AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING

May 19, 2017
Gambling Control Board Conference Room
Department of Public Safety
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine
Starting Time 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:** William Varney, Chair

2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
   Review and Approval of Decision and Orders

3. **Sire Stakes Base Purse Recommendation**

4. **Appeal of Presiding Judge Decision:**
   a. **RE: William Dubois, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 14.** Mr. Dubois is appealing the July 7, 2016 decision of Presiding Judge Ed Kelleher in which Judge Kelleher assessed a $500 fine for failing to submit his horse “When In Doubt” to the testing barn before leaving the paddock.
   
   b. **RE: Edward Fournier, Complaint Number 2017 MSHRC 1.** Mr. Fournier is appealing the April 29, 2017 decision of Presiding Judge Ed Kelleher regarding the 8th race at Scarborough Downs in which Mr. Fournier protested for being drawn in unfairly.

5. **Adjudicatory Hearings:**
   a. **RE: Stanley Whittemore, Complaint Number 2016 MSHRC 26.** Mr. Whittemore is alleged to have violated MSHRC Rules Chapter 11. Mr. Whittemore is the trainer of record for the horse “Daniel Semalu”. A blood sample obtained from Daniel Semalu following the seventh race at Bangor Raceway on October 17, 2016 disclosed the presence of Cobalt.
   
   b. **RE: Gerald Laughlin, Complaint Numbers 2016 MSHRC 22 & 23.** Mr. Laughlin did not return his purse of $480.00 from July 16, 2016 at the Oxford Fair or his purse of $2,500.00 from July 23, 2016 at the Farmington Fair. He was instructed to do so per the Purse Repayment Required letter which requested they be returned by April 27, 2017.

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c. **RE: Jason Vafiades, Complaint Numbers 2015 MSHRC 028, 043, 044 & 047.** Mr. Vafiades did not return his purse of $1,500.00 from March 29, 2015, his purse of $1,500.00 from April 26, 2015, his purse of $750.00 from April 26, 2015, or his purse of $1,500.00 from May 3, 2015 at Scarborough Downs. He was instructed to do so per the Purse Repayment Required letter which requested they be returned by April 21, 2017.

d. **Chris Shambo, Complaint Numbers 2015 MSHRC 044 & 047.** Mr. Shambo, co-owner with Mr. Vafiades, did not return his purse of $750.00 from April 26, 2015 or his purse of $1,500.00 from May 3, 2015 at Scarborough Downs. He was instructed to do so per the Purse Repayment Required letter which requested they be returned by April 21, 2017.

6. **Motion of Reconsideration regarding Decision and Order for Steven Vafiades, Complaint Numbers 2015 MSHRC 027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 032, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048 and 049.**

7. **Other business:**
   - Letter from Oxford Fair concerning suspension of its 2017 Race Dates
   - Discussion of possible amendments to Chapter 17 relating to suspending horses until the purse is paid
   - Discussion of how the Commission interprets/implements suspension days

8. **Public Comment**

9. **Schedule of Future Meetings:**
   - June 23rd
   - July 21st

10. **Adjourn**