



# Utah Horse Racing Commission Minutes

Held: September 6, 2023 at 1:00 PM  
Location: 4315 S. 2700 W. TSOB South Bldg.  
Fl. 2 Room #2504  
Taylorsville, UT 84129

**Attendees:** Leann Hunting (Director of Animal Industries) Korry Trapp (Horse Racing Commission Board Chairman), Commission members: Kevin Birrell, Steve McIntyre, Dale Winterton, Bill Peterson, Robyn Christiansen.

Dr. Daniel Christensen (State Veterinarian) Dr. Amanda Price (Asst. State Veterinarian), Curtis Grow (Attorney General), James Openshaw (Head Steward), Angi Kellett, Savannah, Camie Ovaleni (Office)

## 1: Call meeting to order - Korry Trapp

## 2: Approval of Minutes- approved

## 3: Stewards pay increase – 3:40

Pay was approved but definition of a qualified steward and an unqualified/amateur will need to be defined in the next meeting.

- A. \$250.00 x 1 stewards for draw nights (2-3 draw nights)
- B. \$500.00 for qualified stewards at races (5-7 races)
- C. \$300.00 for a safety steward at races (5-7 races)

## 4: Stewards List and Selection – 23:44

Jim Openshaw voted in as head Steward for next years races- tabling the other 2 stewards and an alternate for now till closer to February.

## 5: Three-year license- 36:34

What was discussed: The rate for a three-year would be three times the current rate. A discount was brought up for a three-year license. And for this the average for each discount was to take \$25.00 dollars off each one.

License	LY FEE	3-YR	Discount
Owner/Trainer	\$125.00	\$375.00	\$350.00
Owner	\$75.00	\$225.00	\$200.00
Trainer	\$75.00	\$225.00	\$200.00
Assistant Trainer	\$75.00	\$225.00	\$200.00
Jockey	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Veterinary Clinic	\$100.00	\$300.00	
Pony Rider	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$125.00
Groom	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
UQHRA	\$100.00	\$300.00	

## **6. Testing Fee increase – 58:00**

Testing fees need to go up because the cost of testing has gone up.

Idea is to call the people back to the office to pay for an extra testing fee, and UDAF would have to supply someone there to collect the fee.

Motion: Implement the \$100.00 testing fee, continued as it is. Add \$150.00 testing fee to the horses qualified for any of the final gates. The fee must be paid prior to entry for the finalist. And if an Almost eligible makes it to the field, fee must be paid before posted time of race day.

## **8. Jockeys Physical – 1:46:32**

Motion (1:51:42): All Jockeys must have an athlete physical prior to race day to be able to ride in the race.

Unanimous.

## **9. Require a trainer's test – 1:52:04**

Wanting to have Trainers to take a test. Taking a test here in Utah will not qualify for a trainer's license in another state, because we are not a pari-mutuel state. Idea for Trainers who have already been licensed in Utah to maybe be grandfathered in, and any new to take the test.

Another idea is if a trainer has taken a test in another state would that be acceptable here in the state of Utah for them to get a license.

If license was suspended you would have to retake the test.

Tabled for next meeting for Jim and Amanda to come up with a test.

## **7. Head Stewards Report - 2:04:39**

### **Testing:**

Want to be able to get the testes quicker. They were submitting the test right after the races and filling out when the results were required.

What is the scratch time for the also eligible.

Why do the hair test if we can't get the test results back in time for the tests? An Idea is we would have the hair tests for the finals.

We need to make sure we get with the lab and make sure these tests are back in time for the races. Steve is going to call and talk to Charlie or Brandy up in Wyoming.

### **Schooling Races:**

The Stewards don't want to be involved in the schooling races. A Schooling race should be held to the same standards as a normal race. Anyone coming in for a schooling race will need to know that it will be held to the same standards as a normal race and they can't come at the last minute and run a horse.

### **Violation & Reporting slips:**

Gave slips to the commission to see about adding these for next year so they have better documentation during the races.

**Jockey Issues:**

If they don't ride a horse what do the stewards do? If you walk in the middle of it you can ask the Jockey to leave. If you are in the program to ride a horse you have to ride it, if the jockey doesn't ride the horse they are to ride then they get scratched for the rest of the day or get fined. There needs to be consequences for the Jockey's.

**10. AAG Report - 2:40:16**

Kylie Venezuela has applied and taking the matter to the Utah district court.

**11. Commission Round table – 2:43:14**

Race dates for 2024 will be April 6,7,21 and May 4,5,19

**12. Public Comment**

**13. Adjourn**