Commission Members Present: Barbara Dresser, Chair, Gary Reed and William McFarland. Commissioners Absent: Dirk Duncan.

Staff Members Present: Ron Guay, AAG, Henry Jackson, Miles Greenleaf, and Carol Gauthier.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2014 as written. Commissioner McFarland seconded. Vote 3-0.

ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS:
1 & 2 Commissioner Dresser stated that they would hear Complaint Number 2014 MSHRC 0015 and 0016 regarding Donna Sprague. Mr. Jackson stated that Ms. Sprague is present and she has agreed to sign the consent agreement. Commissioner Dresser stated that if they are not going forward with the hearing that Ms. Sprague can address the Commission. Mr. Jackson stated that he looked at the date the horse was in to go, scratched and then when it raced again it equals to be 25 days.
Commissioner Dresser stated that Ms. Sprague would receive a credit for time served. Mr. Jackson stated that he did not put it in the consent agreement. He stated that he would amend the consent agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. Mr. Jackson stated that he received the signed consent agreement from James Smallwood. Commissioners reviewed the consent agreement. Mr. Jackson stated that he didn’t include time served in the consent agreement and he corrected it. Commissioner Dresser asked Mr. Jackson to explain about expulsion. Mr. Jackson stated that a licensee is not allowed to be on the grounds of any licensed facility even the Off-track betting facility. Commissioner Dresser asked for a motion on the consent agreement. Commissioner McFarland made a motion to approve the consent agreement for James Smallwood. Commissioner Reed seconded. Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Miller would like to address the Commission regarding the penalty imposed. David Miller was present. He asked the Commission to reconsider the penalty and action in light of the rulings for licensees. Commissioner Dresser stated that the purses have not been paid back and Mr. Miller is well past the deadline. Mr. Miller stated that he had intended to pay the purse back all at once. Commissioner Reed asked if he could make a series of partial payments and how much. Mr. Miller stated that he could make $500 every two weeks. Commissioner McFarland stated that he was not a Commission member at the time of the hearing but he was in the audience and the Commission was pretty lenient with recognizing three violations and treating it as one. After some discussion, the Commission decided to have Mr. Jackson send a letter for a notice of hearing at the next scheduled meeting for failure to meet his obligation under the decision and order.
REPORTS:
1. Mr. Jackson stated that the funds from the Sire Stakes Program have been processed. The annual report to the legislature on the use of the racino and casino funds has been completed. The request from the joint standing committee of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for a program review has been received. He forwarded a list of units and programs for their review. They will determine by May 1st if he needs to do a full report.

OTHER BUSINESS:
1. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mr. Gravel thanked the Commission for putting the agenda on the website. Commissioner Dresser asked if this will be done on a regular basis. Ms. Gauthier stated that she has access to the website and can post the agendas. She will ask the website coordinator if the minutes can be posted too.

Ms. Perkins stated that the Sire Stakes Program for the 2 and 3 year old continuation lists are down a little, but she is ok with it.

Commissioner McFarland asked Mr. Gravel from the Maine Harness Horsemen’s Association if they have a current contract with the two commercial tracks to take out the 5% trainer fee and driver fee out of the purse money. Mr. Gravel stated that they currently are not under contract with Scarborough Downs and he would have to check on Bangor’s contract. Mr. Jackson stated that when a licensee has to return the purse for a positive test he loses 10% because of the percentage taken out at the tracks. Commissioner Dresser asked how Massachusetts and New York do it. Mr. Malia stated that it is for services rendered and that money is not returned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director