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MEETING

Held on
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10:10 a.m.

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino
4300 North Michigan Road
Second Floor, Grandstand Clubhouse
Shelbyville, Indiana

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Tom Weatherwax, Chairman
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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting.

III. Agenda

1. Consideration of ALJ's Recommended Order Dismissing Appeal in the Matter of Jockey Albin Jimenez.

2. Review of commission rulings -- June 1, 2016 - August 30, 2016.

3. Consideration of Petition of Centaur Holdings, LLC, New Centaur, LLC and Hoosier Park, LLC, Requesting Commission Approval for the Construction of an Administration Building and Gate House at Hoosier Park.

4. Harness Horse Youth Foundation presentation by Executive Director, Ellen Taylor.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

1 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I want to welcome
2 everyone to our meeting. At this point, as you
3 well know, each and every one of our meetings are
4 recorded by a court reporter. So at this time I'd
5 like to have our court reporter, Michele, raise
6 your right hand. Please repeat after me.

7 (Court reporter was sworn in at this time)

8 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Thank you. We thank you
9 for your patience and being with us, Michele.

10 Meeting is officially called to order. First
11 thing I'd like to do is have my Commissioners look
12 at, review, and approve the minutes of our last
13 meeting, which some of you have seen and I'm sure
14 it's been on the Web.

15 Do I have a motion to accept?

16 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I move for approval of
17 the minutes of the June 15, 2016, meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER LIGHTLE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: All those in favor, say
21 aye.

22 THE COMMISSION: "Aye".

23 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Aye.

24 Okay. Our agenda, first thing we have here,
25 Lea, I think is you. Consideration of the ALJ's

1 Recommended Order Dismissing Appeal in the Matter
2 of Jockey Albin Jimenez.

3 Go ahead.

4 MS. ELLINGWOOD: Thank you, Chairman. On
5 June 18 of this year, the stewards determined that
6 Mr. Jimenez violated the Commission's
7 administrative rules by failing to give his best
8 effort in easing up in a race. Based thereon, they
9 suspended his license for five days and fined him
10 \$1,000. Mr. Jimenez appealed, but subsequent to
11 filing his appeal he failed to show up for any of
12 the conferences, anything like that. As a result,
13 the ALJ issued an order dismissing his appeal.

14 The dismissal order is what's before you today
15 for approval.

16 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: All right. So we're
17 supposed to take this and vote upon to confirm the
18 dismissal?

19 MS. ELLINGWOOD: Yes. Staff would
20 respectfully request that you approve the ALJ's
21 order, making it a final order.

22 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Very good. Do we have
23 any questions from the Commissioners?

24 Do I entertain a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Move approval.

1 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: We have a motion to
3 approve and second. All those in favor, say aye.

4 THE COMMISSION: "Aye".

5 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Aye.

6 Holly, the next item is, I guess, the rulings
7 that have taken place from June 1 to August 30.

8 MS. NEWELL: Yes. Commissioners, in front of
9 you you have your set of rulings. These are
10 rulings from the height of racing season, so you'll
11 see a variety in there. If you have any questions
12 on any of them, I'm happy to take them.

13 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Well, is this just about
14 the normal number because we're in the height of
15 the whole season?

16 MS. NEWELL: Yes. This isn't a particular
17 spike or . . .

18 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Okay. Any questions
19 from the committee on those? They're all listed.
20 This is just simply a review?

21 MS. NEWELL: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: We don't have to vote on
23 that?

24 MS. NEWELL: No. Just for your information.

25 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Okay. The third item on

1 the agenda is Rick Moore. Rick, looks like you're
2 going to give us some pretty exciting building
3 construction projects that you guys are putting
4 forth?

5 MR. MOORE: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Good
6 morning, and thank you for allowing me to be here
7 this morning, members of the Commission, Staff.
8 Rick Moore, vice president and general manager of
9 racing, Hoosier Park. We come before you today to
10 get your approval for what we think is going to be
11 a very, very exciting new racing administration
12 building. In fact, I've got a picture here that
13 I'd like to pass out to you.

14 As you can see, this is going to be a
15 beautiful building, and there's a lot of thought
16 that has gone into this and we've worked closely
17 with Commission Staff and the ISA to make sure this
18 building satisfies all the needs of the occupants.
19 To give you an idea what will be inside the
20 building -- you can see the outside, which is a
21 pretty beautiful rendering -- we'll have basically
22 three entities that will be housed in the building.
23 That will be the IHRC, our racing office personnel,
24 and ISA. We'll have judges' offices, offices for
25 the licensing personnel, offices for the ISA

1 security folks, offices for Mike and Deena. Our
2 race administration side, we'll have racing
3 secretary's office, assistant racing secretary, our
4 entry personnel, horsemen's bookkeeper, our own
5 security, a conference room, ISA offices,
6 chaplain's office, ISA medical facilities.

7 We've really thought this out long and hard.
8 We're very proud to present this to you today. We
9 think this is another way of, I might say, upping
10 the ante of horse racing here in Indiana and
11 showing Centaur's commitment to horse racing,
12 particularly harness racing in this case.

13 I would point out on the picture that I've
14 shown you there's a bronze sculpture of a horse in
15 front of the building. We envision that being a
16 likeness of Dan Patch, but we will not have that
17 sculpture ready when the building opens next
18 August 1. We're still looking for an acceptable
19 manufacturer at an acceptable price.

20 That's what we come before you today to seek
21 your approval to go forward with this magnificent
22 building.

23 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I think that's
24 outstanding, Rick. This is at Hoosier Park?

25 MR. MOORE: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: And this is kind of
2 where the main entrance there on the backside is?

3 MR. MOORE: Yes. If you think about as you
4 drive in, if you look off to the left, it will be
5 before the current building. If you look off to
6 the left, you'll see that will be the new race
7 administration building.

8 With that we're also building a new guard
9 house. Again, everything's going to be state of
10 the art, the best in technology. We'll be getting
11 another lane of ingress, so that we'll have a lane
12 for trailers and then a lane for cars so we don't
13 get the backup of cars and trailers.

14 So pretty exciting stuff. We look to break
15 ground in the next thirty days and our timeline and
16 completion date is August 1 of 2017, well before
17 our hosting the Breeders Crown event in October.

18 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I think this is fabulous
19 because this would showcase our state of Indiana
20 standardbred, especially for that national,
21 worldwide event. What's the price tag on all this?
22 That's why we're here to approve this, I think,
23 because you have to have our approval.

24 MR. MOORE: It's several million dollars.
25 Again, that's a commitment that Centaur, Rod and

1 Jim, have made.

2 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Well, I think it's
3 noteworthy to tell the public this is such a big
4 commitment for all that you've already done. Not
5 every racing commission in our country is doing
6 this. This is a big positive step for the future
7 of our racing community, and so I just want to
8 thank you and Centaur for this major commitment.

9 Questions from the Commission?

10 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I do.

11 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Rick, I am looking at
13 the first picture we have in our documents for
14 today and the aerial. It seems to be at the north
15 end of the track; right?

16 MR. MOORE: That is correct.

17 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: And the closest street
18 is 53rd Street, I think, off further to the
19 north; is that right?

20 MR. MOORE: 53rd is to the south.

21 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I'm sorry. I mean
22 38th.

23 MR. MOORE: That's correct, yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Does this have any
25 impact on traffic flow and so forth there?

1 MR. MOORE: No. It will not increase traffic.
2 It'll be the same amount of traffic we currently
3 have.

4 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I'm just curious. Do
5 you have to go before any local zoning or planning?

6 MR. MOORE: I should have mentioned that.
7 Yes, we will. We've received all the permits, both
8 state, local, and city, that we need to move
9 forward.

10 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Have been accomplished?

11 MR. MOORE: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: Okay. Very good.

13 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Yes, Mike. Go ahead.

14 MR. SMITH: I would just like to add. We
15 really appreciate their working with Deena and our
16 folks to make sure there are accommodations for our
17 Commission people, even though they aren't going to
18 give us the granite countertops, marble bathroom
19 fixtures. They've been very accommodating in
20 making sure that the layout works well for us. I
21 just wanted to thank you.

22 MR. MOORE: Mike, that goes both ways. We
23 appreciate all the time that particularly Deena has
24 put into this. We are spending a lot of money on
25 this. We want to make sure that we're doing it

1 right and, again, as I said when we started, that
2 we're satisfying the needs and making it as user
3 friendly as possible.

4 MR. SMITH: Appreciate it.

5 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Very good, Mike.

6 Any other questions? I guess to me, if you've
7 ever been on the backside, it's really a major
8 improvement, because now you have little offices
9 here and you got to go there. This is where you do
10 all the pictures and the licensing and the
11 fingerprinting and the whole schmear?

12 MS. PITMAN: And the entries to the races.
13 Spend a lot of time . . .

14 MR. MOORE: Busy building.

15 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: It's a major building.
16 Very good.

17 All right. Well, for us now as the
18 Commissioners, we are to look at this and grant
19 this permission and approval. So that's an item
20 that we need to vote on.

21 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I move to approve the
22 petition for our approval of this construction to
23 go forward. I'm not doing that to end the
24 discussion if there's more discussion, but to put
25 it on the table and get it considered. I move for

1 the approval of the petition.

2 COMMISSIONER LIGHTLE: I second the motion.

3 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: We have a motion,
4 second.

5 This is a petition to do both the
6 administrative building and the gate house. All
7 those in favor, say aye.

8 THE COMMISSION: "Aye".

9 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Approved.

10 MR. MOORE: Thank you so much.

11 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Thank you so much for
12 your commitment.

13 MR. MOORE: Thank you, Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Now, Harness Horse Youth
15 Foundation presented by Ellen Taylor. Welcome.

16 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. It's always a
17 pleasure to share the good news of Harness Horse
18 Youth Foundation with new faces. Thank you for
19 inviting me this morning.

20 As you can see on the screen, we have a
21 mission statement. We have been in existence for
22 forty years this year. We had a 40th celebration
23 in Goshen, New York. Our stable star, Sweet Karen,
24 came right into the hall of fame and joined a crowd
25 of 120 people of all ages. We had from six to

1 sixty-six present in the audience. It was a
2 wonderful day of enthusiasm, celebrating both our
3 past but our future.

4 For those of you who have never heard of
5 Harness Horse Youth Foundation, we provide hands-on
6 experiences for kids in harness racing. We do it
7 for ages eleven and up. Our primary age is for
8 twelve to fourteen. And the picture you see is
9 from this year's Hamiltonian, Montrell Teague,
10 assisting this assistant driver, and he taught her
11 how to do the fist bump in less than an eighth of a
12 mile.

13 This picture is significant because the little
14 girl that's sitting in that jog cart had never been
15 around a horse before in her life. She went to a
16 five-day event, which is a requirement to be
17 invited to the Hamiltonian, and through that week
18 she, as well as hundreds and hundreds of other kids
19 that we had, she progressed from stark-raving fear
20 and timidity to confidence, and, more importantly,
21 she developed life skills that she will take with
22 her for the rest of her life. Not trying to single
23 her out, but in this particular instance she had
24 never been in a hotel before. So there are many,
25 many back stories through the pictures. This one

1 was one for the record books.

2 The pictures that I've selected just show a
3 variety of our hands-on activities. We have one-,
4 two-, and five-day camps. This happens to be one
5 of our graduates that has come back to the
6 leadership program, which we developed for the
7 older kids. They wanted more. This young lady is
8 remarkable, in that she also had no harness racing
9 experience whatsoever and now seems to want at
10 least to know if she does or doesn't want a career.

11 The other remarkable thing about this summer
12 was not one day -- and I was going from June
13 the 11th until August the 11th -- not one day
14 did I not have someone under the age of twenty in
15 the backseat of the truck traveling with us more
16 than 5,000 miles because they had been to a program
17 and they wanted more information, more knowledge,
18 more exposure to the horses, more exposure to
19 harness racing.

20 As you can see, we use the little
21 trottingbreds. This is very, very successful for
22 us because when you're twelve years old, or
23 fifty-three in my case, and not very tall, you need
24 something short enough and less intimidating.
25 That's the reason. They trot and they pace, and

1 they have very much horse mannerisms, use the same
2 equipment. The important thing that I feel in the
3 program is that we run it like a real stable. The
4 kids learn from the bottom up, cleaning water
5 buckets, cleaning stalls, they learn the basic
6 parts of the equipment, and we progress from there.

7 As you can see, bathing is a big activity.
8 The only thing I have never successfully done is
9 taught a kid to give a bucket bath, you have to get
10 wet. If you don't get wet, the horse isn't clean.
11 Thus, the reason it takes four people to bathe a
12 horse.

13 We also teach fundamentals of leg care and
14 general horse care. Obviously teamwork is
15 encouraged. And because we are so blessed with the
16 older kids that want to help, I mostly put them to
17 use as junior leaders.

18 This is just a silly picture at Vernon Downs.
19 We do have a lot of fun. This is just before the
20 exhibition races that happen at the end of the
21 five-day program. I never allow more than five
22 horses on a racetrack at the same time and usually
23 it's four, but this group happened to be eleven
24 kids and so they're racing three, three, and four.

25 The locations that we visit are everywhere

1 from Ohio east. This year we happened to go to
2 New York twice, we went to New Jersey, Maryland.
3 Ahoskie, North Carolina for a one-day program,
4 which was extremely satisfying because that program
5 was for inner-city kids. It was a very depressed
6 agricultural rural community, and we were invited
7 to the Chamber of Commerce to speak to I wasn't
8 exactly sure what, but at the end of the meeting
9 they couldn't believe that an organization like
10 ours would travel that far to help that community.
11 So we are making a difference in our forty years.

12 In addition, the Harness Horse Youth
13 Foundation offers scholarships. Since 1978,
14 because we didn't give scholarships the first
15 two years of our organization, we've awarded
16 \$650,000 of our own money. That being said, the
17 Harness Horse Youth Foundation is a public charity.
18 We are funded by individuals. We receive very few
19 grants, if you will. I call them quasi-grants
20 because they may be grants within the industry but
21 they're not government grants by any means.

22 We also go to awareness events. This weekend
23 we're dividing and conquering. Open Space Pace in
24 Freehold, New Jersey, is an event with a parade and
25 a festival. This is from last year. Our two

1 students, littlest ones, were invited to carry the
2 opening banner for the parade. I personally will
3 be going to Morrisville, New York, to work in
4 cooperation with the college-level kids. So
5 although there's only one paid employee in the
6 organization, we have lots of great volunteers and
7 sponsors to allow us to do more and more awareness
8 events.

9 Former graduates of HHYF, the list can go on
10 and on. I just grabbed five pictures for the
11 presentation. You'll recognize some as very local,
12 some very national, some that are scholarship
13 winners, some have been through the camp program,
14 but it is amazing to me as I walk through
15 racetracks all over the country, it's very rare
16 that there's not a graduate that's still working in
17 the industry somewhere. My record is I walked
18 through a racetrack once and had eight hugs from
19 former graduates, so it's significant.

20 Next up, in cooperation with Hoosier Park --
21 and it's next Wednesday and Thursday, as a matter
22 of fact -- we are going to be hosting 650
23 Madison County fourth graders. It's going to be
24 wild and woolly, but I'm sure we can accomplish it
25 with great partnership with Hoosier. It's a part

1 of the Bicentennial Legacy Project.

2 This is the kind of thing that I think the
3 Harness Horse Youth Foundation should get more
4 involved in, is willing to get more involved in.
5 We may not have the biggest staff, but we have a
6 great deal of energy to promote harness racing
7 wherever there are kids to be in the audience.

8 At this point that's the end of my PowerPoint
9 presentation. Questions?

10 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I have a question,
11 because this looks very good. How do you get to be
12 picked to be one of these participants? Who gives
13 you those kids or tells you?

14 MS. TAYLOR: We have an application process
15 that is open from about March to the middle of May,
16 and you apply. Some camps fill very quickly, some
17 camps we struggle to get the applicants. Like I
18 say, the one-days are for ages eleven and up,
19 because it's a little less intense, but the
20 five-day programs are for twelve to fourteen. This
21 year we had several waiting lists, especially for
22 the leadership program.

23 It breaks my heart to ever have to turn down
24 kids, but in order to keep safety where I think the
25 standard should be, we do sometimes do that. But

1 we'll coordinate it, okay, so you didn't come to
2 the five-day this year but why don't you come to
3 the one-day at such and such.

4 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: So is this where the
5 parents have to sort of stand back and let the kids
6 experience things or are the parents off on the
7 side?

8 MS. TAYLOR: I keep the parents as far away as
9 possible.

10 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: That's probably where
11 you get the most learning experience.

12 MS. TAYLOR: We have family days.

13 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: But do the parents drop
14 these kids off and then take off?

15 MS. TAYLOR: Yes. Although a lot of parents
16 get upset because the kids are so tired at the end
17 of the day they don't get them called. I field a
18 lot of texts in the evening from parents that are
19 what's Johnny doing, well, Johnny is sleeping.

20 We are very emphatic that everybody can learn
21 but it's just you have to learn according to the
22 safety requirements.

23 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: You mentioned
24 someplace -- I didn't catch the city or the
25 community where you did it -- about oriented it

1 toward the inner city.

2 MS. TAYLOR: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Has that ever occurred
4 in Indianapolis or in Indiana in that vein?

5 MS. TAYLOR: No. With due respect, Indiana
6 doesn't have the same environment where we have
7 been getting our feet wet. It's a totally
8 different environment.

9 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: In what way, if you
10 can? I mean, are you saying that --

11 MS. TAYLOR: This is a very good example.
12 This will typify it. I have a rule that there's no
13 cell phones allowed when you're working with
14 horses. Everybody is required to put their cell
15 phones in the cell phone bucket. I received a
16 great deal of resistance this year at this
17 location. They did not want to put their cell
18 phones in the bucket. They do it. At the end of
19 the day the bus comes to pick them up, everybody
20 gets on the bus, I'm saying good-bye, see you next
21 year. They all forgot their cell phones. They had
22 to come back and get their cell phones.

23 So the mentality of outdoor, green space,
24 Indiana takes a lot for granted, if you will. And
25 because I am a student of agriculture and believe

1 that even if you can only teach a kid about green
2 grass and open space, then you're making a
3 difference, we made a difference in that way,
4 because they put their technology down for
5 eight hours.

6 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: I guess I'm not sure
7 that answered my question. I'm trying to figure
8 out if there is an opportunity that may exist, for
9 instance, in Indianapolis or Fort Wayne or
10 someplace. We have inner-city kids who have never
11 seen a farm, never been that close to an animal, so
12 forth like that. Are there outreach efforts there
13 or are there ways that people might be able to
14 assist you there or do you not want to go there? I
15 guess that's my question.

16 MS. TAYLOR: Well, we will go where we are
17 wanted. That's the nice thing about Harness Horse
18 Youth Foundation. I will say that we are not
19 staffed well enough to pursue such venues, but that
20 does not mean if I were approached with, okay, I
21 have this group and maybe it's the YMCA.

22 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: So it's a chicken/egg
23 type.

24 MS. TAYLOR: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: I guess my second

1 question then: Not all of these positions that
2 you're talking about and all these careers related
3 to harness racing require a college degree. At the
4 other end of that spectrum, do you do any outreach
5 to Ivy Tech or even to Purdue and so forth in terms
6 of where they're keeping this in mind as they're
7 developing curriculum, planning things? Is there
8 any effort to communicate with those folks on that
9 end?

10 MS. TAYLOR: To some degree. As a national
11 organization we have struggled a little bit with
12 direct contact. I will say that, for instance,
13 when I'm looking for my summer interns, we connect
14 with any agricultural university, because you don't
15 necessarily have to have it.

16 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: I'm not asking it to
17 be critical.

18 MS. TAYLOR: No, no. I get it. You're right.
19 The more we can partner and the more that we
20 connect with people who know people, the better off
21 we are.

22 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Very good. Did you have
24 someone else as part of your presentation today?

25 MS. TAYLOR: No.

1 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Well, thank you so much.
3 I think this is truly a great way to encourage more
4 participation in the horse racing business and the
5 responsibility. For a lot of those kids that have
6 never been on a farm, this has got to be a very
7 good learning experience. So we thank you for all
8 you're doing.

9 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Appreciate it. And
11 thank you to Centaur for allowing this to happen.
12 I guess you had to pick the date, time, and place?
13 Rick, is it a block out of time or how do you fit
14 this into your schedule? Is it in the daytime?

15 MR. MOORE: Yes. As Ellen said, it's part of
16 the bicentennial celebration in Anderson.

17 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: So this is part of that
18 route where the torch comes around?

19 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

20 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I'm a torch bearer for
21 my county. So when the torch bearers come, this is
22 a part of what they're going to do?

23 MR. MOORE: That's absolutely correct, yes.

24 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Very good. Well, thank
25 you.

1 Now, we have old business, Lea. I don't know
2 if we have any old business?

3 MS. ELLINGWOOD: None that I'm aware of, sir.
4 Lots of new business.

5 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Okay. New business, we
6 have Jon Schuster and Jim Brown will do a
7 presentation regarding improvement at
8 Indiana Grand. So we welcome you and look forward
9 to hearing what you're doing.

10 MR. BROWN: Good morning, Chairman,
11 Commissioners, IHRC Staff, and Engineer Smitty.
12 Thank you for allowing us a few minutes today to
13 talk about the current meet at Indiana Grand.

14 Several months ago I had the pleasure with
15 Rick of discussing the 2016 Hoosier Park meet, and
16 we talked about the fact that Hoosier Park is now
17 arguably one of the top three harness tracks and
18 top standardbred programs in the United States.
19 That's borne out by three horses that you see
20 almost every weekend, Freaky Feet Pete and
21 Wiggle It Jiggleit and Always B Miki, racing for
22 \$200,000 or \$300,000, and last weekend was one of
23 the most exciting finishes. And we're starting to
24 get ready for the 2017 Breeders Crown races.

25 Today it's a pleasure to talk about

1 Indiana Grand. We're so proud of our partnerships
2 with our horsemen, the Indiana Grand team, the
3 IHRC, the HBPA, the QHRAI, our racing
4 organizations, ITOBA, our legislators, and all
5 that's been collectively done for Indiana racing in
6 general, the industry, and today Indiana Grand.

7 There are various measures of success. One
8 might be your handle and one might be the beauty of
9 your facility, the quality of your horses, the
10 purses that they race for, the relationships that
11 people have; and having been a part of racing in
12 Indiana now for almost a decade, it's been just one
13 of the best experiences in my life and many others
14 that I know to be a part of that. Just we'd like
15 to take you through and for our audience today a
16 few things that have occurred over the last several
17 years at Indiana Grand and this year.

18 Starting with handle. We had our first
19 one-breed-per-track meet in 2013 and we moved
20 thoroughbred and quarter horse racing exclusively
21 to Indiana Grand, and during that year handle was
22 up at Indiana Grand for thoroughbred and quarter
23 horse racing as compared to the full meet the year
24 before by 6 percent, but more importantly
25 commission was up by 17 percent as

1 Churchill Network took over our sales and purchases
2 of signals. And that year -- and the reason I
3 mention this is -- Hoosier Park handle was up
4 25 percent that year and commission was up
5 35 percent. This is back in our first
6 one-breed-per-track meet.

7 In 2014 our handle was flat, but we were
8 experimenting with the racing program at
9 Indiana Grand. We wanted our customers to get a
10 full experience at Indiana Grand, particularly
11 during busy business periods, so our meet was two
12 or three days a week and on Friday and Saturday it
13 was a night program. What we found was especially
14 our export customers were very confused about when
15 we were going to be there. When they went to the
16 daytime, we were at night and vice versa.

17 We sat down during the off-season and said
18 this needs to get straightened out, and determined
19 that the program would be day racing with an
20 always-turned-on party atmosphere on Saturday
21 night. That helped us tremendously with our
22 audience and understanding where we'd be and when
23 we'd be there, and last year Indiana Grand handle
24 was up 22 percent. And that's versus national
25 handle being essentially flat.

1 This year, over the first ninety days of
2 racing, national handle is up 1 percent through
3 August and Indiana Grand is up 13 percent. So if
4 you look at a measure of success of people having
5 interest and betting on racing, last year we were
6 up 22 percent and this year meet to date up
7 13 percent.

8 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: That's a lot.

9 MR. BROWN: It is. And it's something that we
10 should all be proud to be a part of all of it.

11 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Well, is this because
12 you had to coordinate your signal with all the
13 tracks in this country?

14 MR. BROWN: Well, that was a part of it. We
15 needed our audience to know where to find us. But
16 it's the horsemen, the horses being put on the
17 track, the level of competition, the quality of the
18 races, the quality of the export program, the
19 commentator team. It's a collaboration of many
20 folks that starts with the horsemen and what our
21 folks get an opportunity to watch or bet on
22 throughout the nation and actually throughout the
23 world.

24 As Jon will talk about, we haven't been in
25 Las Vegas in their sports books for I can't

1 remember with Indiana Grand or Indiana Downs. And
2 a number of folks spent a lot of time working on
3 this with the coalition in Las Vegas that
4 determines what tracks they're going to take, and
5 it's one size fits all. This coalition determines
6 which ones and then they get sent out to the
7 various sports books. We were successful in
8 getting Indiana Grand back into the Las Vegas race
9 book programs every race day and subsequently
10 Hoosier Park into the race book programs in the
11 Las Vegas casinos three days a week. They'll look
12 at those numbers and see where they go from here.

13 Jon has a lot more on our outreach and the
14 relationships that we formed and the efforts that
15 we've been collaboratively making to get additional
16 exposure for Indiana racing today in the
17 thoroughbred and quarter horse areas.

18 This year's Indiana Derby, I think handle was
19 up by, Jon?

20 MR. SCHUSTER: It was a record. It was
21 3.1 million versus 1.9 the year prior.

22 MR. BROWN: So we are being noticed and the
23 quality of our program is being noticed, and a lot
24 of exciting things have happened during that time.
25 If you look back, the new tote board and jumbotron

1 screen. The track got stripped down to the
2 sub-base and over \$1 million was spent putting in
3 an entirely new race surface. We have a great
4 track and backside maintenance team that works very
5 hard to keep the track in top condition. New
6 equipment is working the track, water trucks,
7 mowers, Gators, other vehicles that will be
8 finishing up that three-year program. Next year we
9 have four beautiful new thoroughbred barns that you
10 can see out there and a new quarter horse barn that
11 just opened this meet (indicating). We started
12 with, I think, 660 stalls and we're at about 1,000
13 right now.

14 MR. SCHUSTER: Little over 1,000, yes.

15 MR. BROWN: Our simulcast center, if you've
16 been downstairs, we renovated this year. It wasn't
17 a complete redo, but looks a lot cleaner, crisper.
18 Changes to the clubhouse. Couple years ago the
19 Winner's Circle, which has been a home run, off the
20 casino floor has a top simulcast outlet. Trakus,
21 one of the few tracks in the country that has
22 Trakus, and we have Trakus at both of our tracks
23 now. Ongoing backside improvements. If you
24 haven't had a chance to go to the backside at
25 either track lately, they're very clean, they're

1 very well maintained, and worked hard with.

2 I even understand we have great breakfasts in
3 our cafe over there. That's on this side of the
4 gate, so you don't need a racing license to get in
5 and you can watch horses work in the morning over
6 an omelet or some bacon and eggs.

7 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Our executive director
8 knows this well.

9 MR. SMITH: French toast.

10 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: French toast is out of
11 the world, okay.

12 MR. BROWN: We started a VIP owner's club
13 program this year. Every year there's a racing
14 symposium out in Tucson, and we send a group of
15 people out each year for big items, small items,
16 fun items. This was something to help attract live
17 audiences, and it's a red carpet rolled out for
18 owners that gives them premium seating, gives them
19 other amenities, discounts, programs, things like
20 that, to help get them to the track for races, and
21 we have that at both tracks this year. We have a
22 fractional ownership program. It's more lab
23 experiment at Hoosier Park this year and it's
24 called First Turn Stables, and we have 50 owners of
25 a racehorse.

1 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I can tell you by
2 personal experience that that's exciting because I
3 think they're making money. I think this Friday
4 they're supposed to get the accountant's report to
5 exactly know how much they've lost or won. But
6 they get the full experience of being an owner. Of
7 course, the biggest part that my friend shared with
8 me on this contract -- and Rick showed me the
9 contract -- there's a question-and-answer thing and
10 the question is what can go wrong and the answer is
11 anything and everything. Which is typical of the
12 racing business.

13 If you're going to be racing, it tells these
14 people . . . And the goal here, as we remember, is
15 to try to get more people involved, get the
16 excitement, learn what the program is. I think
17 it's been a success. I don't know if you're going
18 to do it over here, but you're doing it at
19 Hoosier Park.

20 MR. BROWN: Our plan is to work the bugs out
21 at Hoosier Park and bring it to Indiana Grand next
22 year. As you know, it took us a long time to
23 develop it from scratch because it's not a true
24 fractional ownership program where those owners
25 assume a lot of risk. Once they put their \$250 in,

1 that's all that they were on the hook for. And I
2 wish I had that stable because I think right now
3 we've had three firsts, two seconds, and two out of
4 the monies in seven starts.

5 MR. BROWN: That's correct.

6 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: And they've all been
7 claimed, which means they have the money.

8 MR. BROWN: Also they've gone through the
9 experience three times of having their horse
10 claimed. And I think two out of three or three out
11 of three, the horse was claimed for a higher price
12 than they purchased.

13 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

14 MR. BROWN: So they probably got at least a
15 200, 300 percent return on their investment. What
16 was the last time? Over 30 show up for the race?

17 MR. MOORE: Yes. You couldn't get them all in
18 the win picture, yeah.

19 MR. BROWN: It's been great, exciting, and the
20 plan is to bring it to Indiana Grand next year.

21 I want to bring Jon Schuster up. He has a few
22 things to say about this year's meet. He's going
23 to start with the last item I had, which is our
24 commentator team.

25 MR. SCHUSTER: Thanks, Jim. Thank you for

1 entertaining us today to talk about some of these
2 success stories.

3 I'll take a ten-second digression, if I can,
4 and just let you know that two of my daughters went
5 through Ellen's program, and ten years later we
6 still talk, laugh, and giggle about it. To show
7 you how sick it is, my wife follows Sweet Karen on
8 Facebook. Just go ahead and throw that out for
9 public knowledge.

10 Our commentator team, very national.
11 Peter Lurie from L.A. and from TVG fame is sort of
12 our anchor for that; Nancy Holthus, who hails
13 primarily from Arkansas but is also a TVG star, is
14 on our team; along with our very own
15 Rachel McLaughlin, who was at Hoosier Park for
16 several years and came down here; and Bill Downes,
17 our announcer and a handicapper extraordinaire, who
18 actually has earned a seat into the national
19 handicapping contest this year. He takes it very
20 seriously. That team has really done a lot to
21 elevate this program.

22 Last Thursday Peter and I went down to the
23 Clarksville OTB, and they don't get a lot of
24 touches or a lot of attention from us. They're an
25 OTB and it's run well. Boy, let me tell you, when

1 that guy walks in there, there's 30 people all
2 around him wanting to shake his hand and touch him.
3 We had a great time giving away some wagering
4 vouchers if you could beat the expert and so forth.
5 We had a lot of fun. We do that in the
6 Winner's Circle also. We've been going up to
7 New Haven. He's here on track and has a great
8 rapport with everybody. Everybody gets a big kick
9 out of that.

10 Nancy does a great job down in our paddock.
11 She is from a, I think, third or fourth generation
12 horse family. So she can talk how the horses look
13 and how they're acting and responding down in the
14 paddock and so forth. It's just a great team.

15 Talking a little bit about some of our
16 marketing and promotional operational outreach
17 things, a lot of the things that Jim talked about.
18 All the improvements here on track are great for
19 our horses, our riders, our horsemen, and the local
20 group, but as you know, about 90-plus percent of
21 our wagering dollars come from around the country.
22 I'm going to talk a little bit more about some of
23 those things that come in from out and around.

24 One of the great things that we have on a
25 local basis but away from the track was we doubled

1 our partnership with WISH-TV this year. Last year
2 was the first year we had them involved in our
3 Indiana Derby and Dan Patch up at Hoosier Park, and
4 we had a one-hour show and it was very well
5 received. I heard comments from people I hadn't
6 talked to in a long time that saw that. This year
7 we went for a two-hour segment, and it was just
8 crazy the amount of . . . In fact, I just had
9 somebody call me just last week and talk to me
10 about that.

11 Along with that, WISH-TV has partnered with us
12 on some promotional things that the IHRC has done
13 with us in our breeding programs, and we've done a
14 few shows with them which have also received quite
15 a bit of attention. So we're very proud of our
16 partnership with WISH-TV.

17 Jim talked about the Indiana Derby. We have
18 turned that into a bit of a festival here the last
19 few years and it's a three-day festival. On
20 Thursday we have a Knight in Arms program, which is
21 a fundraiser and a celebration of our wounded and
22 fallen soldiers, as well as wounded and fallen
23 first responders. We have a special day. We bring
24 a lot of special folks from the community,
25 Indianapolis police officers, State Police,

1 military heros and patriots come in. We get them
2 in the Winner's Circle for special pictures and
3 special presentations, and it's very well received.

4 We also introduced this year an Indiana Derby
5 queen pageant. We did that, we had a lot of fun
6 with that, and got more notoriety than I would have
7 thought. Of course, I'm just an old horse racing
8 guy, so I wouldn't really think about the beauty
9 queen thing. It was very fun, we had a lot of fun
10 with it, and it brought some additional notoriety
11 to what we're doing out here. Racing's just one of
12 our four pillars. We've got entertainment, a lot
13 of other things that go on here, gaming and dining,
14 and racing as well.

15 We alluded to the record handle, the
16 3.1 million. I want to put that in context just a
17 little bit. It was up 1.9 million the year prior.
18 We had an unbelievable race card. Our director of
19 racing, Kevin Greely, put together an unbelievable
20 program. We got a great take on it.
21 Nationally-acclaimed horsemen, horses, jockeys, it
22 was an unbelievable night that way. When we talk
23 about 3.1 to 1.9, that's crazy -- I mean, that's an
24 insane thing -- but you have to put it in context
25 of being on a Saturday night.

1 Jim alluded to this, when we went day racing
2 and we kept it always turned on for Saturday
3 nights. Saturday night is our weakest handle day
4 of the week. The other three days, or four when
5 we're running Thursdays, generally run north of
6 \$1 million in handle. On Saturdays we're usually
7 in the \$700,000 to \$800,000 range. Few successes
8 above that and beyond that. So when you look at
9 the \$3.1 million, you really can compare it to the
10 \$800,000 on the normal Saturday evening as well.
11 Certainly Indiana Derby's different. So the 3.1 to
12 1.9 is a valid comparison, but big difference in
13 what we normally do.

14 Target advertising, we did a little change in
15 course this year. We started advertising in
16 Louisville area. Louisville has a lot of folks
17 that are interested in our program. A lot of our
18 horsemen are from Kentucky. But we also have the
19 Clarksville OTB down there, and we saw this as a
20 good opportunity to layer in some notoriety for
21 them. Along with our effort to upgrade
22 Clarksville, which I'll talk about in a minute.

23 We have been able to increase our handle down
24 there in an OTB environment nationally that is not
25 doing well. OTBs are closing all over. We've lost

1 Evansville in this state and Merrillville in this
2 state because the model really is very difficult.
3 So we're very proud that we're still profitable
4 there, and enhancing the program and that marketing
5 in the Louisville area is a piece of that.

6 Our TVG partnership, we've spent a lot of time
7 and effort working with TVG. Our horsemen partner
8 with us on this on the expense side of it. It's
9 good for all of us to get the exposure for Indiana
10 racing. It gives us a chance to be on the national
11 stage on a near-daily basis, and we're doing a lot
12 of different things. One of the things that just
13 recently happened, instead of our commentators and
14 our team calling in, we figured out a way to Skype
15 in so they can get a visual with it as well. So
16 there's a lot of things that are positive and
17 progressive in the TVG partnership arena.

18 We enhanced our special day coverage this year
19 for things like our Indiana Derby, Dan Patch, our
20 Centaur Stakes day, which was also a huge success,
21 and we feel like that relationship is great. We
22 really appreciate our partnership with the horsemen
23 on that, as both groups participate heavily in
24 that. It's a big expense for us to share.

25 Sirius XM radio, we started a partnership with

1 this year. On Saturday mornings two of our
2 commentators, Peter Lurie and Bill Downs, will call
3 in on about a ten-minute radio segment called
4 Down the Stretch. Now, Sirius radio's horse racing
5 programming is for the serious player. This is
6 where we want folks that can really speak to the
7 minutia of horse racing, the fractional times, the
8 class drops, and the type of horsemen that are
9 moving around and coming in. So this is a huge
10 benefit to serious players, and to have ourselves
11 on that national stage is a real coup for us. It's
12 not terribly expensive, but we've gotten a lot of
13 feedback from that, very positive.

14 TwinSpires is one of the ADW wagering formats,
15 and we've always done a lot with them. We enhanced
16 that a little bit this year and did a little more
17 with them. We get a great deal of handle from
18 them, and that handle has improved this year as a
19 result of heightened efforts with them.

20 We've gotten involved with the Paulick Report
21 racing diary series. Ray Paulick is a
22 nationally-renowned racing writer primarily,
23 reporter, journalist -- was with the Blood Horse
24 for years and has gone out on his own now -- and
25 within about ten minutes of the last one airing, I

1 got a call from my good friend who's the director
2 of racing down in New Mexico at Sunland Park. He
3 called up and he raved and raved and raved about
4 how we pulled this off, and the primary concern
5 that he had was how well we'd done with our
6 partnership with horsemen and the
7 Racing Commission.

8 These diaries are video interviews essentially
9 with several of our folks -- horsemen, accidentally
10 I was in one, some of our racing folks and so
11 forth -- just talking, answering questions about
12 what kind of improvements we've done here and about
13 Indiana racing. He called up and was completely
14 jealous. And they've got a nice program down
15 there -- they have racinos and good purses -- but
16 they have a lot of other issues that we do not have
17 here in Indiana. So very proud of that.

18 National handicapping contest, we hosted our
19 first one of those here at Indiana Grand.
20 Hoosier Park had some back in the day. We've never
21 had one here. We made the commitment to try and
22 get some more national awareness for what we're
23 doing, and we spent the money to guarantee three of
24 these seats to the national handicapping final,
25 which will be in Las Vegas. I mentioned a little

1 earlier Bill Downes has already qualified for that,
2 one of our commentators, but we had 95 folks from
3 all around the country come right here, they had to
4 be here physically on the property -- Canada,
5 New Mexico, Texas, California, Ohio, Kentucky,
6 New Jersey -- we had people from all over that
7 physically came here, got to see what we do here.
8 And the blogosphere went wild. They love what we
9 have here. They love our location. They like the
10 way our folks handled them and treated them and
11 they had a good time. We got a lot of bang for our
12 buck out of the small amount of money we spent. It
13 once again helped elevate our program.

14 Finally, the last notable thing would be our
15 increased exposure with Daily Racing Form.
16 Fortunately Jim has allowed us to make a much
17 larger commitment to our marketing and promotional
18 efforts with all of these entities that I've
19 outlined here for you today, and it's not cheap.
20 And we're privileged to have our horsemen share in
21 some of this with us so we can do a little bit
22 more.

23 When we get a little up with TVG, now we can
24 go out to Daily Racing Form, we go to Sirius radio,
25 and we can make a lot of things happen and the

1 octopus has at least a full eight tentacles.
2 Instead of being a guppy, we can be a whale. The
3 racing form exposure on our big days, I believe, on
4 Centaur day and Indiana Derby day were huge. They
5 had special layouts in the racing form, which is
6 the Bible for horse racing players around the
7 country, on the thoroughbred side in particular.
8 Very proud of those efforts.

9 The last thing I'll talk about as a little bit
10 more of a local thing is our Clarksville OTB.
11 Couple years ago we did a major renovation down
12 there. We got rid of all of our old tube TVs and
13 we have modern technology that you see in here
14 today and down in our simulcast center downstairs.
15 But we needed to go beyond that.

16 Clarksville is a high-traffic area. And just
17 to be frank about it, it's a little bit of a
18 rougher crowd than we're used to as far as the
19 facility goes. They're good, old-time
20 sophisticated racing public. When you walk around
21 here of a day in Shelbyville, you'll see a few
22 tickets on the floor. You go to Clarksville, it's
23 almost like confetti. It's just a different
24 environment. They're good players.

25 And I don't mean anything disparaging by that

1 at all. As a kid who grew up going to River Downs
2 and Churchill Downs, that's how I kind of grew up
3 in it, so it's kind of fun to see a little bit of
4 that old-time way of going.

5 Currently we're involved in about a \$250,000
6 renovation. Prior to the acquisition Clarksville
7 hadn't really been touched in ten years. We
8 weren't in a situation to do that. Since then
9 they're getting a lot of attention and it's showing
10 up. As I mentioned earlier, our handle is up in an
11 OTB environment that's very difficult. That is a
12 real success story.

13 You name it. We're redoing all the restrooms,
14 which take a lot of traffic, just like the club
15 does. The lighting. We've given a whole re-paint
16 job. We've worked the floors through. We're
17 reworking everything, including the food and
18 beverage options and everything. We're very proud
19 of what we're doing down there. We're proud of our
20 staff.

21 It is another one of the things that elevates
22 us. And when folks come over from Louisville and
23 they're Churchill fans or they're folks that go to
24 Churchill and they get to come to our place, we're
25 changing a lot of minds and that's good. That's

1 where you're seeing the growth. So we're very
2 proud of that.

3 With that, I will turn it back over to Jim.

4 MR. BROWN: We don't need to take up too much
5 of the Commission and our guests' time. Want to
6 briefly mention a very important project and the
7 status of this project.

8 Where's our slide master?

9 MR. SCHARTON: It's slowly going.

10 MR. BROWN: And by the way, Sirius is serious.
11 I heard that from the row behind me. We were
12 talking about Sirius radio for the serious horse
13 player.

14 Willie Reed, the Purdue University College of
15 Veterinary Medicine Dean, said when this \$9 million
16 project started, the Centaur Equine Specialty
17 Hospital, This center will house the most
18 technologically advanced medical equipment to
19 diagnose and treat equine patients, while also
20 facilitating groundbreaking research and vital
21 educational opportunities for students preparing
22 for careers as equine specialists.

23 You can see some of the construction photos.
24 And you go on the internet and if you Google
25 Centaur Equine Specialty Hospital or Purdue

1 associated with that, you'll see about a dozen
2 photos of the progress, and you can drive down the
3 street and see where they're at. We broke ground
4 in October of 2015. They're hopeful to get the
5 facility completed by the end of the year. I'm
6 hearing more January/February, but we know that the
7 Equine Hospital is going to be open by the time our
8 race meets start next year. Tours can be arranged
9 for anyone that's interested. There's not much to
10 see other than driving by right now, but soon we'll
11 be able to take a peek inside.

12 To finish up, I started my conversation with
13 the measure of success in a racing program. You
14 look at the track and the horsemen and the quality
15 of the horses that we have and the way that we
16 continue to grow, and an interesting statistic I
17 found in reading about the, I think, 19 fatalities
18 at Del Mar this year and I think Saratoga had about
19 the same amount and they were saying, well, that's
20 kind of typical, Indiana Grand Race Course last
21 year, as they rate the safety of tracks,
22 particularly thoroughbred tracks, was sixth safest
23 in the country of every thoroughbred track by the
24 number of fatalities per thousand starts. So that
25 says something about the safety of the track, the

1 quality of the horses that are on the track.

2 And bring into that where we're headed with
3 our handle, with our ongoing partnerships, with all
4 of our collective constituents, the beauty we have
5 around us to be able to look out at the turf course
6 and the main track and the backside this morning,
7 and it's just great to be a part of it for all of
8 us at Centaur. We have a great racing team here,
9 from the front side to the backside, led by Jon.
10 Thank you for giving us some time this morning to
11 toot our horn.

12 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER LIGHTLE: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Thank you, Jim. There's
15 some tremendous progress that you're making, and we
16 thank you totally for this commitment.

17 Next, John, I think you have something that
18 you need us to approve in the way of contracts?

19 MR. KEELER: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, members
20 of the Commission, my name is John Keeler with
21 Centaur Gaming. Thank you for allowing me to
22 present with regard to two potential new items of
23 business.

24 If I may just make a brief announcement. On
25 October 17 at the Columbia Club at 5:30 is the

1 Indiana Horse Racing Hall of Fame. This will be
2 the third annual event. Everyone is invited. The
3 honorees this year are Mari Hulman George,
4 Harold Barnes, Dr. and Former Senator Bob Jackman,
5 and the late Don Myers. So should be a good time.
6 Hope everyone can come.

7 Mr. Chairman, there are two items of new
8 business, both of which I'm requesting respectfully
9 that the Commission grant authority to the
10 Executive Director to approve in the interim before
11 you meet again.

12 One has to do with approving amendments to the
13 horsemen's contracts between the track and the
14 registered horsemen's associations. As you'll
15 recall, the Commission approves those annually, and
16 you have done so for the 2016 meet. Since you
17 approved those, one item has come up with regard to
18 TVG and our contract with it. As originally
19 envisioned, we thought that TVG would deduct its
20 fees from the gross amount of the commissions that
21 we're entitled to and then they would come to us
22 and we'd divide them with the horsemen. It turns
23 out that from a technical point of view they're not
24 able to do that, so we're going to have to bring in
25 the gross amount, write them a check for their

1 costs, and then split the money net with the
2 horsemen. So that will require an amendment to all
3 three contracts, and we would request that you
4 authorize the Executive Director to approve those
5 amended contracts.

6 The other item has to do with mandatory
7 take-out. In 2013 the Indiana General Assembly
8 amended the horse racing law to allow, on the
9 request of a horsemen's association, the Commission
10 to reduce the take-out. The take-out is the
11 commission that comes out of the betting pool. We
12 believe and in consultation with the horsemen have
13 been working on an experimental prototype program
14 where we'll identify certain races for the rest of
15 this meet -- again, on just a pilot basis -- to try
16 and reduce the take-out to increase overall
17 betting, handle, and interest in a race, and then
18 try and take a look at that after the meet is over
19 and see whether it was successful or not. That's
20 not been negotiated with the horsemen yet. Hope to
21 have that done in the interim before you meet
22 again, and would ask that the Executive Director
23 have authority to approve that agreement.

24 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: What breed does this
25 involve? Or is it everybody?

1 MR. KEELER: I don't believe it involves
2 quarter horses, but it would involve the
3 standardbred horses as well as thoroughbreds.

4 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: So you've spelled all
5 these things out to our Staff?

6 MR. KEELER: So just to clarify, Mr. Chairman.
7 On the take-out issue that does just involve the
8 standardbred and the thoroughbreds, and the TVG
9 issue involves all three breeds.

10 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Understand. Okay, John.
11 Well, then both of these are business to be changed
12 or for us to approve so you can operate basically
13 between now and before we finalize next year's
14 contracts?

15 MR. KEELER: Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Also, I think the
17 quarter horse have been so successful, they've run
18 out of their money for some of their awards.
19 That's not to be mixed up with any of this?

20 MR. KEELER: That's correct. Separate issue.

21 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: All right. So we have
22 these as a consolidated motion or do we have two
23 separate?

24 MS. ELLINGWOOD: Will be two separate motions.

25 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: The first one will be

1 approval to split the authorization with TVG to go
2 from the gross that you get their costs out and
3 then you split the remaining?

4 MR. KEELER: Yes, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: With that summarized,
6 somebody has got to write that up in a more proper
7 manner.

8 MS. ELLINGWOOD: Yes. We would call that
9 Commission delegation of authority to the
10 Executive Director to approve changes to the
11 horsemen's contract specifically related to the TVG
12 issue that Mr. Keeler has raised.

13 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: I would move that.

14 COMMISSIONER LIGHTLE: I'll second.

15 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: And I will second that.
16 All those in favor, say aye.

17 THE COMMISSION: "Aye".

18 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Aye.

19 Okay. Now, the second part of your question
20 deals with the take-out on certain races, again,
21 the Executive Director would have the authority to
22 reduce.

23 MR. KEELER: Yes, sir, after the track and
24 horsemen have agreed.

25 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: After they've agreed,

1 okay.

2 Do I have a motion to accept that?

3 COMMISSIONER McCARTY: I move to authorize the
4 Executive Director to approve the agreements if
5 they are reached and that we authorize our
6 Executive Director to approve.

7 COMMISSIONER SCHENKEL: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Motion and a second.
9 All those in favor, say aye.

10 THE COMMISSION: "Aye".

11 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Aye.

12 Thank you, John.

13 MR. KEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members
14 of the Commission.

15 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: Now, do we have any
16 other items to come before this Commission before
17 we adjourn?

18 MS. ELLINGWOOD: No, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN WEATHERWAX: I thank everyone here.

20 Just for the public's information, Ed Martin
21 is with us today. Of course, this will be the next
22 phase of what we're doing here today. Ed Martin,
23 please stand up. He's the president of
24 Racing Commissioners International. This will be a
25 public meeting for input, this time dealing with

1 thoroughbreds. Yesterday we had a very good
2 meeting up at Hoosier Park on standardbred. Ed, we
3 welcome you to the next part of our program.

4 For right now this Commission meeting is
5 adjourned.

6 (The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on
7 September 14, 2016.)

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2 COUNTY OF MARION

3 I, Michele K. Gustafson, CRR-RPR, a
4 Notary Public in and for said county and state, do
5 hereby certify that the witnesses herein were by the
6 Chairman duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole
7 truth, and nothing but the truth in the aforementioned
8 matter;

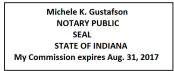
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10 stenograph notes and afterwards reduced to typewriting
11 under my direction; and that the typewritten
12 transcript is a true record of the testimony given by
13 said deponents;

14 That said meeting/hearing complies with all
15 applicable rules;

16 I do further certify that I am a disinterested
17 person in this cause of action; that I am not a
18 relative of the attorneys for any of the parties.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
20 hand and affixed my notarial seal this 23rd day of
21 September, 2016.

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