

Minnesota Racing Commission
Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024

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**Full Commission Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
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 - April Commission Meeting – Thursday, April 18, 2024

Action Items

- 5) Canterbury 2024 Live Racing Requests
 - a. Approval Seasonal Racing Officials
- 6) Minnesota Thoroughbred Association Request for Assistance

Informational Items

- 7) Status Reports
 - a. Canterbury Park Entertainment
 - b. Running Aces Casino, Hotel, and Racetrack
- 8) Chief Veterinarian Report
- 9) Executive Director's Report
 - a. Legislative Update
 - b. Contract Approvals
 - c. HISA Update
 - d. Personnel Update
 - e. ADW Report
 - f. Licensing Report
 - g. Other

- 10) MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports
- 11) Future Meetings - Monday, June 17, 2024 – Full Commission –
Nutrena Conference Center 1801 Dudley Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108
- 12) Adjourn

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Item 4 a. –
Minutes from Commission
Meeting

April 18, 2024

Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 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 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

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

Other participants – Kyle Gustafson (Executive Director, Minnesota Racing Commission), E. Joseph Newton (General Counsel, Minnesota Racing Commission), Penny Nelson (Deputy Director, Minnesota Racing Commission), Randy Sampson (President/CEO, Canterbury Park Entertainment), John Groen (General Manager, Canterbury Park Entertainment), Amber Carlisle (Senior Manager of Racing Operations, Canterbury Park Entertainment), Aaron Bedessem, (Director of Marketing, Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack), Steve Carpenito via phone (Director of Racing, Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack), Kay King (Executive Director, Minnesota Thoroughbred Association), Nancy Turner (President, This Old Horse), Cathy Dessert (Vice President, 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 Gingold; Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Colombo motioned to approve the March 21, 2024, minutes; Second by Commissioner Dehn. Motion passed.

Commissioner Colombo motioned to approve the April 1, 2024, minutes; Second by Commissioner Gingold. Motion passed.

Action Items:

Agenda Item 5 – Running Aces 2024 Live Racing Requests

- a. **Approval of Seasonal Racing Officials**
- b. **Standardbred Purse Supplement Allocation Proposal**

Mr. Bedessem presented the information in the packet. Commissioner Dehn motioned to approve a. Approval of Seasonal Racing Officials: Second by Commissioner Gingold; Motion passed. Commissioner Colombo motioned to approve b. Standardbred Purse Supplement Allocation Proposal; Second by Commissioner Dehn; Motion passed.

Agenda Item 6 – Canterbury 2024 Live Racing Requests

- a. **Application of Pari-mutuel Pools**
- b. **Approval of Export Locations**
- c. **Approval of Seasonal Racing Officials**

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Mr. Groen and Ms. Carlisle presented the information in the packet with additional exhibit C addendum. Commissioner Dehn motioned to approve a. Application of Pari-mutuel Pools B. Approval of Export Locations & c. Approval of Seasonal Racing Officials: Second by Commissioner Koob; Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – HISA Voluntary Implementation Agreement

Mr. Gustafson presented the agreement. Commissioner Goodman motioned to delegate signature authority to the Executive Director for the HISA Voluntary Implementation Agreement: Second by Commissioner Dehn; Motion passed.

Informational Items:

Agenda Item 8 – Status Reports

A. Canterbury Park Entertainment Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack

Mr. Sampson- 1,156 stall applications so far. Backside opening May 1, 2024, full training May 8, 2024. Barn construction in final phases. Stable entrance and circulation roads delayed by city but now fully approved and started, completed by fall. & furlong chute finalizing engineering hope to be completed by early to mid-June. Trackside restaurant project has started. March, good month for both card room and simulcasting. Event season busy almost every weekend. Getting marketing plan and promotional dates all set for live racing.

A. Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack

Mr. Bedessem - 400 applications received, 182 applications for ship-ins. 150 Minnesota Bred. Barns open May 5, 2024, track May 6, 2024. Have new agreement with American Teletimer will have new state of the art photo-finish equipment. Steve Carpenito will be on site May 7, 2024. Stall/barn assignments will be published tomorrow. Working on hiring staffing levels for live racing. New food – Serving seafood will be in the card room 3-4 days a week.

Agenda Item 15 – Executive Director’s Report

- A. HISA Update**
- B. Legislative Update**
- C. Contract Approvals**
- D. ADW Report**
- E. Licensing Report**
- F. Other**

Mr. Gustafson, Executive Director presented.

- A. HISA Update – Covered HISA True-Up under Item 7.
- B. Legislative Update – The ADW Budget request was not included in the Governor’s Supplement Bill.
- C. Contract Approvals – Running Aces – American Teletimer. Canterbury Park – Playing Cards.
- D. ADW
- E. Licensing Report – Installed new badge printers in both offices.
- F. Other – Deputy Director Nelson – Seasonal hiring - positions are now all filed, Test Barn fully staffed, Law Compliance Rep for both tracks. Commissioner Goodman asked about the Aftercare grant process. Mr. Gustafson replied they opened April 1, 2024, deadline is May 15, 2024.

Item 16 – MQHRA/MTA/MHRI/MNHBPA Reports

MTA – Kay King – 47 foals, 94 broodmares registered as of right now. Shout out/thank you to all testifying at the capital, doing an awesome job. Ms. Turner commented that This Old Horse has taken 185 TB off the track and transitioned to new lives. March 2nd they were notified about a Minnesota racehorse, Macho Vision was in a kill pen in Colorado. They were able to get her back to Minnesota and in quarantine. She had been starved, was beat up, terrible condition. Found out she was pregnant, and she gave birth at 2:00 am this morning at our Hastings home. The baby boy is perfectly healthy, beautiful bay colt. It is so simple if someone does not want their horse anymore just contact us. Aftercare is not after thought!

Commissioner Colombo wanted to acknowledge Kay King for her tremendous efforts. It has been tough for the MTA, and she still comes and is doing the hard work and doing the best that she can, and it has been a pleasure working with her. Ms. King - thank you it has been almost 24 years, so it is part of who she is.

MHRI – Cathy Dessert – 2 new Board of Director members: Jay DeLong and Tony Huffman. Fair race May 5th in Cannon Falls, MN. Commissioner Colombo asked about the Standardbred that was at the Capital? Ms. Dessert stated that was her horse, Numbered Account.

MNHBPA – Mike Cronin – Thanked Commission and MRC Staff on HHR. Commented on a recent bill introduced for Benevolence Fund Grant with \$2 million for Education and Health Programs to the HBPA. Commissioner Dehn to all horse people thank you for your efforts.

Item 17 – Future Meetings

Full Commission Meeting Monday, May 20, 2024 @ 4:00 pm at Nutrena Conference Center 1801 Dudley Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55108.

Item 18 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dehn; Second by Commissioner Colombo. Chair McArdle adjourned the meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 4:53 p.m.

THESE MEETING MINUTES HAVE BEEN APPROVED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024 BY A QUORUM OF THE MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION.

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Action Items

Item 5 –

Canterbury 2024

Live Racing Requests

- a. Approval Seasonal Racing Officials



May 5, 2024

Kyle Gustafson
Executive Director
Minnesota Racing Commission
1100 Canterbury Road
Shakopee, MN 55379

Dear Mr. Gustafson,

Pursuant to MRC Rules 7877.0110 Subp. 4 Racing Officials, Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC respectfully requests that the following items be placed on the agenda for consideration at the May meeting of the Minnesota Racing Commission.

- 1) Approval of Racing Officials for 2024 Live Racing Season**
 - a) Exhibit A Vanessa Martinez – Photo Finish/Timer and Placing Judge

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know should you need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Carlisle
Senior Manager of Racing Operations
Canterbury Park Entertainment, LLC

Pursuant to MRC Rule 7877.0110 Subp. 4 Racing Officials, Canterbury Park requests the approval of the following official for its 2024 Live Racing Season:

Photo Finish/ Timer	Vanessa Martinez**
Placing Judge	Vanessa Martinez**

*** Indicates an Official new to Canterbury Park in 2024. A resume follows on the following page.*

Should you require any more information about Ms. Martinez, please let us know.

Vanessa Martinez Gracia

SKILLS

- Fluent in Microsoft teams, excel, and word
- High computer proficiency
- Robust communication skills
- Coachable
- Self managing and goal oriented
- Able multitask on serval computer programs/task effectively
- fluent in speaking, reading and writing in Spanish and English
- timely
- Efficient problem solving/identifying
- Resourceful

EXPERIENCE

Turf Paradise, Phoenix, AZ- volunteer work

2002- PRESENT

- With both my parents involved in racing for over 35 years, this was much a lifestyle for their kids to inherit their skills down to the details
- Over the years I've learned things like cleaning up stalls, bathing and feeding horses, walking and properly preparing them for trainer in the mornings

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- I assisted with loading sets of laundry in the mornings to keep the mats, tongue ties and any other equipment cleaned up for next uses as well as to keep the area clean
 - With my father, Esteban Martinez, as a trainer, he's taught me how to ride horses, jog horses and how to build trust, establish boundaries and teach commands
 - I've had the experience to watch and assist in multiple procedures be done such as vet services, horse re shoeing and horse dentry.
 - I've done the physical work with horses but also the non physical, which is recognizing different horses, learning how to enter a horse and what to look for in the entry form provided by officials for purposes of different criteria required for each race.

HOME, Phoenix, AZ - *stay at home mother*

SEPTEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

- After my job as a receptionist, I had become a full time stay at home mother while my child got a little older.
- I accomplish day to day tasks while watching my son under 1. Also, I take him to all his appointments accordingly.
- In charge of feeding the household members.
- With being a full time mom I am in a constant state of cleaning and organizing while multitasking with my son.

AZ RUBBER STONE, Scottsdale, AZ - *Receptionist*

OCTOBER 2022 - SEPTEMBER 2023

- I answered questions for customers over the phone and addressed them as needed to management.
- Answering calls promptly and scheduling customers with sales representatives were my main tasks.
- Filled out warranty reports for clients in the past and current
- I was able to recruit and train two others in preparation for my maternity leave.
- Call leads, check emails and respond to everything that was a priority.

QUIKTRIP CORP, Tempe, AZ - *Night Assistant Manager*

OCTOBER 2019 - JUNE 2022

- I was the leader of my shift meaning I was in charge of all the customer complaint reports or concerns as well as incident reports.

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- My responsibility every shift would be to meet customer and company needs, do a cash audit on the store's income/ outcome, and accomplish all tasks given under a timely manner.
 - I would also review inventory, order products as needed and train several quiktrip employees who later went to be assistants of their own.
 - I would attend required meetings and communicated to the store manager daily on store reports.
 - Managing clerks was the most occurring situation, meaning I needed to overlook and confirm that tasks were being done by them timely and as efficiently as possible.

EDUCATION

Greenway High School, Phoenix, AZ - *High School Diploma*

AUGUST 2016 - MAY 2020

Item 6 –
Minnesota Thoroughbred
Association Request for
Assistance

Informational

Items

Item 7 - Status Report

a. Canterbury Park

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Item 7- Status Reports

b. Running Aces
Casino, Hotel, and
Racetrack

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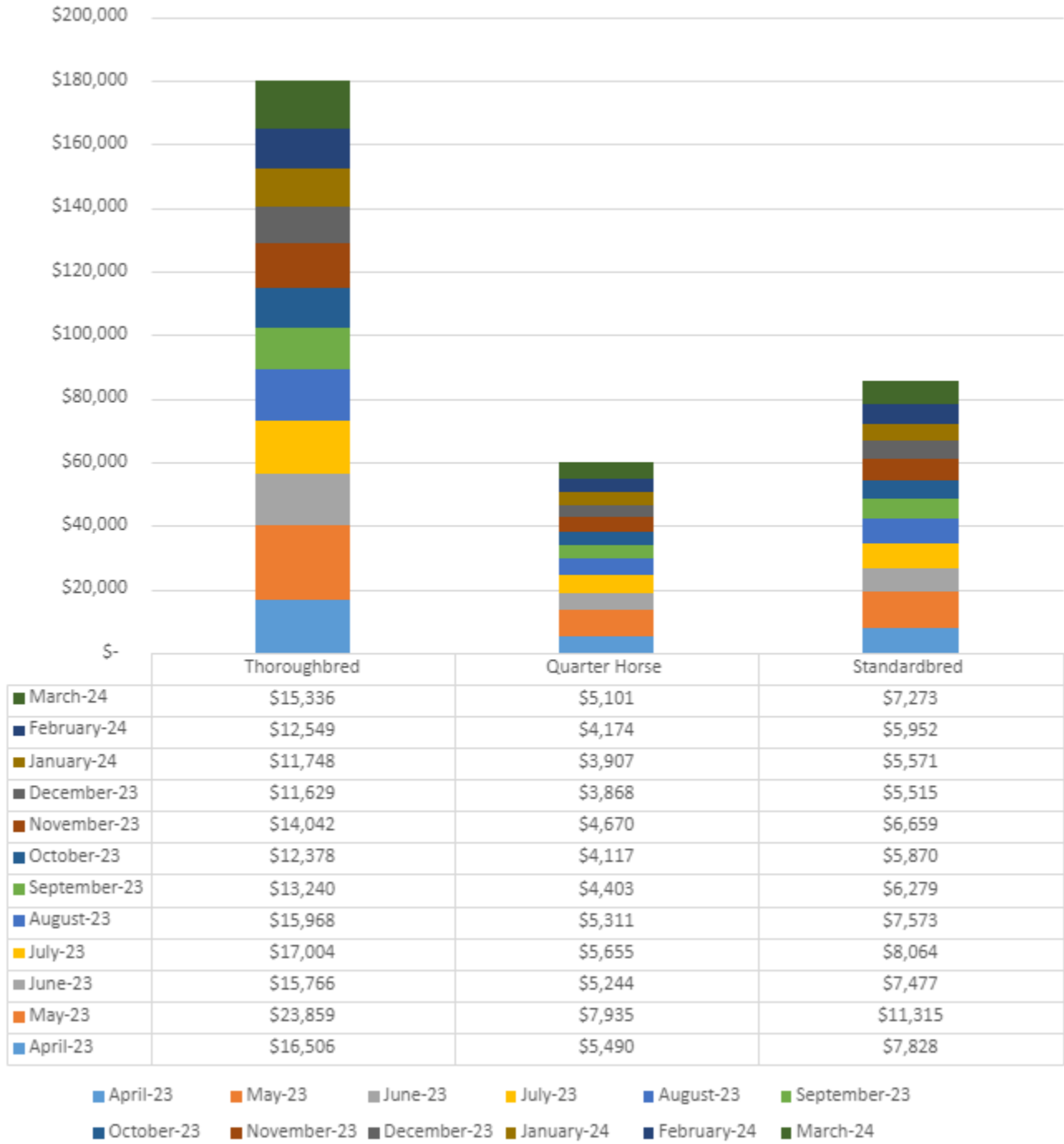
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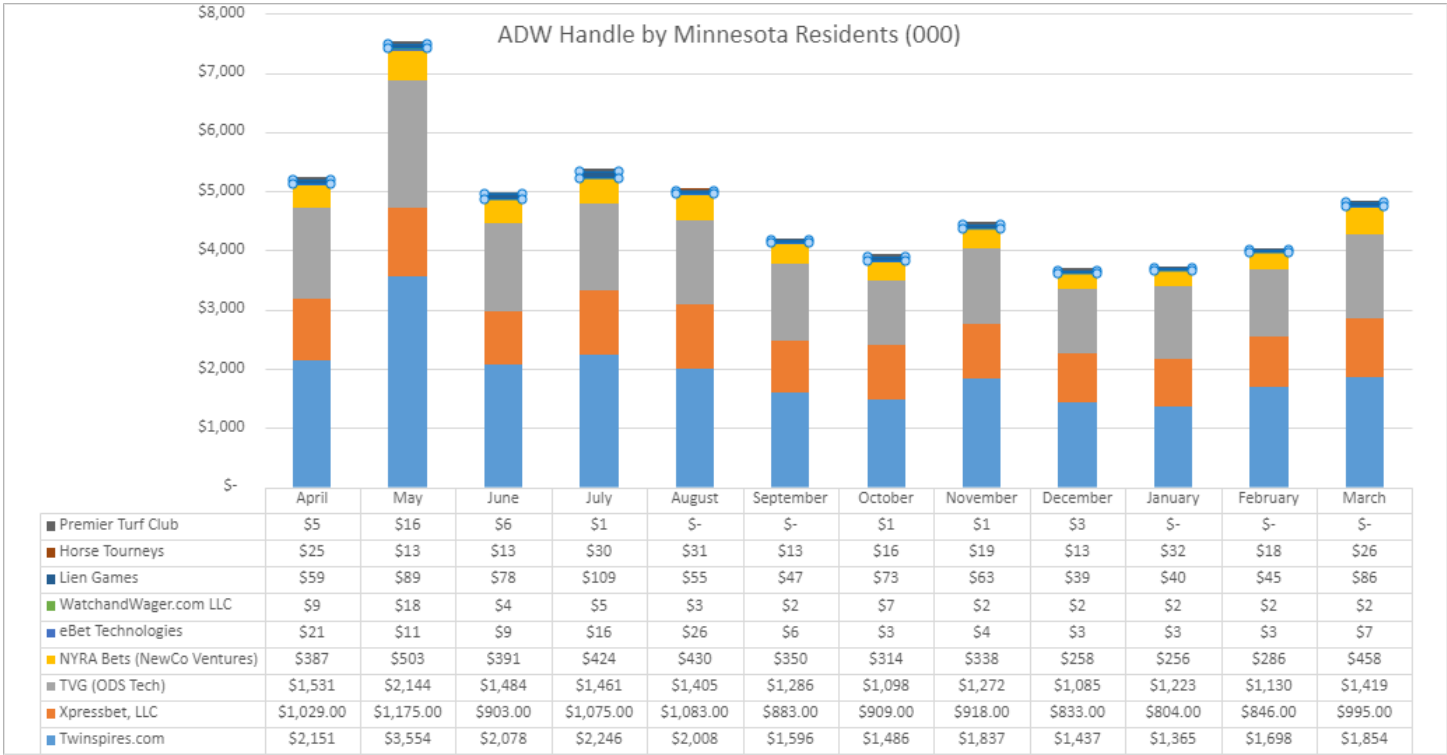
Item 9 – Executive Directors Report

- a. Legislative Update
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Item 9 –
e. ADW Report

Incremental Breeders Awards via ADW





Item 9-

f. Licensing Report

Minnesota Racing Commission

April 2024 Licensing Report

Class C Applications Processed at Canterbury Park: **141**

Class C Applications Processed at Running Aces: **101**

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

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

Class C Non-racing/Gaming Vendors: **7**

Class C Licensing Fees for April 2024: **\$5,705**

Fingerprint Fees for April 2024: **\$3,450**

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

Fines Collected during Racing Season: **\$0**

Item 11

Future Meetings

Monday, June 17, 2024

- Full Commission
- Nutrena Conference
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