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

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Commission Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Graham seconded. Vote 5-0.

3. Annual Appointment of the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee:

Maine State Harness Racing Commission Rule, Chapter 9, Section 1.1 provides that the Commission shall annually appoint a committee of advisors to assist in promoting the Sire Stakes program. The staff has compiled a list of persons who have expressed an interest in participating in the committee. Commissioner Varney asked for a motion. Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve the list of Sire Stakes Advisory Committee as submitted by staff. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Vote 5-0.

4. Adjudicatory Hearings:

RE: Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 275-D and 275-N and Commission Rule, Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the License Renewal Applications from the following Off-Track Betting Facilities for Calendar Year 2018:

a. Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Favorites OTB, Waterville
b. Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Sanford OTB, Sanford
c. Midcoast OTB, Inc., Winners OTB, Brunswick
d. LRI, Inc., Winners Circle, Lewiston

Commissioner Varney made a motion that they grant a conditional license to the three OTBs that are present and put the other one on hold for LRI; and the condition would be that they are open for live racing in the State of Maine whenever there's a live racing program going on except legal holidays. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Vote 5-0. The hearing was reopened once Mr. Day from LRI was present. Commissioner Varney made the same motion as stated above for LRI, Inc. Commissioner Graham seconded. Vote 5-0.

RE: Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271, § 275-N and Commission Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the following applications for live racing license renewals for calendar year 2018:

a. Northern Maine Fair Association, Presque Isle; Fair Meet
b. Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society, Topsham; Fair Meet
c. Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan; Fair Meet
d. Union Fair Society, Union; Fair Meet
e. Windsor Fair, Windsor; Fair Meet
f. Franklin County Agricultural Society; Farmington Fair, Farmington; Fair Meet
g. Cumberland Farmers Club, Cumberland Fair, Cumberland; Fair Meet and Extended Meet
h. West Oxford Agricultural Society; Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg; Fair Meet
i. HC Bangor, LLC; Bangor Raceway; Commercial Meet
j. Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs, Scarborough; Commercial Meet

Commissioner Graham made a motion to approve all 8 agricultural fairs that requested a license for live racing. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Graham made a motion to instruct the state to make sure that Scarborough have a bond in place by one week and if not to bring back to the Commission’s attention in December. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Vote 5-0. Commissioner Varney made a motion to grant Scarborough a license for 2018 on the conditions that were imposed last year in Exhibit B of last year’s decision and order. Commissioner Reed seconded. Vote 5-0. Commissioner McFarland made a motion to issue HC Bangor, LLC a license as requested. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Vote 5-0.

RE: Full Card Simulcast Authorization:
   a. HC Bangor, LLC d/b/a Bangor Raceway, Bangor
   b. Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs, Scarborough

Commissioner McFarland made a motion that they authorize simulcasting at the two commercial tracks, HC Bangor, LLC and Davric Maine Corp. for the 2018 racing season. Commissioner Timmons seconded. Vote 4-1. (Commissioner Graham opposed)

RE: Pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271 and MHRC Rule Chapter 19, Section 4, the Commission will take testimony on the request for Assignment of Race Dates for calendar year 2018 for the following applicants:

   a. Northern Maine Fair Association; Fair Meet 6
   b. Sagadahoc Agricultural & Horticultural Society; Topsham Fair, Fair Meet 5
   c. Skowhegan State Fair, Fair Meet 7
   d. Union Fair Society; Union Fair; Fair Meet 5
   e. Windsor Fair; Fair Meet 9
   f. Franklin County Agricultural Society; Farmington Fair; Fair Meet 7
   g. Cumberland Farmers Club; Cumberland Fair; Fair Meet 7
   h. Cumberland Farmers Club; Extend Meet 1
   i. West Oxford Agricultural Society; Fryeburg Fair; Fair Meet 6
   j. HC Bangor, LLC; Bangor Raceway; Commercial Meet 43
   k. Davric Maine Corp.; Scarborough Downs; Commercial Meet 78

Commissioner Graham made a motion to adopt the dates as the Chairman lead them through in the last discussion. Commissioner Reed seconded. Vote 5-0.

The transcript of the hearing for assignment of race days, license renewals, OTB’s, and full card simulcast authorization is available at the Maine State Harness Racing Commission office.

5. Other Business:
   None

6. Date of Next Meeting:
   December 14, 2017
   January 19, 2018

7. Adjourn:
   4:30 p.m.