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OHHA To Honor 2020 Award Winners, Host Annual Meeting Virtually

COVID-19 has forced the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association to cancel the in-person meeting and banquet scheduled for Jan. 16-17, 2021. The first quarter meeting and the annual meeting will be held at the OHHA offices on Saturday, Jan. 16 with the board of directors. Directors will have the ability to attend the OHHA meetings in person or virtually on that date.

The OHHA banquet was originally scheduled to be held at the Marriott Columbus University Area hotel. The facility is currently being used by The Ohio State University as an isolation dormitory for students who tested positive for COVID-19.

"Due to the substantial COVID-19 environment nationwide, the inability to use the hotel and various Ohio Department of Health Orders limiting attendance, the banquet committee thought it warranted the use of other options for the banquet and awards show, while continuing to conduct associa-

tion business," OHHA Executive Director Renee Mancino said.

In late November, Governor Mike DeWine issued a warning to adhere to health department orders limiting mass gatherings in Ohio.

"Despite the health order that limited mass gatherings to 10 people that was signed in April remaining in effect, we have seen rampant spread of the virus as a result of banquets, wedding receptions and social gatherings following funerals," DeWine said. "We have seen great tragedy associated with such events. It is not the ceremonies causing the problem. It's the party afterward."

The order puts restrictions on events at banquet halls. No socializing or activities can be held in open areas; guests must be seated at all times; masks must be worn at all times, unless consuming food or beverages; and no more than 10 people (from the same household) should be seated at a table.

Traditionally, the OHHA annual meetings are held in conjunction with the United States Trotting Association District 1 annual meeting. The USTA



2020 OHHA Annual Banquet

is holding its district meetings virtually in December because of the pandemic.

A virtual awards show will be presented Saturday evening on YouTube to honor the 2020 Divisional Winners as well as the Terry Holton Youth Award, the Outstanding Groom Award and the special recognition awards, as well as the announcement of the 2020 Horse of the Year.

The Ohio chapter of the United States Harness Writer's Association also will honor their award winners during the virtual show.

The stallion auction to benefit P.A.C.E.R. will be held online this year. Final preparations are being made and full details will be announced in the coming days.



2020 OHHA Annual Banquet

UPCOMING MEETING DATE—1st QUARTER OHHA BOARD MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING JAN 16, 2021

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TRACK NOTES



Kiss Of Terror and Trace Tetrick **PHOTO:** Brad Conrad

Kiss Of Terror recorded his seventh straight win on Nov. 28 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway. Kiss Of Terror started the streak at Eldorado Scioto Downs and continued at Oak Grove and now

Dayton. The son of Western Terror is closing in on \$100,000 in winnings this year and is nearing lifetime earnings of \$400,000.



Miss You N and Jeremy Smith **PHOTO:** Brad Conrad

Miss You N made it six consecutive wins at Dayton Nov. 27. The 6-year-old daughter of Betterthancheddar has split the streak between Dayton and Harrah's Hoosier Park. Miss You N has won 21 of her 24 wins in the last two years.

Mr Ds Rock made it five straight at MGM Northfield Park, winning the \$18,000 Gridiron Series Final Nov. 15. The 3-year-old pacer has 10 wins in 25 starts this year for trainer Brian Loney.



Mr. Ds Rock **PHOTO:** JJ Zamaiko

Kissin In The Sand recorded her seventh win in a row, en route to capturing the \$150,000 TVG Mare Pace final in her swan song event, setting a stakes record of 1:48. The daughter of Somebeachsomewhere retires with \$1.7 million in lifetime earnings.

Officials at Hollywood Dayton Raceway have announced that Friday and Saturday post times will continue to be 4 p.m. through the end of the meet Dec. 30. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday post times remain at 1:30 p.m.

Snowstorm Cancels Racing at MGM Northfield



PHOTO: Joey Kramp

An early December lake-effect snowstorm cancelled racing after dumping more than one foot of snow at MGM Northfield Park. The Dec. 1 storm, the biggest lake-effect storm in two years, left thousands without power with some areas in the Cleveland areas receiving

more than 20 inches. Thompson, Ohio topped the area with 25.5 inches of snow.

Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association track representative Amy Hollar said the snow blanketed the track and backside.

"With the amount of snow we had in a 24-hour period, prioritizing what and where snow removal and salting came first may not have met everyone's approval, but it worked out for the best," Hollar said.

She credited Jerry Johnson of Northfield Park for getting the track ready for racing.

"Jerry has been dealing with Northfield's racing surface and northeast Ohio winter weather for decades," Hollar said. "He gets top billing in my book. He and I talked several times about his plan for snow removal and the time frame. He was nearly spot on and I appreciate this."

Hollar said the track surface was ready for training by 10:30 a.m. and the 4:20 p.m. post time for Wednesday's 15-race card went off without a hitch.

"Management listened to the concerns of the horsemen and made sure the backside was safe for everyone," Hollar said. "They did a great job getting the track ready after the snow."



PHOTO: Amy Hollar

BREEDING NEWS



Muscle Diamond

Photo Credit: Chris Tully

Cool Winds Farm has added Muscle Diamond to their roster of stallions.

Muscle Diamond, the fastest male trotter ever sired by Muscle Hill is out of the world champion mare Windylane Hanover. Muscle Diamond finished his racing career with 20 wins in 70 starts earning \$834,424. At age 6, Muscle Diamond set a lifetime mark of 1:50.1 at The Meadowlands.

Muscle Diamond is owned by Yankeeland Partners since purchasing him as a yearling. Yankeeland breeding manager Dan Bittle is excited about the future.

“Muscle Diamond has the breeding, ability, attitude and conformation to be an impact sire in the lucrative Ohio Program,” Bittle said. “We are looking forward to breeding, purchasing and racing his sons and daughters in the Buckeye State.”

Catch The Fire will stand 2021 at Sugar Valley Farms. The winner of the 2020 Adios is owned by CT Stables. The son of Captaintreach-

erous, out of Dream Outloud, has a lifetime mark of 1:49.1 at Hoosier Park and has earned more than \$650,000. Once breeding season is over, the plan is for Catch The Fire to resume racing.

Sugar Valley Farm's Joe McLead says Catch The Fire is a great addition to Ohio.



Downbytheseaside Photo Courtesy of Sugar Valley

“He’s the Adios winner and Jug elimination winner. Being the first son of Captaintreach-erous to come to the state makes it even better,” McLead said. “I was honored to have his owner (Charles Taylor) call to stand him.”

The book for Downbytheseaside, which also will stand at Sugar Valley Farm, is closed for 2021. The

2017 Pacer of the Year's book was inundated with applications after making a splash at the fall sales.

Downbytheseaside's first crops of yearlings at the Ohio Jug Sale averaged more than \$44,000 for the 37 horses sold with three colts going for more than \$100,000.

“The yearlings looked the part and I think that people in Ohio and outside of Ohio are looking for this kind of horse,” Diamond Creek's Adam Bowden said. “The sale results show that you can't consider him simply a regional stallion.”

A freak accident at the Andy Burkholder farm resulted in the death of Big Risk. The son of Somebeachsomewhere died this summer. His fifth crop will be born in the spring.

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OHHA Newsletters

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The Buckeye Harness Horseman

The official publication of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association is published four times a year. Deadline for the next issue is January 15th. For more information e-mail: publications@OHHA.com

Top Of The Stretch Podcast

Top of the Stretch podcast is hosted by OHHA Brand Ambassador Roger Huston and looks at harness racing in the Buckeye State. Sponsorship of Top of the Stretch includes: :30 second commercial within the podcast. For more information e-mail: podcast@OHHA.com

OHHA 1st Quarter Board Meeting and Annual Meeting Notice



2019 Horse of the Year, Elver Hanover's Presentation

The OHHA 1st Quarter and Annual Meeting will take place Saturday, January 16, 2021

- The OHHA 1st Quarter and Annual Meetings will be live for Directors only and remote via BlueJeans for virtual access. If you would like to be added to the list for remote access on the Annual Meeting please provide your e-mail to info@ohha.com for live access. The 2020 OHHA Honorees Banquet will debut via a virtual livestream presentation.
- Director's live location: OHHA Office, 2237 Sonora Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123

JANUARY 16, 2021 AGENDA

- 12:00 p.m. OHHA Section Meetings Working Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. OHHA 1st Quarter Board Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Stallion Auction Telephones Close - Online Stallion Auction, English Timed Auction* via www.hoofbid.com/ohha
- 7:00 p.m. OHHA 2020 Annual Awards Livestream Video Debut

* Bidding on all Stallions via the telephone auction will close at 5:00 p.m. The online auction will close at 5:00 p.m. However the timed auction feature will permit bids if there are active bids within one minute of closure on the auction. The online bidding time for each individual Stallion will auto extend in one-minute increments, until the bidding activity stops for one full minute. If the bidding activity stops for one full minute, the auction for that individual Stallion will close.



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KACEY BURNS Wins First Pari-Mutual Race

BY GREGG KEIDEL



Photo Credit: Brad Conrad

It was an exciting day for 23-year-old provisional driver Kacey Burns Dec. 7, when she scored her first ever pari-mutuel victory at Hollywood Dayton Raceway. Although she started racing at Ohio county fairs when she was 16, and has 20 wins on the summer circuit, this 1:58.2 tally with Bad Secret was her first in limited attempts at a commercial track.

On this occasion, he put everything together and raced gamely for co-owner and trainer Roy Burns, who is Kacey's dad. Kacey skimmed along the pylons with Bad Secret until just before the halfway point, then launched a first-over attack the remainder of the way. Moving up to second at the three-quarter marker, Bad Secret finally stuck his neck in front, coming off the final bend to hold off three challengers through the stretch to win by a half-length.

Bad Secret also notched his first pari-mutuel win, narrowly defeating Fifty Flat, Mic Patriot and Friskieontherocks. The 4-year-old son of Big Bad John had been knocking on the door for Burns, finishing second last week and third in the start prior to that. On this

"It was great!" Burns exclaimed. "Everyone behind us was yelling and cracking their whips on their shafts. There was a lot of noise," the diminutive driver said. "I pretty much just sat there and let Bad Secret do his thing. I wasn't sure we would hold on, but I was thrilled when we reached the finish line and realized that we had won."

While Kacey Burns has driven in 153 races since turning 16, she hasn't just been spending her time at her father's barn. Ms. Burns is working on her master's degree in agriculture at The Ohio State University.

2020 has been a banner year for Kacey Burns. She has now won eight races in 24 starts and sports a near .400 Universal Driver Rating System average.

"My goal, once I get my masters, is to get enough good job offers that I can afford to own and race my own horses in my spare time," Burns said.

Breedings for Sale to Top Sires for 2021

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Ronnie Wrenn Jr. Scores 6,000th Career Win

BY AYERS RATLIFF



Photo Credit: JJ Zamaiko

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. made his 6,000th trip to the winner's circle after scoring with Naughty Maravu N in MGM Northfield Park's seventh race Dec. 7.

Naughty Maravu N won by a half-length over favored Mysical Wally. The 1:54 clocking was the 27th career win for the 10-year-old gelded pacer, who now has \$231,025 in earnings.

The 34-year-old Wrenn began driving in 2008. His 6,000 wins have helped him garner more than \$40.5 million in purse earnings.

Wrenn earned his first win behind Artful Power in a \$1,400 Billings race at a Michigan fair in 2008. His break-out year was 2012 and he has never looked back. Wrenn is consistently among the top drivers in the country. He won the 2013 and 2014 national dash driving titles, finished third in 2015 and 2016, fifth in 2017, second in 2018, fourth in 2019 and is currently fourth in the nation in 2020.

Been There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

At this time last year, we were looking forward to a better 2020. What we were looking forward to in the coming year, to say the least, never developed. We always want a healthy and prosperous new year, but 2020 was not healthy and certainly wasn't prosperous for everyone.

We have made it through the year, and we should be happy about that. We have all been affected one way or another. Our deepest sympathies go out to those who have lost a loved one or had someone close to them who has suffered with COVID-19. All of us have suffered during this trying year. I doubt few people, if anyone, could say they are better off today than they were last year. I go into the new year with dreams for a much better year. It will not be without challenges, but our hope is that it will be an improvement throughout the year.

Let us be realistic about our hopes and dreams for 2021. We hope that COVID-19 will be a thing of the past with vaccines expected in the future. I would think that most people would agree that we will be living with the lingering effects of the pandemic for quite some time. As we approach the new year, I know we all will do our best to continue following the protocols so that we can have an improved situation in the new year. Will it be the past normal? No way, but we can hope it will be better to some degree.

With the arrival of the new year in a few weeks, we all have dreams for our two-year-olds. That is our hope year in and year out, with the prospects of many trips to the winner's circle, whether at fairs, local racetracks or on the national stage. We all want a good racing season. Hopefully, we will not be faced with another shut down. We will once again have protocols to follow in the coming year, but we hope it will continue to allow racing going forward rather than taking a step backward.

For many of our drivers, they were able to compile stats in just 10 months, compared to a regular year. This fact speaks volumes about the health of racing in the Buckeye state. For our trainers, many adjustments were made to their activities on day-to-day operations and racing as well. The shutdown had little effect on their two-year-olds, but for the three-year-old and up they were faced with racing opportunities reduced with the lack of racing in March and April. As for owners, they may have been affected the most with bills still coming in with no racing available. The breeding part of the business had a very healthy 2020 with sales percentages much higher than years in the past. Again, the health of the industry in Ohio was a big factor.

The various county fairs were hit the hardest with cancellation of normal events. They were able, for most part, to have junior fairs and racing because of the devotion of many

for their hard work on those projects.

The situation for 2021 remains to be seen, but I doubt that it will be anywhere near our normal before the pandemic. We have a few months to see what the situation will be for county fairs from June through October. The racinos in the state were shut down as well for a few months but when they were allowed to reopen with protocols, they bounced back quickly. The main reason they came back quickly was a combination of things but primarily due to Ohio being the first jurisdiction to reopen. By being first back, the tracks were able to be introduced to many new fans through television and streaming, delivering a great product to a lot of new fans who were not aware of the quality of racing in Ohio.

The health of our racing product continues to grow as witnessed by the second largest mutuel handle December 1 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway.

So, as we look forward to the new year, let us, one and all, stay your distance, wash your hands and wear your mask, and by all means, do your best to continue harness racing in the No. 1 state. The "Buckeyes" will adapt and continue to move forward each and every day of 2021. If we do, we all will have the opportunity to Be There!



RACING DATES SET FOR 2021

MGM Northfield Park and Miami Valley Gaming have set their dates for the 2021 racing season. Eldorado Scioto Downs and Hollywood Dayton Raceway will finalize their dates at the December meeting of the Ohio State Racing Commission.

Northfield Park will begin racing in 2021 on Saturday, Jan. 2 and conclude on Thursday, Dec. 30. Northfield Park will race a total of 219 days.

Miami Valley will begin racing on Sunday, Jan. 3 with the meet running through May 3, a total of 87 dates.

Among the featured race dates, the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie returns to

Northfield Park on Saturday, June 5. The \$125,000 Summit County Fair Stakes will be held on Friday, July 30.

Saturday, Aug. 4 will offer the \$75,000 Myron Charna Pace and the \$75,000 Tom Aldrich Trot. The highlight that day will be the \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial.

Ohio Super Night will be held Sunday, Sept. 5. A total of \$2.4 million dollars will be up for grabs in the Ohio Sire Stakes.

Northfield Park will round out their feature races on Saturday, Oct. 16 with the \$480,000 Buckeye Stallion Series Finals and the \$120,000 Courageous Lady.

Miami Valley will offer the "Claim to Fame" series in January. The first legs of the series will begin on Jan. 8, with the finals running January 22-26.

The Legends Late Closing series is scheduled to begin in February. The first legs of the series will begin Feb. 2 with the final between Feb. 16 and April 3.

The track also will offer a Survivor Series in February and as well as a Late Closure series.

The James K. Hackett Memorial Races will take place in April. Eliminations will be April 5-10 with the finals scheduled the week of April 12.

Political Action Committee for Equine Racing (P.A.C.E.R.) 2021 Ohio Stallion Service Auction

Bidding Online

Opens January 9, 2020
<https://hoofbid.com/OHHA>

Bidding by Phone

Saturday, January 16, 2020
1:00 PM to end of auction
1-800-353-6442 Or 614-221-3650

Bidding Rules

Horsemen may bid on an unlimited number of stallions, with a \$50 mini-mum raise. All bids are confidential and bidders are responsible to raise their bids either online or via phone.

This year there will be a timed auction feature that will permit bids if there are active bids within one minute of closure on the auction. The online bidding time for each individual Stallion will auto extend in one-minute increments, until the bidding activity stops for one full minute. If the bidding activity stops for one full minute, the auction for that individual Stallion will close.

All contracts are subject to P.A.C.E.R. and Farm approval and are not transferable to another mare or individual, without the consent of both.

The winning bidder must be an individual, sole proprietor, or LLC and make a deposit for 10% of the bid, with \$100 minimum. All deposits will be charged to your credit card at the end of the auction. The balance

(90%) is due upon the birth of a live foal. Make all personal or LLC checks payable to P.A.C.E.R. and send to the OHHA office at 2237 Sonora Drive, Grove City, OH 43123.

If there is no live foal, the deposit, less \$25, will be refunded upon receipt of a veterinarian's certification, or the deposit may be donated to P.A.C.E.R. There is no return privilege.

Failure to present your mare to the stallion without justifiable cause will result in forfeit of entire deposit.

No ownership change on a mare is permitted until service is paid, unless a statement is provided to P.A.C.E.R. from a licensed veterinarian declaring the mare not in foal.

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Bring on the Beach	\$2,000	Moira Gunn	Cool Winds Farm
Dancin Yankee	\$2,500	Mark Weaver	Cool Winds Farm
Fear The Dragon	\$6,000	John Mossbarger	Midland Acres
Lost In Time	\$2,000	Andrew Betts	Ohio State ATI
Mr. Apples	\$2,000	Matt Rowe	Cool Winds Farm
Pet Rock	\$6,000	John Mossbarger	Midland Acres
Racing Hill	\$4,000	Tom Hill	Hickory Lane Farm
Rockin Amadeus	\$3,000	Moria Gunn	Cool Winds Farm
Rodeo Romeo	\$1,500	Scott Hagemeyer	Hagemeyer Farm
Western Terror	\$3,500	Scott Hagemeyer	Hagemeyer Farm

TROTTERS

Stallion	Advertised Stud Fee	Donated By	Standing At
Coraggioso	\$2,000	Joe Spadaro	Cool Winds Farm
De La Crème	\$1,000	Jacob Yoder	Hidden Acres Equine
Enterprise	\$4,500	Ola Yoder	Dublin Valley Farm
Lionhunter	\$2,000	Annette Lorentzon	Autumn Lane Farm
Long Tom	\$3,000	Jay Mossbarger	Midland Acres
Muscle Diamond	\$4,000	Dan Biddle	Cool Winds Farm
Nothing But Class	\$2,500	Dean Miller	Dublin Valley Farm
Uncle Peter	\$5,000	R. Kevin Greenfield	Hickory Lane Farm
Victory Sam	\$1,500	Autumn Lane Farm	Autumn Lane Farm
Volstead	\$4,500	Dean Miller	Dublin Valley Farm
What The Hill	\$7,000	Brad Wallace	Hickory Lane Farm

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<https://hoofbid.com/OHHA>

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- 3) The first step is to verify a valid email address. Each account must have a valid unique email address. Enter a valid email account that you own (select next top right-hand corner)
- 4) Check your email on your phone in the mail application you use for this email. (If the email is not in your inbox, don't forget to check junk mail or spam folder. You must check your email on the phone you have the app on. If you open the email on your computer, it will not take you back to the app.
- 5) In your email, select the link "Sign into HoofBid" (will bring you back to HoofBid app) When creating your account – only click on the "sign in to HoofBid" from the same device your HoofBid app is on.
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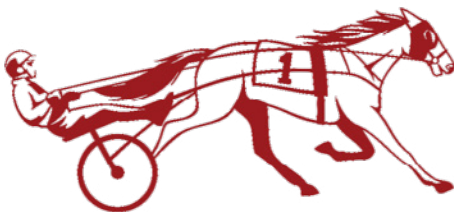
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Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Thursday, November 19, 2020 *By Renée Mancino*

Roll Call, all Commissioners present.

In normal business for the Commission, Executive Director William Crawford's Report and Approval items were introduced and the October 21, 2020 minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. There was no discussion regarding specific submissions. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and the October 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

The commission unanimously passed Resolution 2020-17, COVID-19 Notification requirement. In conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health Director's Journal Entry January 23, 2020 classifying COVID-19 as a Class A reportable disease, any person with an Ohio State Racing Commission license that tests positive and has been on a permit holder's property is required to report the positive test to the Permit Holder and Presiding Judge.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities to October 20, 2020 was provided by Racing Commission Consulting Veterinarian, Dr. James Robertson. It was noted that the numbers reported since 2009 are for training and racing related catastrophic breakdowns, analogous to the Jockey Club's reporting requirements for sudden deaths that occur during training, racing, or 72 hours after a race. From the last report there was one standardbred, and three thoroughbred fatalities. Year-to-date total catastrophic losses are thirty-one Thoroughbred fatalities and three Standardbred racing related fatalities statewide.

There was no discussion on Belterra Park's extension for closing on the real estate sale for Boyd Gaming and Gaming and Leisure Properties (GLPI).

The Monthly Racing Commission financial report was provided by Fiscal Officer Sherry White. The Racing Commission's loss overall is \$180,000, which beat the projected loss of \$200,000, or \$20,000 better than projected. September revenue was up \$37,000 year-over-year, with licensing, fingerprinting and testing income for both July and August up. October's revenue deposit was one of the highest dollar amount deposits ever. Expenses are down 4%, payroll costs are down 5%. The Ohio State Racing Commission operating fund has just over \$2 million on account.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee meeting recap. There were meetings on October 15, 24, and November 12, 2020. Discussion topics included, endogenous and exogenous substances, and anabolic-androgenic steroids. There were concerns regarding arsenic and cobalt, which will be held out for additional discussion going forward. The Committee's expectation is to have a recommendation for the December meeting that will be passed regarding endogenous and exogenous substances, and anabolic-androgenic steroids.

Commissioner Simpson discussed the Safety Committee meeting held on November 12, 2020. Head numbers and review of the whip or crop rule were the Safety Committee topics discussed.

In the Matter of Christi Pokornowski. Settlement Agreement resulting after a 3-Methoxytyramine (Class 2) positive on Sports Sinner, who raced on October 24, 2015 at Dayton Raceway. October 17, 2019 Tenth Appellate District Court of Appeals of Ohio entered judgment in Christi Pokornowski's favor based on controlling precedent from *Farina v. Ohio State Racing Commission* (September 2019). The Court concluded that the commission's adjudication order was vague and unconstitutional when applied to endogenous substances that have a normal physiological value, in this case there was no adopted threshold for 3-Methoxytyramine prior to October 24, 2015. The lack of an adopted threshold in October 2015 left Ms. Pokornowski without notice of 3-Methoxytyramine (a naturally occurring substance in an equine) as a potential "foreign substance" if it exceeded a specified threshold limit. In 2019 the standard on which the commission premised its original order (application of the ARCI guidelines without formal adoption by Rule) was neither promulgated by rule nor by an order establishing a system of classification, and thus was not in accordance with Ohio law. As such, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed its reversal of the Commission's adjudication order finding appellee, Christi Pokornowski violated the commission's rules. The racing commission unanimously adopted the settlement agreement, which included attorney's fees in accordance with the *Farina v. Ohio State Racing Commission* precedence.

In the Matter of Ned Hodkinson. Staff Recommendation to adopt Hearing Master

Order and Recommendations. August 17, 2018 at Scioto Downs Mr. Hodkinson went inside two pylons during the final quarter while driving Mutinyonthebounty and finished ahead of B L Class Act for 4th. The judge's rule is traveling inside of two or more pylons will result in a placing violation. The Judges ruled that Mr. Hodkinson's horse gained an unfair advantage, was placed fifth, and Mr. Hodkinson was fined \$100 for the violation. Mr. Hodkinson appealed the ruling. In part his argument is, OAC Rule 3769-14-53 doesn't provide for Judge's discretion, there must be proof of an unfair advantage, and there was no formal Rule in place that notified Drivers that traveling inside of two (or more) pylons would result in a placing violation. The Racing Commission unanimously approved adoption of the Hearing Master's Order upholding the violation.

In the Matter of Rodney Moyers. Staff Recommendation to adopt Hearing Master Order and Recommendations. Penalty resulted from thoroughbred trainer Rodney Moyers being charged with animal cruelty. His attorney, John Izzo represented that this was not an animal cruelty case, that Mr. Moyers used his judgement, and the State Veterinarian released the horse. The recommended Order is for a 365 day suspension and \$1,000 fine. Mr. Izzo requested time served during the COVID-19 shutdown from March-June 2020. With the remaining days to be served. The Racing Commission unanimously approved adoption of the Hearing Master's Order and Recommendations with no mitigation on time served.

In the Matter of Alicia Hanners was removed from the agenda due to settlement and closure.

No Executive Session was needed, so the motion and vote were taken to adjourn and conclude the meeting.

For a transcript of the meeting contact the Ohio State Racing Commission. The next scheduled Racing Commission meeting date is December 16, 2020. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.



Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association
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Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

Mares registered in 2016 (Foals of 2017) mare registration date 12/31/16

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2016	Grace Period, No Membership Required
Foal Born 2017	No Membership Required
Yearling 2018	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2019, 2020	Membership Required

Mares registered in 2017 (Foals of 2018) mare registration date 12/31/17

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2017	Membership Required
Foal Born 2018	Membership Required
Yearling 2019	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2020, 2021	Membership Required

Mares registered in 2018 (Foals of 2019) mare registration date 11/30/18

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Bred 2018	No Membership Required
Foal Born 2019	Membership Required
Yearling 2020	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2021, 2022	No Membership Required

Mares registered in 2019 (Foals of 2020) mare registration date 11/30/19

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2020	Membership Required
Yearling 2021	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2022, 2023	No Membership Required

Mares registered in 2020 (Foals of 2021) mare registration date 11/30/20

Foal Age	Membership Requirement
Foal Born 2021	Membership Required
Yearling 2022	No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2023, 2024	No Membership Required

Registration Fee: \$20 per mare. For mares registered in 2019 forward, in addition to the \$20 registration fee per mare, registrations received from December 1st to December 31st must add a \$100 per-mare late fee. Registration will not be accepted until all fees are paid in full.

Membership Requirements: All owners of the mare (including those in businesses or stables) are required to join as Active OHHA Members. All business entities or stables listed as owners are also required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare in foal to an Ohio Stallion, must foal in Ohio, and reside in Ohio for 187 consecutive days in the year of foaling.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

- Jan 2** Racing begins at MGM Northfield Park
- Jan 3** Racing begins at Miami Valley Gaming
- Jan 9** Bidding begins on P.A.C.E.R. Stallion Auction
- Jan 16** OHHA Annual Membership Meeting
OHHA 1st Quarter Director's Meeting
2020 OHHA Virtual Awards Show on YouTube