

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Thursday, January 19, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert K. Schmitz at 10:00 am in Conference Room South B & C, 31st Floor, 77 South High St., Columbus, Ohio, pursuant to due notice.
2. Roll call. The following Commissioners were determined to be present: Todd Book, William Koester and Mark Munroe.
3. Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on December 15, 2011. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
4. Medication Information Session. Five speakers made presentations:
 1. State Veterinarian Dr. Jack Swagler detailed the (blood or urine) sample collection process following races at the state's commercial tracks and the measures taken to protect the samples while shipped to the testing laboratory.
 2. Soobeng Tan, technical director of the Ohio State Racing Commission Testing Laboratory located in Reynoldsburg, explained laboratory procedures after samples arrive. He said the overall goal is to protect the integrity of all racing.
 3. State Steward Butch Gore explained the procedure if a positive finding is discovered by the testing laboratory, including a hearing before the stewards (or judges) and the announcement of a penalty for the violation.
 4. Assistant Attorney General Vivian Tate listed the rights of OSRC licensees if a violation is appealed and all steps of the process that can be found in Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 5. Commissioner Koester, who is also chairman of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, said protecting the wagering public is of prime importance and no testing laboratory anywhere in the country is more competent than the one located at the Department of Agriculture campus.

5. Executive Director's Report:

A. Beulah Park

1. In a letter dated January 18, 2012, a request for John Pollert to replace Richard Nye as track superintendent beginning on January 20, 2012. Motion by Commissioner Book, second by Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.

B. River Downs

1. In a letter dated January 10, 2012, a request to open for wagering before noon on the following days in 2012: March 31 for Dubai World Cup Day; May 4 for the Kentucky Oaks; May 5 for the Kentucky Derby; May 19 for the Preakness; June 9 for the Belmont; August 4 for the Hambletonian; August 25 for the Travers; September 19 for the Juggette; September 20 for the Little Brown Jug; November 2 - 3 for the Breeders Cup; and November 22, 23 and 24 for early wagering at Churchill Downs. Motion by Commissioner Book, second Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.

C. Lebanon Raceway

1. In a communication dated December 27, 2011, a request for Dr. Jen McQuinn to replace Dr. Tamara Vetro Widenhouse as track veterinarian on December 30, 2011. This was approved subject to ratification by the commission. Motion by Commissioner Munroe, second by Commissioner Koester, unanimously approved.
2. In a communication dated January 5, 2012, a request for Paul Combs to replace Jon Weist as associate judge on January 6-7, 2012. This was approved subject to ratification by the commission. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.

D. Northfield Park

1. In a communication dated January 3, 2012, a request to change post time during the remainder of the Northfield Park Associates meeting from 7:00 pm to 6:55 on evenings

featuring 14-race programs and when deemed appropriate by management. This was approved subject to ratification by the commission. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.

6. Approval of the host, guest and additional simulcast product at commercial racetracks for February. Motion by Commissioner Book to approve the submissions by Beulah Park, River Downs, Thistledown, Lebanon Raceway, Northfield Park, Northfield Park on behalf of Cedar Downs, and Raceway Park. Second by Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.
7. A request from Program Administrator Greg Veit for approval of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Program for 2012. Mr. Veit prepared the 2012 racing conditions, dates, projections and other background material disseminated at the meeting under the direction of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race fund Advisory Committee. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
8. A request from Program Administrator Doug Thomas for approval of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Program for 2012. Mr. Thomas prepared the 2012 Ohio Sires Stakes racing conditions, racing dates, projections and other background material disseminated at the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.
9. Request for the expenditure of fine money:
 - a. Beulah Park: In communications dated January 12, 2012, requests for the expenditure of \$5,000 for a wellness program and \$800 for weekly pizza dinners for backstretch workers. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
10. Settlement: In an agreement with **Paul Holzman** to settle all matters related to Raceway Park Ruling Number 60-11 and Commission Case Number 2011-27, Mr. Holzman shall pay a fine of \$1,000, serve a 15-day suspension between January 22, 2012 and February 5, 2012, return purse money won in the amount of \$1,200, withdraw his appeal of the ruling, and waive any and all claims or causes of action against the Ohio State Racing Commission. Motion by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Book, unanimously approved.
11. Monthly Financial Report: This report was presented by Fiscal Officer Sherry White.
12. Compliance Reports: This report was presented jointly by Greg Veit and Doug Thomas.
13. Committee Reports: None.
14. Chairman's Comments: None.
15. Public Comments: None.
- Old Business:** None.
- New Business:** None.
16. A motion for the Commission to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Koester and seconded by Commissioner Munroe. Chairman Schmitz voted aye. Commissioner Koester voted aye. Commissioner Book voted aye. Commissioner Munroe voted aye. Chairman Schmitz announced that when commission members returned from executive session no business would be conducted and the meeting would be adjourned. At the conclusion of the executive session, after going back on the record, a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Koester, second by Commissioner Munroe, unanimously approved.

Date, Time & Place of Next Meeting:
February 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
77 South High St., Columbus, Ohio
31st Floor, Room South B & C



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January 11, 2012

Dear Mr. Crawford,

On behalf of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Committee, I am requesting approval of the 2012 projected budget, dates for the 2012 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes Program, and the 2012 rules and conditions.

Copies of the proposed budget, stakes schedule and rules/conditions are included with this request. The conditions remain the same from 2011 except for the following: Broodmare awards for all races other than claiming and starter allowances went from 10% to 15% of the winner's share of purse. Broodmare awards for all claiming and starter allowance races went from 5% to 10% of the winner's share of purse.

Stallion awards for all races other than claiming and starter allowance went from 5% to 10% of the winner's share of purse. Stallion awards for all claiming and starter allowance races went from 3% to 5% of the winner's share of purse. Other changes include:

Allowance

- Maiden (non claiming) \$1,600 to \$2,500
- Nw/2 or non winners of a race other than maiden or claiming \$1,700 to \$2,600
- Nw/3 or non winners of a race other than maiden or claiming \$2,000 to \$2,900
- Allowance other than lifetime conditions \$1,650 to \$2,500

Claiming and Starters

- Claiming \$20,000 and up \$1,000 to \$1,500
- Claiming below \$20,000 and higher than \$6,500 \$800 to \$1,300
- Claiming \$6,500 and below \$500 to \$1,000

Also, instead Ohio-registered thoroughbreds that win open claiming races (\$10,000 up to \$20,000) receiving, \$600, now all Ohio thoroughbreds that win open claiming races (\$6,500 up to \$20,000) will receive \$800.00. The Advisory Committee would like to extend its gratitude to you and the Commission for its support.

Respectfully

Gregory Veit,
OTRF Administrator

Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund -- 2012 Rules & Conditions

Eligibility:

To qualify for Ohio Thoroughbred Fund money in 2012, horses must be registered under the thoroughbred fund program.

Conditions:

1. All Ohio-funded stakes races must go if there are five or more betting interests. The Race Secretary shall request uncoupling for common betting interests. The Ohio State Racing Commission may, in its discretion, uncouple

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the common betting interests.

If an Ohio-funded stakes race draws four or fewer betting interests and the track elects not to permit wagering on this race, the race will be run as an exhibition and the purse will be dropped to Ohio Fund Money. Any Ohio-funded stakes race scheduled at one mile on the main dirt track will move to the next available longer distance if more than eight horses are entered.

All Ohio-funded stakes race nomination blanks **excluding Best Of Ohio** will read as follows: A fee of \$50 each shall accompany the nomination. Entry fees shall be 1% of the State’s share of the total purse, which shall be due at the time of entry. An additional fee of 0.65% of the gross purse will be required to start. Nominating and entry fees shall be returned to excluded horses.

All Ohio-funded stakes races except the Best Of Ohio Distaff, Best Of Ohio Endurance, and the Ohio Freshman (**30 stakes for 2012**) will be funded as follows: **35%** from the Ohio Thoroughbred Development Fund and **65%** from the horsemen’s purse fund.

2. No Ohio Thoroughbred Fund Stake will be split. All Ohio Thoroughbred Fund stakes that have more entries than the starting gate will hold will be drawn under the following guidelines:

(A) Horses with the highest earnings in the year of the stake as calculated at time of closing and preceding year are preferred;

(B) When an Ohio Thoroughbred Fund Stake has more entries than the starting gate will hold, there shall be sixteen horses drawn into a race on the dirt and fourteen for the turf. At scratch time if one or both horses with the lowest earnings should draw in they will race from their assigned post positions at time of draw. Scratch time, for the purpose of this condition, shall be one-half hour before the first live race on the day of the race, at the track where the race is to be contested. Nominating and entry fees will be returned to owners of excluded horses;

(C) Six stakes--The Juvenile, John W. Galbreath, Queen City Oaks, Cleveland Gold Cup, Governor’s Buckeye Cup and Rose DeBartolo Memorial--shall be assigned weights consistent with Best of Ohio weight assignment for age and sex.

3. The following stakes races shall be known as the “Best of Ohio Series” and shall be funded as follows:

State Share – \$220,000 Horsemen’s Share – \$130,000 Total Purse – \$350,000

Each Stake race shall consist of a maximum of 14 horses, eligibility to be determined by money earned. Eligible horses racing at least once in Ohio during 2012 credited with 2011 and 2012 earnings. Non-starters in Ohio during 2012 credited with 2012 earnings only. Should horses tie for eligibility, the following order will be used to determine participation: (a) Horses with the highest total earnings in the year of Stake and preceding year; and (b) Lottery.

Date	Track	Stake	Purse	Distance	Weight
Oct. 12	Thistledown	J.W. Galbreath	\$75,000 – 2-year-old filly	1 1/16 mi.	Fillies 117 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	Juvenile	\$75,000 – 2-year-old	1 1/16 mi.	Colts/Geldings 120lbs.; Fillies 117 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	Sprint	\$50,000 – 3-year-old & up	6 furlongs	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122; fillies/mares allowed 3 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	Distaff	\$75,000 – 3-year-old & up, fillies/mares	1 1/8 mi.	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122 lbs.
Oct. 12	Thistledown	Endurance	\$75,000 – 3-year-old & up	1 1/4 mi.	3yo, 119 lbs.; older, 122; fillies/mares allowed 3 lbs.

4. Ohio overnight races must be written in the following categories: **a.** 2-year-olds; **b.** 2-year-old fillies; **c.** 3-year-olds; **d.** 3-year-old fillies; **e.** 3-year-old and up; **f.** 3-year-old and up fillies/mares.

5. Two-year-olds shall not be required to carry more than 122 lbs.

6. At least 50 per cent of all overnight races must be written for fillies.

7. Should any fund overnight race fail to be contested due to insufficient entries, the lists of entries made in such race shall immediately be posted in a conspicuous place on the Horsemen’s Bulletin Board. Failure to do so shall be grounds for penalties or sanctions by the Commission.

8. At least one Ohio-funded overnight race shall be scheduled on every day of racing at each track. At his discretion, each Racing Secretary may schedule more than one Ohio-funded race each day, taking into consideration the total amount of overnight money allotted in 2012 versus the total number of race days per year at each track. Overnight allotments for 2012 are as follows:

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Track	Days	Allotment	Percentage
River Downs	93	127,126	28.2%
Beulah Park	114	156,878	34.7%
Thistledown	122	166,796	37.1%
Total	329	\$450,800	

9. In all overnight fund races, the amount of the purse put up by the track (Horsemen’s purse fund) must be at least equal to the amount of contribution from the Ohio thoroughbred race fund. In no event may the track’s share of the purse be less than the amount the track would normally pay for the same class of race.

10. Ohio maiden races for 2-year-olds must be written starting June 1, and will then be offered in a timely manner at each track. Ohio maiden races for 3-year-olds and up must be held every ten days beginning on the first day of the 2012 racing season. Races such as non-winners of two, non-winners of a race other than, non-winners of three, non-winners of two races other than, non-winners of four, non-winners of three races other than should also be spaced throughout the book.

No Ohio-fund overnight races for 3-year-olds or 3-year-olds & up shall be scheduled at less than 6 furlongs after May 1st. Racing Secretaries must send proof copies of condition books to members of the Commission and Advisory Committee 10 days prior to the printing of said condition book.

11. All Ohio-funded **non-claiming** races, scheduled on the main track, must go if there are six or more betting interests. Any such races scheduled on the turf must go if there are ten or more betting interests. **All Ohio-funded non-condition claiming races shall be used with 8 or more betting interests. Registered Ohio-breds shall be preferred in all claiming races after any condition eligibility preference has been observed.** If an Ohio-funded overnight race draws more entries than the gate will accommodate, the race may be split. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund share of the purse may be split accordingly.

12. All Ohio-funded maiden non-claiming races shall be split when there are sufficient entries for each division to contain at least eight separate betting interests. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund share of the purse may be split accordingly.

13. In the event an adequate number of Ohio Accredited horses are entered in any Ohio-funded overnight race, the Racing Secretary may request approval from the Executive Director of the Commission to split the race into an Ohio-Accredited and an Ohio-foaled race.

14. The following schedule shall be used for all Ohio overnight races:

ALLOWANCE WITH LIFETIME CONDITIONS:

The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund will provide the following to each purse for the following categories:

a. Maiden (non-claiming)	\$2,500
b. Non-winners of 2 or non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming	2,600
c. Non-winners of 3 or non-winners of 2 races other than maiden or claiming	2,900
d. Non-winners of 3 races other than maiden or claiming or never won a race or 2 races at one mile or over other than maiden or claiming	2,900

ALLOWANCE OTHER THAN LIFETIME CONDITIONS:

Each track shall write an Allowance race for, **other than lifetime conditions**, at least once per month. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund will add **\$2,500** to the purse for each of such races.

CLAIMING RACES / STARTER RACES.

All Ohio Claiming races \$20,000 and above receive	\$1,500
All Ohio Claiming races below \$20,000 and above \$6,500 receive	1,300
All Ohio Claiming races \$6,500 and below receive	1,000

15. All Ohio-registered thoroughbreds that win open races under the following categories shall be supplemented as indicated below. An open race is any race that is not limited to horses foaled in a specific state, sired by stallions standing in a specific state, or horses sold at a certain auction. Purses shall be supplemented as follows:

Open maiden allowance	\$5,000
Open allowance non-winners of 2 or non-winners of a race other than maiden or claiming	5,000
Open allowance non-winners of 3 or non-winners of 2 races other than maiden or claiming	5,000
Open allowance	5,000

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All Open Claiming races \$20,000 and above receive **\$2,000**
 All Open Claiming races \$6,500 up to \$20,000 receive **800**

16. Each Condition Book shall contain a list of all Ohio-funded races to be carded for the ensuing 15-day period beyond the current Condition Book. The list shall identify the date, purse, and distance of each Ohio-funded race. In all condition books and racing programs the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund logo shall be used to identify all Ohio-restricted races.

17. Pursuant to Section 3769-5-66, paragraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2), Breeders’ Awards shall be established as follows:

- A. Broodmares**
 - 1.** All races other than claiming or starter allowance, **15% of winner’s share of purse.**
 - 2.** All claiming and starter allowance races, **10% of winner’s share of purse.**
- B. Stallions**
 - 1.** All races other than claiming or starter allowance, **10% of winner’s share of purse.**
 - 2.** All claiming and starter allowance races, **5% of winner’s share of purse.**

18. In order to receive a Broodmare or Stallion Award, a breeder must be licensed by the Ohio State Racing Commission.

The following were considerations taken into account while developing the 2012 stakes schedule:

1. The major races in each division were targeted: **“Best of Ohio”** Championships, Juvenile, John W. Galbreath, Cleveland Gold Cup and Queen City Oaks.
2. Races for 3-year-old colts and races for older males have been scheduled as far apart as possible.
3. Races for 3-year-old fillies and races for older mares have been scheduled as far apart as possible.
4. Races have been distributed between racetracks to afford as much equity as possible based upon the number of racing dates and moneys generated for the program at each track. Every effort has been made to avoid having consecutive races at any one single racetrack.
5. In order to encourage filly participation in the 2-year-old stakes program, fillies are eligible to run in the Ohio Freshman on November 17, 2012. The highest finishing filly will receive \$5,000 from the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund in addition to any purse money she earns.

An “Ohio-bred” for the purpose of these conditions means one registered with the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund. These conditions are subject to interpretation, review and revision at any time by the Ohio State Racing Commission. All decisions made by the Ohio State Racing Commission with respect to these rules and regulations shall be final.

2012 Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Stakes Schedule

DATE	DAY	STAKE	AGE/CONDITION	TRACK	DISTANCE	PURSE
7-Apr	Saturday	The Royal North Stakes	3-Year-Old (f)	Beulah Park	6 furlongs	\$50,000
21-Apr	Saturday	The Howard B. Noonan Stakes	3-Year-Old	Beulah Park	6 furlongs	50,000
4-May	Friday	The Dr. T.F. Classen Memorial Stakes	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	50,000
5-May	Saturday	The Ed Babst/Albert Palacios Memorial Stakes	3-Year- Old & up	Beulah Park	6 furlongs	50,000
12-May	Saturday	The Tomboy Stakes	3-Year-Old (f)	River Downs	11/16 mi. - Turf	50,000
26-May	Saturday	The Michael F. Rowland Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	6 furlongs	50,000
27-May	Sunday	The Green Carpet Stakes	3-Year-Old	River Downs	11/16 mi. - Turf	50,000
28-May	Monday	The Angenora Stakes	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	50,000
9-Jun	Saturday	The Sydney Gendelman Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up	River Downs	11/16 mi. - Turf	50,000
16-Jun	Saturday	The J. Wm. Petro Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	11/16 miles	50,000

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23-Jun	Saturday	The Cincinnatian Stakes	3-year-Old Accredited (f)	River Downs	11/16 mi. - Turf	50,000
6-Jul	Friday	The Daniel Sterns Cleveland Gold Cup	3-Year-Old	Thistledown	11/8 miles	75,000
7-Jul	Saturday	The Cleveland Kindergarten Stakes	2-Year-Old	Thistledown	51/2 furlongs	50,000
13-Jul	Friday	The George Lewis Memorial Stakes	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Thistledown	11/8 miles	50,000
21-Jul	Saturday	The Norm Barron-Queen City Oaks	3-Year-Old (f)	River Downs	11/8 miles	75,000
21-Jul	Saturday	The Tah Dah Stakes	2-Year-Old (f)	River Downs	51/2 furlongs	50,000
28-Jul	Saturday	The Horizon Stakes	3-Year-Old Accredited	River Downs	11/16 mi. - Turf	50,000
11-Aug	Saturday	The Hoover Stakes	2-Year-Old	River Downs	6 furlongs	50,000
11-Aug	Saturday	The Vivacious Stakes	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	River Downs	11/16 mi. - Turf	50,000
18-Aug	Saturday	The Honey Jay Stakes	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	6 furlongs	50,000
31-Aug	Friday	The Miss Ohio Stakes	2-year-Old (f)	Thistledown	6 furlongs	50,000
1-Sep	Saturday	The Rose DeBartolo Memorial Stakes	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	11/8 miles	50,000
7-Sep	Friday	The Governor's Buckeye Cup	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	11/4 miles	50,000
12-Oct	Friday	The Best of Ohio Distaff	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Thistledown	11/8 miles	75,000
12-Oct	Friday	The Best of Ohio Endurance	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	11/4 miles	75,000
12-Oct	Friday	The Best of Ohio Sprint	3-Year-Old & up	Thistledown	6 furlongs	50,000
12-Oct	Friday	The John W. Galbreath Memorial Stakes	2-Year-Old (f)	Thistledown	11/16 miles	75,000
12-Oct	Friday	The Juvenile Stakes	2-Year-Old	Thistledown	11/16 miles	75,000
27-Oct	Saturday	The Scarlet & Gray Handicap	3-Year-Old & up (F&M)	Beulah Park	6 furlongs	50,000
3-Nov	Saturday	The Glacial Princess Stakes	2-Year-Old Accredited (f)	Beulah Park	6 furlongs	50,000
10-Nov	Saturday	The Ruff/Kirchberg Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited	Beulah Park	11/8 miles	50,000
17-Nov	Saturday	The Ohio Freshman Stakes	2-Year-Old Accredited	Beulah Park	6 furlongs	50,000
24-Nov	Saturday	The Bobbie Bricker Memorial Handicap	3-Year-Old & up Accredited (F&M)	Beulah Park	11/16 miles	50,000

Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Meeting -- Dec. 21, 2011

Program Administrator Greg Veit for introduced committee members Tim Hamm, Fred Nemann and Steve Montemano at the start of the meeting (1:00 pm) held in Room 1952 of the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio. There were 15 individuals present including OSRC Chairman Robert K. Schmitz, Executive Director William Crawford, and HBPA General Manager Dave Basler.

Mr. Veit said some proposed changes to 2012 conditions are contained in printed information available at the meeting. He spoke in detail about some of the proposed changes and also presented a summary of the financial information distributed to those in attendance. He concluded by announcing his concern with the number of accredited registrations in 2011 (21, down from 45 in 2010). In contrast, broodmare registrations almost doubled the 2010 total in 2011.

There was a discussion of facets and particulars of the proposed 2012 racing schedule. Mr. Hamm, while discussion was taking place, suggested restoring allowance race supplements back where they were before cuts were made.

At this point various speakers, including members of the committee, answered various questions offered by OSRC Chairman Robert K. Schmitz. This led to a discussion of thoroughbred programs in other, nearby states. Several speakers were optimistic the Ohio program would take off in the near future.

There was a discussion of the racing schedule with comments and suggestions about the 2-year-olds races most prominent. Members of the committee endorsed scheduling stakes, including the Best of Ohio stakes, on a

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day other than Saturday. No one expressed opposition to scheduling two stakes on one day as long as obvious conflicts are avoided. Greg Davis, representing Thistledown, said that track preferred hosting OTRF stakes on Fridays. There was support for switching the order of racing the Cleveland Kindergarten and the Hoover, with the Kindergarten on July 7 and the Hoover on August 11. The distances of each race would also be switched so the Cleveland Kindergarten would become 5^{1/2} furlongs.

Under conditions, the committee accepted Dave Basler’s suggestion to change the claiming price range for a \$600 supplement (bottom of condition 15) from \$10,000 up to \$20,000 to \$6,500 up to \$20,000.

Mr. Hamm said the uncoupling of entries was a problem last year. We (horsemen) would like the same thing to occur in splitting all entries in all stakes. Mr. Crawford said the same policy was followed for all thoroughbred stakes last year. Trainers could always go uncoupled at any time. Owner entries were split if it involved two horses. If it involved three horses or more, they were not uncoupled for wagering purposes.

Mr. Veit said there were no exhibitions last year and Mr. Hamm said that maybe the problem (uncoupling entries) occurred in 2010. Mr. Crawford said the commission would follow the same policy in 2012 as related above. Please be aware that because of administrative code language, racing secretaries that want to uncouple an owner entry must submit a request the Ohio State Racing Commission prior to the race.

Mr. Veit said the accredited horses available are in short supply and the thoroughbred program will have to live with this situation until the number of accredited foals bounces back. Several speakers thought the number of accredited-breds would increase beginning next year.

Mr. Montemanaro asked if there was anything in Ohio Revised Code that would allow the OTRF to fund care for horses after they have been retired from racing. Mr. Basler said the HBPA would devote a portion of its revenue to help with this in the future. Mr. Montemanaro was informed there were no provisions for this type of care or support for retired racing stock in the revised code.

After no one had anything else to add, Mr. Veit said changes in conditions and schedules discussed and/or decided at the meeting would be distributed to committee members in upcoming days and the conditions and dates will go before the racing commission at its monthly meeting on January 21.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 pm.

OTRF Special Account -- 2012

Beginning Balance	(1/1/2012)	\$631,102.01
Projected Credits	(for 2012)	\$1,478,346.00
Projected Debits	(for 2012)	(\$1,761,878.54)
Projected Ending Balance	(12/31/2012)	347,569.47

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Proposed Budget
Debits			
Administrative Exp.	130,000.00	123,991.65	121,776.54
Broodmare Awards	232,000.00	223,167.44	218,944.00
Stallion Awards	56,000.00	42,249.24	45,843.00
Promotion	9,500.00	8,695.00	8,565.00
Supplements	100,000.00	191,200.00	183,450.00
Overnights	320,000.00	303,950.00	450,800.00
Stakes	732,500.00	732,500.00	732,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,580,000.00	\$1,625,753.33	\$1,761,878.54

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Credits

Receipts	1,321,112.50	1,459,934.28	1,322,018.00
Nom. & Entry Fees	165,262.00	175,620.00	156,328.00

TOTAL	\$1,486,374.50	\$1,635,554.28	\$1,478,346.00
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Revised Code Section 3769.083 (B):

Not less than ten nor more than twenty-five per cent of the total money to be paid from the fund for all types of races shall be allocated to races restricted to accredited Ohio thoroughbred horses.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3769.083 (C)(2):

Twenty-five per cent of the total moneys to be paid from the fund for stakes races shall be allocated to races for accredited Ohio thoroughbred horses only.

Of the proposed \$732,500 in stakes purses, **\$183,125** is for stakes open to accredited Ohio thoroughbred horses only. Of the proposed **\$1,366,750** to be paid from the fund for all races, at least **\$136,675** but no more than **\$341,687** will be allocated to races restricted to accredited Ohio thoroughbred horses (which includes the funds paid in stakes races).

OTRF Actual and 2012 Proposed End of Year Statements

	2009	Pct.*	2010	Pct.*	2011	Pct.*	2012	Pct.*
Debits								
Admin. Expenses	101,487.28	4.6%	123,612.82	8.3%	123,331.65	7.6%	121,776.54	6.9%
Broodmare Awards	311,569.85	14.1%	162,401.71	10.9%	223,167.44	13.7%	218,944.00	12.4%
Stallion Awards	65,761.30	3.0%	40,703.11	2.7%	42,249.24	2.6%	45,843.00	2.6%
Promotion	8,695.00	0.4%	8,565.00	0.6%	8,695.00	0.5%	8,565.00	0.5%
Supplements	293,700.00	13.3%	121,350.00	8.1%	191,200.00	11.8%	183,450.00	10.4%
Overnights	535,700.00	24.2%	300,600.00	20.2%	303,950.00	18.7%	450,800.00	25.6%
Stakes	893,500.00	40.4%	732,500.00	49.2%	732,500.00	45.1%	732,500.00	41.6%
Total	2,210,413.43		1,489,732.64		1,625,753.33		1,761,878.54	
Credits								
Receipts	1,738,845.68		1,562,188.81		1,459,934.28		1,322,018.00	
Nom. & Entry Fees	134,975.00		167,960.75		175,650.00		156,328.00	
Total	1,873,820.68		1,730,149.56		1,635,554.28		1,478,018.00	
Gain (Loss)	-336,592.75		240,416.92		9,800.95		-293,860.54	

Proposed balance at the end of 2012:\$347,569.47

* Percentage of total expenditures.



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William Crawford, Executive Director
Ohio State Racing Commission
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Crawford,

On behalf of the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Committee, I am requesting approval of the conditions, budget and dates for the 2012 Ohio Sires Stakes . A copy of the 2012 dates and projected budget are included with this request. The conditions remain the same from 2011 except the following:

Qualifying standards have been lowered by raising the times one second across the board, but the one second allowance for the first leg has been deleted. The OSDF will add a minimum of \$18,000 per leg, except when there is only one division per leg. The maximum purse for one division shall be \$25,000.

If less than five horses declare in any leg, the race shall be cancelled and declarers so notified. Each horse declared in shall be entitled to an equal share of all declaration fee money to the leg and all money paid in nominating and sustaining payments credited to that leg. All available points will be divided equally based upon the number of horses declared in by using the points awarded system for each leg as described in the conditions for "Championship Races". Each horse entered will be awarded one additional point as if the horse started in the race.

Super Night will be held on September 8, 2012 at Scioto Downs. The purses for each championship on Super Night are estimated at \$75,000.

The committee would like to extend its gratitude to you and the Commission for its support.

Respectfully,

Douglas A. Thomas
OSDF Administrator

OSDF 2011 & 2012 Projected Disbursements

Beginning balance on Jan. 1, 2011	258,014
Pari-Mutuel Revenue	997,637
Nominating and Sustaining Payments	320,650
2011 Total Revenue	1,318,287
Total Amount Available for 2011 Distribution	1,576,301

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Purse Money Allotted	949,880
Nominating and Sustaining Payments	320,650
Payroll, maintenance and advertising	90,000
2011 Total Disbursements	1,360,530
Ending balance on Dec. 31, 2011	215,771

Beginning balance on Jan. 1, 2012 215,771

Pari-Mutuel Revenue	900,000
Nominating and Sustaining Payments	208,440
2012 Total Revenue	1,108,440

Total Amount Available for 2012 Distribution 1,324,211

Purse Money Allotted	922,000
Nominating and Sustaining Payments	208,440
Payroll, maintenance and advertising	90,000
2012 Total Disbursements	1,220,440

Ending balance on Dec. 31, 2012 103,771

In this projection the OSDF will only have to fund \$18,000 instead of \$20,000 per leg if there are two divisions or less, but the permit holder will still have to add \$5,000 to each race per statute (3769.085) which reads : No funds for a race shall be allocated to and paid to a permit holder by the development commission unless the permit holder adds at least twenty-five percent to the amount allocated by the development commission, and not less than five thousand dollars to each race. OSS condition #8 will need to be changed according to statute. The minimum purse will still be able to be \$15,000.

2012 OHIO SIRES STAKES SCHEDULES

* Afternoon Racing Program Scheduled

2-Year-Old Colt Trot			2-Year-Old Filly Trot		
1	Scioto Downs	July 4*	1	Northfield Park	July 3
2	Northfield Park	July 21	2	Scioto Downs	July 20
3	Raceway Park	Aug 12	3	Raceway Park	Aug 12
4	Northfield Park	Sept 1	4	Northfield Park	Aug 31
Ch	Scioto Downs	Sept 8	Ch	Scioto Downs	Sept 8

2-Year-Old Colt Pace			2-Year-Old Filly Pace		
1	Scioto Downs	July 4*	1	Northfield Park	July 3
2	Northfield Park	July 21	2	Scioto Downs	July 20
3	Raceway Park	Aug 12	3	Raceway Park	Aug 12
4	Northfield Park	Sept 1	4	Northfield Park	Aug 31
Ch	Scioto Downs	Sept 8	Ch	Scioto Downs	Sept 8

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3-Year-Old Colt Trot			3-Year-Old Filly Trot		
1	Lebanon Raceway	May 5	1	Lebanon Raceway	May 4
2	Scioto Downs	May 28*	2	Scioto Downs	June 9
3	Scioto Downs	July 14	3	Raceway Park	July 15
4	Northfield Park	Aug 18	4	Northfield Park	Aug 17
Ch Scioto Downs		Sept 8	Ch Scioto Downs		Sept 8

3-Year-Old Colt Pace			3-Year-Old Filly Pace		
1	Lebanon Raceway	May 5	1	Lebanon Raceway	May 4
2	Scioto Downs	May 28*	2	Scioto Downs	June 9
3	Scioto Downs	July 14	3	Raceway Park	July 15
4	Northfield Park	Aug 18	4	Northfield Park	Aug 17
Ch Scioto Downs		Sept 8	Ch Scioto Downs		Sept 8

Ohio Standardbred Development Fund Minutes of the Meeting Held on Dec. 21, 2011

- 1.** Introduction: Program Administrator Doug Thomas welcomed all in attendance for the meeting held in Room 1952, Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215, and introduced the three members of the OSDF committee—Richard McClelland, Dr. Robert Schwartz and R. Kevin Greenfield.
- 2.** Election of Officers: After stating an agreement was reached previously to rotate chairmanships, a motion to nominate Mr. McClelland as chairman for 2012 by Mr. Greenfield. Second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved. A motion to nominate Mr. Greenfield to serve as secretary in 2012 by Mr. McClelland. Second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
- 3.** Financial Report: The report was presented by Mr. Thomas. He projected cash balances of \$258,014 at the beginning of 2012 and \$39,771 at the end of the year if disbursements are similar to 2011.
- 4.** Projected 2012 Finances: Mr. Thomas said he believed the amount paid by the fund for purses would increase next year as the result of fewer nominations and less revenue from nominating and sustaining payments. It may not be possible to contribute the amount necessary from the fund to arrive at championship purses of \$75,000 in early September. Mr. Thomas based his projection of reduced nominating and sustaining payments upon foal projections provided by the U.S. Trotting Association. They were also based upon a maximum of two divisions in all legs.
- 5.** Input from horsemen:
 - a.** A limit of \$25,000 on purses paid during the racing of legs (OHHA President Steve McCoy).
 - b.** Qualifying times are such that additional horses may nominate if qualifying standards are raised by one second (Mr. McCoy).
 - c.** Support for the printed version of condition #7 (available in handout) if the awarding of eight points is adjusted (Mr. McCoy).
 - d.** Horsemen across the state support continuing the minimum purse at \$15,000 and capping

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maximum purses in legs at \$25,000 (OHHA General Manager Jerry Knappenberger).

- e. Support for raising the qualifying times for 2-year-olds only (Bret Schwartz).
 - f. What has been suggested, as a package, is to stimulate participation in the legs and we realize this package may cause a reduction in the purse of the championships (Mr. McCoy).
 - g. A suggestion to use an allowance over an off track instead of the one-second allowance for the first leg. (Stacy Cahill).
6. The 2012 Ohio Sires Stakes Program including racing dates and Super Night:
- a. A motion to cap single leg purses at \$25,000 by Mr. Greenfield. Second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
 - b. A motion by Mr. Greenfield to cap the contribution by the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund at \$18,000 per leg for each division for 2012. Second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
 - c. A motion by Mr. Greenfield to guarantee the Ohio Sires Stakes minimum purse is \$15,000 per leg in 2012. Second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
 - d. A motion by Dr. Schwartz to approve the 2012 schedule as presented at the meeting. Second by Mr. Greenfield, unanimously approved.
 - e. A motion by Mr. Greenfield that Scioto Downs host Super Night in Sept. 8, 2012 and that Scioto Downs not lose its position in the rotation of sites. Second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
7. Conditions:
- a. The following changes were proposed to Rule #7: **Starters**. If less than five horses declare in any leg, the race shall be cancelled and declarers so notified. Each horse declared in shall be entitled to an equal share of all declaration fee money to the leg and all money paid in nominating and sustaining payments credited to that leg. All available points will be divided equally based upon the number of horses declared in by using the points awarded system for each leg as described in the conditions for "Championship Races." Each horse entered will also be awarded one additional point as if the horse started in the race. Motion to adopt the change by Mr. Greenfield, second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
 - b. The following changes were proposed to Rule #8: **Purses**. All nominating, sustaining, and declaration fees will be added to the purse. No funds for a race shall be allocated to and paid to a permit holder by the OSDF unless the permit holder adds at least twenty-five per cent to the amount allocated by the OSDF, and not less than five thousand dollars to each race. OSDF to add a minimum of \$18,000 per leg. The total purse will be divided equally between divisions. The minimum purse for each division shall be \$15,000. The maximum purse for one division shall be \$25,000. Motion to adopt the change by Mr. Greenfield, second by Dr. Schwartz, unanimously approved.
 - c. A motion by Dr. Schwartz that, for one year only, the allowance of one second across the board for 2- and 3-year-olds and the elimination of the one-second allowance for the first leg. Second by Mr. Greenfield, unanimously approved. The changes are reflected below.

Requirements to start. At time of declaration, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements listed below. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

TROTTERS	TROTTERS	AGE	PACERS	PACERS
Half-Mile Track	Five-Eighths or Larger		Half-Mile Track	Five-Eighths or Larger
2:07 or faster	2:05 or faster	2-Year-Olds	2:03 or faster	2:01 or faster
2:04 or faster	2:02 or faster	3-Year-Olds	2:00 or faster	1:58 or faster

Old Business:

The committee agreed that trophies and sweatshirts should continue to be awarded in 2012.

New Business:

There was none.

Mr. Greenfield said he wanted to personally thank Doug Thomas for all of the numbers and for getting them and all of the other information to the committee. It's very much appreciated and we couldn't do our job without it. Dr. Schwartz agreed with the assessment.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. McClelland at approximately 12:10 p.m.

2012 Ohio Sires Stakes Conditions

1. Nominations. Nominations close: **February 15, 2012.** The sustaining payment deadline is **April 15, 2012.** Nominations of unnamed horses will not be accepted. If a horse's name is changed after it was nominated, the nominator must advise the Ohio Standardbred Development Fund (OSDF).

2. Payments.	The fees for any horse nominated to all four races:	Nominating: \$350	Sustaining: \$350
	The fees for any horse nominated to any single race:	Nominating: \$150	Sustaining: \$150
	The declaration (starting) fee for all series races is:	\$500	\$500

On all four-race payments made at each track, \$50 will go to series races and \$150 to Championships. On individual race payments, the entire payment of \$150 will go to the series race. All nominating, sustaining and declaration fees must be paid in U.S. currency. Any horse entered by a nominator who pays fees with a dishonored check may be dropped from the eligibility list and the matter may be referred to the Ohio State Racing Commission under Ohio Administrative Rule 3769-17-42. All payments are forfeited.

3. Entries. Starters in legs or Championships shall declare in at the regular time practiced at that racetrack. Each race is a one-mile dash.

4. Requirements to start. At time of declaration, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements listed below. An official workout before the Judges will not be acceptable.

TROTTERS	TROTTERS	AGE	PACERS	PACERS
Half-Mile Track	Five-Eighths or Larger		Half-Mile Track	Five-Eighths or Larger
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5. Scratches. Horses scratched sick or lame from any purse race may not race in an Ohio Sires Stakes leg or championship until the seventh (7th) day from the date of the race from which the horse was scratched; and then only with a veterinarian's permission slip.

6. Starting. In any leg if 11 or more horses declare in, the race will be contested in two divisions. Thereafter, if 20 or more horses declare in, no division shall be raced with more than one trailer except on five-eighths mile tracks where horses will score eight wide with two trailers. All divisions shall be contested on the advertised race date unless postponed pursuant to condition #10 below.

7. Starters. If less than five horses declare in any leg, the race shall be cancelled and declarers so notified. Each horse declared in shall be entitled to an equal share of all declaration fee money to the leg and all money paid in nominating and sustaining payments credited to that leg. All available points will be divided equally based upon the number of horses declared in by using the points awarded system for each leg as described in the conditions for "Championship Races." Each horse entered will be awarded one additional point as if the horse started in the race.

8. Purse. All nominating, sustaining, and declaration fees will be added to the purse. No funds for a race shall be allocated to and paid to a permit holder by the OSDF unless the permit holder adds at least twenty-five per cent to the amount allocated by the OSDF, and not less than five thousand dollars to each race. OSDF to add a minimum of \$18,000 per leg, except when there is only one division per leg, and the maximum purse for one division shall be \$25,000. The total purse will be divided equally between divisions. The minimum purse for each division shall be \$15,000.

9. Eligibility. Foals eligible shall be only those sired by a standardbred stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception. No fillies may enter colt and gelding legs. No foal produced by embryo/ovum transplant shall be eligible.

10. Cancellations. If circumstances prevent racing any leg or championship at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OSDF Committee may reschedule it on another date or at another track.

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- 11. Rules/Rulings.** Rules of the Ohio State Racing Commission to govern. The OSDF Committee has final authority to determine any questions relating to horse eligibility and interpretation of the conditions. All Ohio Sires Stakes must be scheduled as betting races unless approved by the OSDF.
- 12. Sample Testing.** All horses entered in Ohio Sires Stakes may be subject to blood gas testing.

CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

Championships are restricted to eight starters provided they represent at least six betting interests. The field may be expanded to ten in order to provide six separate betting interests. Starters in Championships do not need to meet requirements contained in Condition four (4). All horses receiving points in the legs may declare into a Championship, but only the eight highest point winners of those declared in will be selected as starters. Points will be awarded in each leg or division of such leg of the series as follows: **Win-50, Second-25, Third-12, Fourth-8, Fifth-5, and All Starters-1.** In the event of a dead-heat, horses shall receive the standard distribution of points for their particular order of finish. For the purpose of awarding points to qualify for the Championship, each division shall be considered a race.

Points shall be awarded according to the placings of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for Championships. Any pending appeal of a judges' ruling shall not alter the placing determined by the judges. If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the eighth or last position in the Championship, the horse with the highest OSS earnings for the current year will be the eighth starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the eighth or last starter shall be drawn by lot.

Two also-eligible horses may be drawn. The higher point winner shall be assigned also-eligible #1. If also-eligible horses tie in points, the horse with the higher OSS earnings for the current year would be also-eligible #1. If the tie is not broken by money earned, also-eligible #1 shall be drawn by lot. Also-eligible horses may move in if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the track hosting the Championship. Starters in Championships shall declare in at the usual time practiced at that track for overnight entries. **All horses entered in the Championships shall be required to report to a detention barn at the racetrack hosting the Championships at least six hours prior to the post time of the first race.** Any horse late for detention shall be scratched by the judges.

Declaration Fee for All Championships: \$1,500