



MONTANA BOARD OF HORSE RACING

Minutes of Board Meeting: CONFERENCE CALL – February 18, 2019 – 10 a.m.
Conference Call

MEMBERS ON PHONE:

Chairman: John Hayes, Great Falls
District 1: Jody Smith, Miles City
District 5: Gary Koeplin, Florence
Racing Industry: Ralph Young, Columbus
Executive Secretary: Tom Tucker, Corvallis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vice Chairman: Dale Mahlum, Missoula
District 2: Shawn Real Bird, Hardin
District 4: Barry Stang, Helena

PUBLIC ON PHONE:

Raleigh Swensrud, Joe Sandoval, Cindy Williams, Sparky Kottke, Diane Kottke.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman John Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. He welcomed those on the phone. The Chairman then asked for a roll call. Board members absent were Vice Chairman Dale Mahlum, Shawn Real Bird and Barry Stang. Minutes from the meeting last week have not been compiled, so Chairman Hayes went right to item number 3, legislation update.

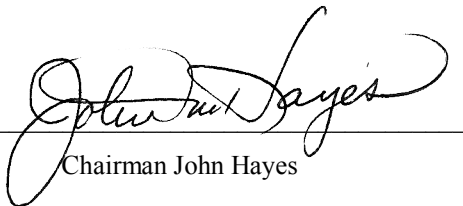
Executive Secretary Tucker explained HB475 - Sports wagering using the parimutuel machines. This legislation will allow the simulcast operator to wager on sports using the existing tote machines. After a short discussion, Member Koeplin moved to support HB475. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tucker will now inform the Governor's office that the board supports this legislation. The board needs to have permission from the Governor's office before appearing at any committee hearings.

Public comment was next on the agenda. No public comment was heard.

Under Old Business, Tucker gave a quick review of the committee hearing last week in regards to the Historical Horse Racing legislation. More than likely, the bill will be amended to require the board to come back to the legislature in 2021 before implementing any rules and regulations; if, the legislation passes.

Member Koeplin asked that once Tucker heard of any news in regards to the committee hearings, he inform the rest of the board.

At 10:12 a.m. board member Ralph Young moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Chairman John Hayes

May 28, 2019

Date

