AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING

October 14, 2015
Room 208
Burton Cross Building
Capitol Street, Augusta, Maine
Starting Time 9:00 a.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions: Barbara Dresser, Chair.

2. Review and Approval of Written Decisions and Orders

3. Adjudicatory Hearings:
   a. **RE: Randy Bickmore et al.,** Motion to Dismiss the Consolidated Cobalt Cases
   b. **RE: Stephen Murchison,** Motion for Extension of Time to Reconsider and Motion for a New Trial
   c. **RE: Marc Reynolds, Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 069.** Four horses owned by Mr. Reynolds were found to carry clenbuterol, a prohibited substance, in their bodies, when tested following five different races at the Bangor Raceway during May of 2015. The trainer of record for the horses, Shawn Thayer, acknowledged violating the trainer responsibility requirements contained in CMR 01-017, Chapter 11.
   d. **RE: Robert Lamarre, Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 062.** Mr. Lamarre is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapters 7 and 11. Mr. Lamarre is the trainer of record for the horse “Juniata County”. A blood sample obtained from Juniata County following the Fourth Race at Scarborough Downs on July 19, 2015 disclosed the presence of Diclofenac.
   e. **RE: Elmer Ballard, Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 067.** Mr. Ballard is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapters 7 and 11. Mr. Ballard is the trainer of record for the horse, “Wantsomeofthis”. A blood sample obtained from Wantsomeofthis following the Eleventh Race at Skowhegan Fair on August 16, 2015, disclosed the presence of Phenylbutazone.
   f. **RE: Timothy Nehila, Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 068.** Mr. Nehila is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapters 7 and 11. Mr. Nehila is the trainer of record for the horse, “Wantasmile.” A blood sample from Wantasmile following the Third Race at the Skowhegan Fair on August 21, 2015, disclosed the presence of Firocoxib.
4. **Appeals of Presiding Judge Decisions:**

a. **Appeal from Ronald Cushing Concerning Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 070.**

Mr. Cushing is appealing the August 25, 2015 decision of Presiding Judge Frank Hall Jr. in which Judge Hall assessed a $400 fine for a fourth offense of MSHRC Rule prohibiting excessive or indiscriminate use of the whip.

b. **Appeal from Charles Eaton Concerning Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 071**

Mr. Eaton is appealing an August 22, 2015, decision by Presiding Judge Peter Tommila, in which Judge Tommila allowed the horse, “Leap of Faith” to race with hopples even though the horse had been drawn in and recorded in the program as racing free legged.

c. **Appeal from Kim Ireland Concerning Complaint Number 2015 MSHRC 074**

Mr. Ireland is appealing a September 27, 2015 decision by Presiding Judge Charles Malia for not imposing any sanctions upon the horse “Apollos Chariot” for allegedly being inside the pylons and, in so doing, gaining an unfair advantage.

5. **Review of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission under the Government Evaluation Act**

Title 3, Chapter 35, of the Maine Revised Statutes provides for periodic review of state agencies, Boards and Commissions. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has notified the Maine State Harness Racing Commission that it is the subject of such a review and a report detailing the elements prescribed by Title 3, Chapter 35 is due by November 1, 2015. The Commission will review the requirements of the report and may offer ideas and suggestions for inclusion.

6. **Other Business**

7. **Public Comment**

8. **Schedule of Future Meetings**

   October 28, November 4 and November 18, 2015

9. **Adjourn**