 2022 had 185 claims for \$1,928,750.00. The number of claims is down considerably from the previous years.

The Stewards had a total of 25 objections and 11 inquiries. 4 of these ultimately resulted in a disqualification and change in the order of finish.

There were 2 medication violations: 1 Thoroughbred and 1 Quarter Horse This makes three years in a row with less than 5 total medication violations.

There were approximately 316 total scratches which consisted of 128 Veterinarian scratches, 33 Re-entry scratches, 45 Trainer scratches and 41 Stewards' scratches. These numbers do not include also eligible, Main Track Only, Off-Turf, and Stake scratches. Of the Veterinarian scratches, 4 were in the paddock, 4 at the gate, 8 post parade, and 112 were for other reasons, such as failing the pre-race exam or being sick.

Following is a summation of the 20 Stewards and 8 HISA rulings issued to date during the 2023 meet:

Jockey—

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| Careless Riding Suspension | 4 |
| Careless Riding Fine | 2 |
| Prohibited Use of Riding Crop—Whip welt | 1 |
| Failure to Appear for Video Replays | 1 |

HISA — Riding-Crop Violations 8

Trainer—

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| Summary Suspension – Detrimental Acts | 1 |
| Medication Violation Resulting in Purse Redistribution | 1 |
| Reinstatement In Accordance with HISA Ruling | 1 |

Groom—

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| Hostile Acts | 1 |
| Summary Suspensions | 1 |

Assistant Starter —

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| Summary Suspension | 2 |
| Positive Drug Test | 1 |
| Hostile Acts | 1 |

Pony Person –

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| Failure to Meet Financial Obligations | 2 |
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
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| Medication Violation | 1 |
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This is the first full meet that The Board of Stewards has dealt with the new HISA/HIWU rules and regulations. We cannot find much, if any, value for the state of Minnesota for the money spent on HISA. There should be value for the money spent, and we do not see much value to justify what HISA has implemented here in our state. HISA has created vast amounts of paperwork for our commission veterinary staff and our investigators, so much so that the veterinarians were forced to hire additional staff. We find ourselves in a situation where HISA is getting all the money, but MRC staff are doing all the work. This imbalance is notable. In addition, we have never worked in a system where details of an unresolved case are made public, and we find it objectionable for the damage that it does to reputations in a sport where reputations are extremely valuable.

The Board of Stewards request the following improvements for the 2024 Canterbury Park race meet:

- A camera to show the head-on view of the backstretch for turf races
- Mirror image of photo finish needs to be monitored more closely so that it is more accurate
- Fingerprint reciprocity with other racing jurisdictions
- Remove the notarization requirement on applications
- Barn walkers under Nick’s supervision on the backside

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Item 8

Staff Reports

C. Presiding Judge's

Report End-of Meet

Report

Final Judges Report – Year End Review - 2023

The 55 day harness racing season came to an end with the Night of Champions celebration on Saturday September 16. From the Judges point of view the 2023 racing season was a success. The continuity of Presiding Judge Bob Corey who returned in 2020 after having worked at Running Aces from 2008 to 2012 has enabled the horseman and drivers to know what is expected of them on and off the track. Strict enforcement of the rules and regulations implemented by the Minnesota Racing Commission resulted in the fewest number of rulings being written during the 2023 racing season when compared to past seasons.

The return of driver Jacob Cutting, and the addition of well-seasoned drivers Todd Warren and Kevin Wallis contributed to the less incidents occurring on the racetrack during the running of the races. A breakdown of the rulings will appear toward the end of this report.

The summer weather here in Minnesota can be challenging at times. Two complete race programs were cancelled due to extreme heat and unsafe air quality numbers. MRC Commission vet Dr. Lynn Hovda does an amazing job of always making sure the well-being of our equine athletes is her top priority whenever difficult decisions need to be made. We also had to cancel the final few races on July 27th due to heavy rain and persistent lighting in the Columbus area.

There are some areas of concern that we as judges would like to see addressed to improve the overall quality of the racing experience here at Running Aces.

1. The racing surface appeared to be more of an issue this season than in years past. Several horsemen complained that the track was too firm and hard, which may have been caused due to the lack of precipitation in the

area this summer. Hard surfaces causes many soundness issues among standardbreds.

2. We would like to have the tops of the pylons that surround the inside of the racetrack painted, so as to make it easier to distinguish if a driver inadvertently passed inside the pylons during the race. This is a rule infraction and would also help the drivers be more aware of where the pylons are so they can avoid them.
3. One of the most frustrating issues this season was the unprofessionalism of our Paddock Judge. The Paddock Judges position is extremely important for communication between the Judges and the horsemen during the races. We observed several instances of second guessing the judges' decisions, not handing out important notices, and unnecessary confrontations with horsemen. We would like the Paddock Judges position to be filled by an MRC employee who understands the importance of doing the job properly.
4. We would also like to suggest two extra investigator type seasonal employees to have more "boots on the ground" patrolling the stable areas during the racing season. There are too many hours where there is no surveillance by MRC personal or Running Aces security to be effective in curtailing any illegal or suspicious activity.
5. We need more cameras throughout the stable area to give us better access to what's going on in the stable area. It has improved from years past, but more cameras are still needed. The strategic placing of the cameras themselves and periodic cleaning of the lenses are essential.
6. We would like to suggest the "Notice of Hearing" document be reworded to "Notice of Stewards Meeting". These meetings are for informing the licensee of the penalty imposed. Some horseman brought attorneys with them, who unfortunately do not understand the proper procedure of how these meetings are supposed to be conducted. By changing the document to "Notice of Stewards Meeting" we feel it will improve the discussion process of the rulings handed down resulting in less aggravation for everyone involved. Licensees know that the next step is to appeal the judge's decisions to the Commission. Additionally, the judges should only announce who is present at the meeting. There is no need to swear everyone in, as everything is audio recorded.
7. Lastly, we would like to see improvement in the stable gate personal. Better training is essential with an emphasis on the importance of proper record keeping. Who is entering or leaving the stable area. Humans as

well as horses. Several record keeping mistakes were made this season and it seemed the stable gate security got more complacent as the season progressed.

On the bright side the Judges were utterly impressed with our new outrider, Jasmine Horvat. She did a fantastic job and rotated two horses all season to keep them fresh and healthy. She did have to make an amazing catch of a loose horse earlier in the year and did so under the direction of the Presiding Judge and she was able to successfully prevent any further damage or injuries to equine or humans.

Ruling Summary

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| Impeding/Interference/Striking Wheel | 19 |
| Slow Quarters/Failure to Set or Maintain Pace | 15 |
| Whipping – Excessive/Other Than Wrist | 12 |
| No Health/Vaccination Records | 7 |
| Paddock Violations | 8 |
| Foot Out of Stirrups/Making Contact with Foot | 5 |
| Pylon Violations | 5 |
| Failure to Obey Racing Official | 4 |
| Careless Driving/Unsafe | 2 |
| Possession of Hypodermic Equipment | 2 |
| Improper Licensing | 2 |
| Medication Violations | 2 |
| Fraud | 1 |
| Water Heater in Barn | |
| Missed Pre Race Testing | |
| Assault | |

Stats For 2023

| Average | May | June | July | August | September | Meet |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Entries/Day | 82 | 87.2 | 92 | 87.9 | 81.6 | 87 |
| Starters/Program | 73.8 | 80.9 | 85 | 76.8 | 75.1 | 79 |
| Races/Program | 9.8 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.9 |
| Starters/Race | 7.6 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 8 | 8 |
| Purses/Program | \$96,813 | \$113,531 | \$121,454 | \$100,814 | \$193,158* | \$119,868 |
| On Track Handle | \$14,094 | \$14,285 | \$15,221 | \$12,595 | \$13,987 | \$13,751 |
| Total Handle | \$259,905 | \$261,087 | \$221,832 | \$153,935 | \$167,481 | \$207,701 |
| | | | | | *Night of Champions | |
| Monthly Handle | \$2,079,236 | \$3,133,040 | \$2,883,812 | \$2,155,083 | \$1,172,364 | \$11,423,535 |


 Robert Corey
 Presiding Judge


 Peter Hanley II
 Associate Judge


 Casey Larson
 Associate Judge

Item 9 -

Executive Directors

Report

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Item 9B –

Licensing Report

Minnesota Racing Commission

September 2023 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed at Canterbury Park: **29**

Class C Applications Processed at Running Aces: **18**

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

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

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

Class C Licensing Fees for September: **\$1,035**

Fingerprint Fees for September: **\$950.00**

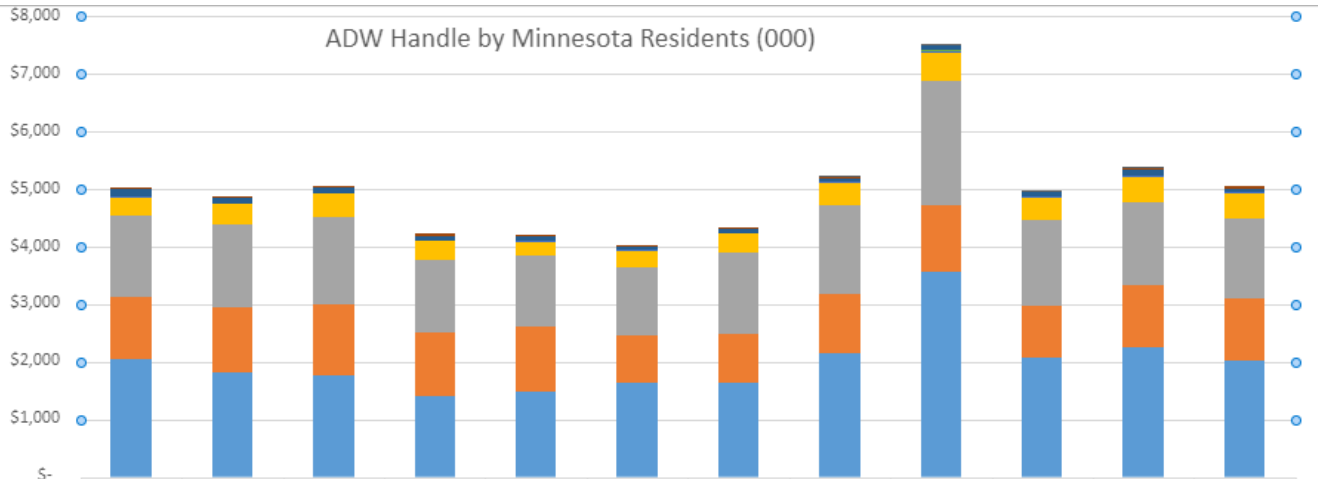
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Fines Collected during 2023 Racing Season: **\$18,975**

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ADW Report

ADW Handle by Minnesota Residents (000)



| | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| ■ Premier Turf Club | | | | | | | | \$5 | \$16 | \$6 | \$1 | \$- |
| ■ Horse Tourneys | \$20 | \$18 | \$25 | \$37 | \$28 | \$13 | \$13 | \$25 | \$13 | \$13 | \$30 | \$31 |
| ■ Lien Games | \$130 | \$109 | \$103 | \$84 | \$68 | \$51 | \$62 | \$59 | \$89 | \$78 | \$109 | \$55 |
| ■ WatchandWager.com LLC | \$9 | \$4 | \$3 | \$3 | \$7 | \$5 | \$6 | \$9 | \$18 | \$4 | \$5 | \$3 |
| ■ eBet Technologies | \$14 | \$11 | \$2 | \$2 | \$9 | \$20 | \$14 | \$21 | \$11 | \$9 | \$16 | \$26 |
| ■ NYRA Bets (NewCo Ventures) | \$310 | \$349 | \$418 | \$333 | \$228 | \$305 | \$332 | \$387 | \$503 | \$391 | \$424 | \$430 |
| ■ TVG (ODS Tech) | \$1,422 | \$1,427 | \$1,497 | \$1,243 | \$1,236 | \$1,178 | \$1,402 | \$1,531 | \$2,144 | \$1,484 | \$1,461 | \$1,405 |
| ■ Xpressbet, LLC | \$1,082.00 | \$1,143.00 | \$1,248.00 | \$1,109.00 | \$1,131.00 | \$806.00 | \$839.00 | \$1,029.00 | \$1,175.00 | \$903.00 | \$1,075.00 | \$1,083.00 |
| ■ Twinspires.com | \$2,033 | \$1,814 | \$1,759 | \$1,407 | \$1,489 | \$1,642 | \$1,645 | \$2,151 | \$3,554 | \$2,078 | \$2,246 | \$2,008 |

Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW

