
The Racing Committee was called to order at via phone/web conference at 3:03 p.m. by Regulatory Committee Chair Joe Faraldo.

1. Roll call was taken by USTA Secretary Sally Stauffer. Present were: Bruce Alexander, Chris Antonacci, Dan Ater, Sam Beegle, Dave Bianconi, Jason Bluhm, Marilyn Breuer-Bertera, Barry Brown, Stacy Cahill, Lenny Calderone, Cory Callahan, Kim Crawford, Jay Cross, Alex Dadoyan, George Ducharme, Joe Faraldo, Mark Ford, Rich Gillock, Jeff Gregory, Todd Haight, Jerry Haws, Sam Hedington, John Hensley, Skip Hoovler, Jacquie Ingrassia, Ben Kenney, Mike Kimelman, Casey Leonard, Mark Loewe, Russ MacKinnon, Steve McCoy, Bob Miecuna, Jim Miller, John Mossbarger, Steve Oldford, Joe Pennacchio, Jim Reynolds, Ray Schnittker, Jason Settlemoir, David Siegel, Dein Spriggs, Jordan Stratton, Mike Sweeney, Mike Torcello, Gabe Wand, Scott Warren, Joe Zambito and Russell Williams.

2. **2020 Proposed Rule Changes** The committee considered and acted upon the proposals as follows:
 - Proposal #1 – Rejected
 - Proposal #2 – Accepted
 - Proposal #3 – Accepted
 - Proposal #4 – Rejected
 - Proposal #5 – Rejected
 - Proposal #6 – Rejected
 - Proposal #7 – Rejected
 - Proposal #8 – Rejected
 - Proposal #9 – Rejected
 - Proposal #10 – Rejected
 - Proposal #11 – Accepted
 - Proposal #12 – Rejected
 - Proposal #13 – Tabled
 - Proposal #14 – Tabled
 - Proposal #15 – Accepted
 - Proposal #16 – Accepted
 - Proposal #17 – Rejected
 - Proposal #18 – Tabled
 - Proposal #19 – Rejected
 - Proposal #20 – Rejected

3. **Regulatory Committee Update**

Joe Faraldo provided HRMC and Regulatory Compliance updates.

 - We are still in the fight - HRMC's research group has produced a paper on Cobalt. They are now looking for peer review on the research, giving others in the scientific community the opportunity to look at the tests that have been completed and the data that has been collected.
 - It is difficult to deal with the Thoroughbred people, given the size of their industry and the money they have backing them.

- In speaking of regulatory compliance, Faraldo stated that since the USTA only has jurisdiction on non-wagering fairs, the HRMC rules should be a part of the USTA rule book. These guidelines and thresholds should be utilized at every fair under USTA jurisdiction and should apply to the fairs at a minimum.

4. **Fairs Committee Update**

Fair Committee Chair Skip Hoovler stated that by supporting the fairs we have a say in the political game. He said our job is to make sure that we have the political influence to control the situation.

5. **Driver/Trainer Committee Update**

Driver/Trainer Committee Chair Jeff Gregory gave an update on the driver/trainer committee. Michele Kopiec provided a review of the driver/trainer exam and application that were introduced at last year's meeting.

6. **Pari-Mutuel Committee Update**

Pari-mutuel Committee Chair Mark Loewe gave an update on the pari-mutuel committee.

- Once we get through COVID-19, there will be a lot of different challenges.
- It's not a bad idea to start thinking about stakes schedules now, as many may need to be altered.
- The 27 indictments will need to be addressed; we are going to have to be aggressive to get the support of the general public again. PETA and the Humane Society are doing everything they can to close our industry and these indictments give them items to go after us with.
- Michael Carter provided direction and an update on the strategic wagering program.

As there were no other matters to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.