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JOSH SUTTON Collects **5,000th** Career Win BY GREGG KEIDEL

Driver Josh Sutton reached the coveted 5,000 career victory plateau Jan. 11 at Miami Valley Raceway, guiding Wegottatruckyea to the wire in the very first race. It wasn't long before Sutton commenced his trek for 10,000 wins as he also captured the second race with Astroffical.



Miami Valley, Hollywood Dayton and Scioto Downs.

Sutton's mounts have earned almost \$36 million and he has notched more than 100 victories in 16 of the last 18 years. His best year was 2016, when he triumphed 550 times, earned \$5,060,722 and sported a .319 UDRS. One of many highlights in his career was winning four Ohio Sires Stakes championship races on a single night at Northfield Park that season.

When asked to name his favorite horse, Sutton quipped, "the last one that I won with! I hate losing even more than I like winning."

On his goals moving forward, "10,000!" he exclaimed. "This is what I do, and I plan on doing it as long as I'm able."

Josh Sutton scored his 5000th career win Jan. 11 at Miami Valley, guiding Wegottatruckyea to victory in the first race for trainer Dustin Arledge. **PHOTO:** Conrad photo

Sutton was born in Henderson, Ky. in 1982. He began working for trainer Brian Loney when he was 14, mucking stalls and jogging horses. Hooked for life on harness racing, Sutton quit school at age 15 and hitched a ride to Los Alamitos in California, where he found work on the backstretch for the winter meet. When that ended, Sutton returned to Lexington and has been a mainstay in Midwest America racing circles ever since.

After another year of grooming and jogging horses, Sutton got his qualifying license in 1999 and drove in 18 of those tests. As soon as he turned 18, Sutton was awarded his driver's license and Loney and trainer Clint Binkley gave the young reinsmen his first work.

Sutton's career has progressed nicely since those early days. He won his first qualifier at Fairmount Park, his first real race at Colonial Downs and he has won at a plethora of other tracks throughout the Midwest during the last 20 years.

He has raced at Maywood, Hawthorne and Balmoral in Chicago, Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs in Indiana, as well as stints at The Red Mile and Pompano Park. For the past seven years, Sutton has been a mainstay on the southern Ohio circuit of



Josh Sutton is congratulated on his 5000th career win by Race Secretary Gregg Keidel, his girlfriend Ashley Holliday, long-time friend Brett Schultz and Miami Valley Race Manager Larry Alexander. **PHOTO:** Conrad photo

UPCOMING MEETING DATE — 2nd Quarter OHHA Board Meeting — April 22, 2021

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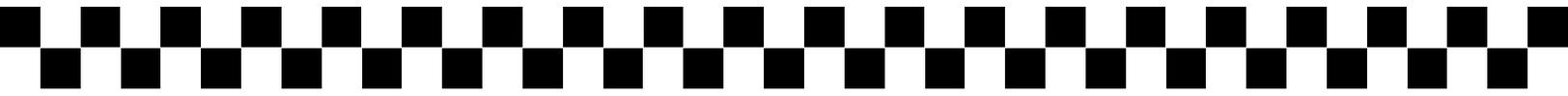
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CURTAIN CLOSES ON 2020



Merriman and Rhoades Capture Northfield Titles by Michael Carter



Aaron Merriman and Bill Rhoades **PHOTO:** Raymond K. Lance

Aaron Merriman and Bill Rhoades concluded the 2020 MGM Northfield Park racing season with victories in the driving and training titles, respectively.

Merriman carved out 519 victories, while his nearest competitor, Ronnie Wrenn Jr., drove 452 winners, followed by Kurt Sugg (308), Chris Lems (235) and Ryan Stahl (222) to complete the top five.

Rhoades won his first training title in 2020 with 181 victories in 708 starts with more than \$1.1 million in earnings. C. Brian Loney (154), Sam Schillaci (141), Ron Burke (138) and Jessica Roegner (86) completed the top five in the conditioner standings.

“It’s a great feeling, I hope it’s not the last,” Rhoades said about winning his first training title. “Northfield is my favorite place to race and I love being able to race there with my favorite driver (Merriman).”

The combination of Merriman and Rhoades found the winner’s circle 194 times in 2020, racing at Northfield Park, Scioto Downs and The Meadows.

Rhoades began his training career in 2004 and has 635 victories in more than 2,600 starts totaling more than \$4 million in earnings.

“It’s a good feeling to do something you love as a job and to be able to provide for my family,” Rhoades said.

Miller Wins Dayton Driving Title (From Track Report)



Photo L to R: Brett Merkel (OHHA Track Representative), Race Secretary Gregg Keidel, Brett Miller, Jason Ludwig and Director of Racing Jason Bluhm. **PHOTO:** Brad Conrad

For the second straight year, Brett Miller claimed the driving title at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway. Miller recorded 135 wins during the 64-day meet. Miller’s drives earned more than \$1 million during the meet.

Josh Sutton finished second in the driver’s standings, recording 110 wins, while Jeremy Smith and Tyler Smith tied for third with 89 victories each. Rounding out the top 10, Chris Page (52), Trevor Smith (50), Trace Tetrick (45), Kayne Kauffman (43), Dan Noble (39) and Shawn Barker II (33).

The 2020 training title went to Ron Burke, who narrowly defeated Virgil Morgan Jr. to garner his first training title at Hollywood Dayton. Other top-10 trainers included: Christi Noble, Peter Redder, Ken Rucker, Charles Stewart, J.D. Perrin, Michael Hitchcock, Jason Brewer and Tyler George.

Merriman Tops All Drivers



Aaron Merriman

For the fourth consecutive year, Aaron Merriman was the top driver in the United States. Despite the COVID-19 shutdown, Merriman collected 725 wins with earnings of more than \$5.9 million, topping fellow Northfield driver Ronnie Wrenn Jr., who finished second with 523 victories.

Merriman has been on a tear the previous four years with 1,000 wins or more in two of his previous three seasons prior to 2020. COVID-19 limited Merriman from reaching that milestone again.

Merriman, who began driving in 1997, has won 12,692 races and has topped \$86 million in purse earnings.

“Northfield is home to me,” Merriman said.

“I’m beyond happy and privileged to drive for the horseman here.”

Six Ohio drivers finished in the top 10. Joining Merriman and Wrenn were Trace Tetrick, Brett Miller, Kurt Sugg and Chris Page.

On the training side, Ron Burke collected 883 wins in 2020 to lead all trainers. Bill Rhoades, Virgil Morgan Jr. and C. Brian Loney finished in the top 10.



Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

2020 FINAL TOP 10

Drivers

1.	Aaron Merriman	725
2.	Ronnie Wrenn Jr.	523
5.	Trace Tetrick	436
7.	Brett Miller	411
8.	Kurt Sugg	384
10.	Chris Page	366

Trainers

1.	Ron Burke	883
3.	Bill Rhoades	213
4.	Virgil Morgan Jr.	207
7.	C. Brian Loney	159

Governor Vetoes H.B. 375, which would Lift County Fair Restrictions

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has vetoed a bill that would lift the state’s ban on most county fair activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic stating, “it is not in the best interest of protecting the health and safety of all Ohioans.”

The bill, backed by legislative Republicans, would have allowed local fair officials to decide what activities could be held.

With his veto, DeWine said the decision last summer to restrict fairs to junior fairs was a difficult decision that was necessary to prevent the spread of the virus.

The order did allow harness racing to continue but with established Ohio State Racing Commission protocol, which included no spectators in the grandstands.

The state has provided \$4.7 million in financial assistance to county fairs with \$50,000 for each fair that conducted a junior fair. Fairs that chose not to host a junior fair received \$15,000.

DeWine said the state will continue to work with local and state health professionals for the 2021 fair season. The governor’s office and the bill’s sponsors are working together with a 25-member task force to provide a working plan and parameters to permit fairs to operate much closer to a normal year.

The first racing of 2021 is the Paulding County Fair, which is scheduled for June 12-19.



February 15, 2021 Stakes Payments

Little Brown Jug #76

3-year-old colt pace - \$750 Sustaining Payment

Jugette #51

3-year-old-filly pace - \$500 Sustaining Payment

Old Oaken Bucket #69

3-year-old colt trot - \$500 Sustaining Payment

Buckette #69

3-year-old filly trot - \$400 Sustaining Payment

To Be Raced in 2021 - Fools of 2018

Complete conditions for these Delaware County Fair stakes are available in the USTA Stakes Guide or on ustrotting.com.

TRACK NOTES



Ronnie Wrenn Jr.

Five was the wild number in December with five drivers picking up at least five wins on a race card.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. led the way, collecting seven wins Dec. 12. He added a pair of five-win nights on the Dec. 5 and Dec. 14, each coming at MGM Northfield Park.

Brett Miller was a winner six times Dec. 12, while Chris Lems, Josh Sutton and Chris Page also had five-win nights. Lems' wins came at Northfield Dec. 8, while Sutton (Dec. 10) and Page (Dec. 19) were winners at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway.

The count continues for Roger Huston, who has now called more than 181,000 races. To put that into perspective, that is the equivalent of calling 10 races every day for nearly 50 consecutive years. Huston said he used to just mark major milestones, but as he gets older, he is starting to take notice of every thousand races.

Despite a reduction in race dates, Hollywood Dayton saw its total all-source handle increase by almost \$4 million. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the track raced only 64 days in 2020, down from 78 in 2019. The daily average leaped from \$268,426 a year ago to \$372,174 this campaign. The track saw record handle Dec. 26.

An all-time all sources handle record of \$726,775 was recorded, breaking the old mark of \$664,945 from December 2019.

OUTSTANDING GROOMS

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association would like to congratulate our Outstanding Grooms Jessica Champlin and Monica Schenck.

Both caretakers work for trainer Brady Galliers. "They both are good grooms. They are reliable and know what they are doing," said Galliers.

Champlin, who is recently married, said she has been grooming since she was knee high. "My grandfather was a trainer and my mom is a groom for Jim Arledge."

She says the best part of being a groom is the one-on-one experience with the horses. "You want the best for them and when they win it makes you feel good," said Champlin.

Schenck has been taking care of horses for eight years since attending the Delaware Career Center for equine studies. She is involved in rescuing races horses and give them a great off the track life.



Jessica Champlin



Monica Schenck

RACING DATES FINALIZED

Eldorado Scioto Downs and Hollywood Dayton Raceway have finalized their racing dates for 2021. The dates for MGM Northfield Park and Miami Valley Gaming were approved earlier last year.

Scioto Downs will begin racing May 4 and will conclude on Sept. 18. The meet will be extended eight days and features a total of 98 dates.

Scioto Downs is scheduled to race Tuesday through Saturday with a 6:15 p.m. post time. The schedule includes a July 4 card with a 2 p.m. post time.

The stakes schedule will open at Scioto Downs on Fourth of July weekend.

The Next Generation for 2-Year-Old colt and filly trotters is schedule for July 2, with the 2-Year-Old colt and filly pacers racing on July 3. Other dates include:

- The Ohio State Fair Races Aug. 5-7
- #SendItIn Invitation Pace Aug. 28
- Aged Ohio Sire Stakes Finals Sept. 4
- Jim Ewart Memorial & Charlie Hill Memorial Sept. 11

Dayton Raceway will begin racing on Friday, Sept. 24 and race through Dec. 30, a total of 70 dates.

Dayton will race Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. During the week

of Thanksgiving, races will take place on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

For the final two weeks of the meet, racing will be conducted Monday through Thursday.

Post time during the week will be 1:30 p.m. with a 6:15 p.m. post on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The big night at Dayton will be Oct. 2 when the Dayton Derbies will be contested. The Ohio Sire Stakes consolation races will also be held that day. The fair finals are scheduled for Oct. 9.

Dayton Raceway will also host the Montgomery County Fair races on September 12th.

TERROR OF THETRACK RETIRES AFTER 500TH START

BY AYERS RATLIFF



In his 499th start, Terror Of Thetrack wins for the 40th time **Photo:** JJ Zamaiko

Fourteen-year-old Terror Of Thetrack has retired after making his 500th career start. The milestone start for the son of Western Terror came Dec. 21 at MGM Northfield Park.

Terror collected his 40th career win in his 499th career start five days earlier. He went to post as the longest shot on the board at 44-1. The classy veteran, who faced mandatory retirement Jan. 1, started from post three and let his competition carve out fractions of 27.1 and 56.1 seconds and 1:26. He then looped from the back and scored by a head in 1:57.1

The win sent one lucky bettor home happy.

The race was the fifth leg of the Pick 5 and the winning ticket paid \$29,677.

Keith Kash Jr. trains and drives the pacer for his wife Melinda. Keith and Melinda have raced Terror Of Thetrack for nearly a decade. Terror Of Thetrack has not only been an active member of the Kash's racing stock, but also has become a family pet.

"I have to admit, this win is pretty emotional for me," Keith Kash Jr. said. "We have had this horse a long time. I don't just race horses; I truly love the animals."

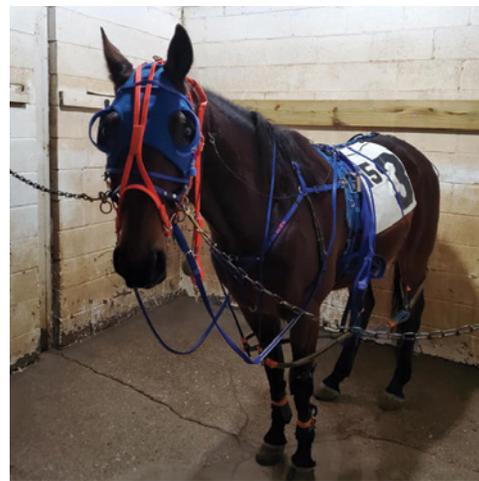
The victory increased Terror Of Thetrack's career bankroll to \$198,164.

Terror Of Thetrack made his 500th start on Dec. 21, but did not fare well, finishing fifth. His final record stands at 500 starts, 40 wins, 43 seconds and 77 third-place finishes with earnings of \$198,354.

The plan is for Terror Of Thetrack to join the Summit County (Ohio) Mounted Sheriff Department to begin his next career.

Terror Of Thetrack is the 17th standardbred to make 500 or more starts. The all-time leader for starts is Jersey Buddy, who went to the post 621 times.

Jersey Buddy won 54 races in his career, finished second 74 times and had 104 third-place finishes, earning just \$28,364. In 1987, Jersey Buddy made a whopping 69 starts.



Terror Of Thetrack gets ready for his 500th race. **Photo:** JJ Zamaiko

CHRISTMAS Joy

Christmas was a little brighter for some Dayton-area children thanks to horsemen and the staff at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway. The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, Dayton Firefighters Local 136 and Dayton Raceway teamed for their annual toy drive to benefit children in the Dayton area.

"This has been a difficult year with COVID-19, but our horsemen have stepped up again with donations of toys and more than \$1,100 in cash. The gifts helped many children in the Dayton area have a very merry Christmas," Brett Merkle, the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association track representative, said.

Boxes of toys were loaded into a Dayton Fire Department ambulance at the track and the fire fighters distributed them to children.

Krista Tabor, a paramedic and director of special events for Dayton Firefighters Local 136, said they have been doing the toy drive for more than 10 years.

"We appreciate the generosity of the horsemen at Dayton Raceway," Tabor said. "It gives us the opportunity to help families across the city of Dayton who are less fortunate and allows them to have a merry Christmas."



Brett Miller is joined in the winner's circle (Left to right) by Bill Mt. Pleasant, Lynda Brewer, Terri Mt. Pleasant, Tyler Chamberlin, Krista Tabor, Renee Mancino, Greg Henderson and Mike Woebkenberg. **Photo:** Brad Conrad Photo.

(L-R) Trevor Smith, Jason Brewer and Greg Henderson help Dayton firefighters Tyler Chamberlin and Krista Tabor fill an ambulance full of toys.



Been There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

As we move on from the trials and tribulations of 2020, we look forward to a better and more enjoyable 2021.

The past year, we have dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic and its many protocols. We have shown that horsemen are a strong lot as we have bounced back with flying colors.

With the new year, comes a new set of resolutions. We reached out to a number of people in our industry to ask them about their personal and horse-related resolutions.

On the equine side the following resolutions were made.

Ayers Ratliff: Harness racing has been very good to me, and in 2021, I want to continue to be good to harness racing by being a positive voice in our industry. I want to promote and foster a successful return for our fans when this awful pandemic is under control and people are able to safely be around each other again.

Brady Galliers: To get my numbers (UDRS-UTRS) up in the training and driving aspect of the business. I've started back in the gym and feel better than ever, and I'm going to continue that in 2021.

Anthony MacDonald: To visit as many Ohio fairs in 2021 with my family as I can.

Tyler Smith: To win more races than 506, which was the most I've won in a year. To stay healthy and support my family.

Don Tiger: To see Shane Falco (Charlie May's younger brother) create as many (if not more) honors than his older brother; to have the whole barn stay healthy and to win The Little Brown Jug.

Scott Hagemeyer: Travel across Ohio with my family to as many county fairs as possible to enjoy harness racing at its grass roots.

Aaron Merriman: Managing my time better. Being more punctual. Continue to slow down gradually.

Brian Brown: Try to have a better 2021 and be a better boss to my help.

Mike Wuebkenberg: I hope the industry learns from the updates caused by the pandemic and will become the building blocks that help our industry improve even more in 2021.

As for resolutions unrelated to horse racing:

Brad Conrad: I resolve to have a better work/life balance. Of course, there wasn't much fun to be had this past year with COVID-19, but I need a better balance in 2021.

Pacey Mindlin: I will try to not be such a pest and stay out of trouble on Facebook.

Barry Vicroy: I am going to enjoy every day.

Brett Merkle: Quit smoking.

Jay Wolf: Probably stop procrastinating with items. I like to work on deadlines, but why put yourself through that. Work ahead. Also, to follow Roger Huston around this summer.

Chris Page: Stay healthy.

Steve Bateson: To cherish yesterday's memories. Value today's blessings and tomorrow's opportunities.

Last, but certainly not the least, the one and only **Amy Hollar:** I'm going to resolve to make the same mistakes I've made in years past, because I have no desire to learn from them now... Oh, and to always keep my roots covered... a mother should never show her grays, it means her children have won.

By the way, my new year's resolution is to always Be There!



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Ohio Fair Racing Coverage

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association will again live stream races from county fairs across the state. In 2021, the OHHA plans to cover over 125 races cards. Last year's coverage was seen across Ohio as well as 30 other states and nine countries. For more information about 2021 Ohio Fair Racing coverage email: ffraas@ohha.com

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OHIO STATE RACING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2020-18

WHEREAS, The Ohio State Racing Commission (“Commission”) has the authority under Ohio Revised Code 3769.03 to prescribe rules and conditions under which horse racing may be conducted;

WHEREAS, Ohio Administrative Code sections 3769-8-01 (A)(2) and 3769-18-01 (A)(2) state the Commission may, by order, establish a system of classification of prohibited foreign substances, to include methods of detection and/or regulatory thresholds recommended penalties and disciplinary measures for the presence of said substances in test samples;

WHEREAS, Ohio Administrative Code sections 3769-8-01 (A)(2) and 3769-18-01 (A)(2) further state in determining the substances to be classified the Commission shall give due consideration to the uniform classification guidelines of foreign substances and recommended penalties and model rules revised by the association of racing commissioners international;

WHEREAS, The Commission has established a medication committee which has reviewed industry therapeutic medication thresholds and the Commission’s current list of Regulatory Thresholds for Prohibited Substances;

WHEREAS, The medication committee received industry input regarding the adoption of thresholds for these Endogenous, Dietary or Environmental Substances and Androgenic-Anabolic Steroids and the detrimental effect of exogenous misuse of these substances on the equine athlete and all of racing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Commission that the following substances are approved as the

Endogenous, Dietary or Environmental Substances

Substance	Threshold	Matrix
Benzoylcegonine	150 ng/ml	urine
Caffeine	100 ng/ml	plasma or serum
Carbon Dioxide (TCO ₂)	37 mmol/liter	plasma or serum
Cobalt	25 ppb	plasma or serum
Gamma Aminobutyric Acid (GABA)	110 ng/ml	plasma or serum
Hydrocortisone	1.0 microgram/ml	urine
Methoxytyramine (3-MT)	4 micrograms/ml Free + conjugated	urine
Morphine	30 ng/ml Total morphine	urine
Salicylic Acid	6.5 micrograms/ml	plasma or serum
Theobromine	0.3 micrograms/ml	plasma or serum

Androgenic - Anabolic Steroids

Substance	Threshold	Matrix
Boldenone	25 pg/ml free boldenone In all horses regardless of sex	plasma or serum
Nandrolone	25 pg/ml free nandrolone In fillies, mares and geldings	plasma or serum
Estranediol	45 ng/ml free and conjugated 5a-estrane-3B, 17a-diol In male horses other than geldings	urine
Testosterone	100 pg/ml free testosterone In geldings, fillies and mares unless in foal	plasma or serum

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the Commission that the effective implementation date of the above Orders is March 1, 2021.

Approved December 16, 2020

Regularly Scheduled Meeting Recap

Wednesday, December 16, 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 November 19, 2020 minutes were offered for ratification. There were no documents related to the Executive Director's approvals disclosed or provided to those in attendance. The discussion regarding specific submissions concerned post time changes due to COVID-19. The Racing Commission unanimously ratified the Executive Director's Approval items and the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Consideration to approve the Thoroughbred Race Fund for 2021 was discussed by Executive Director William Crawford. The Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund's Advisory Committee met four times and recommended no changes to the existing "Best of Ohio" program or Budget. 2021 will duplicate the 2020 "Best of Ohio Series", comprised of twenty-eight \$75,000 legs and fifteen \$100,000 stakes races, five to be hosted at each of the three thoroughbred racetracks. The Fund will contribute \$15,000 to each racetrack hosting the \$75,000 races to promote the Series events. The Fund will also provide \$100,000 to the Ohio State University for research and \$21,000 to the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners for advertising and promotion. The TRF has projected a deficit amount, which has been guaranteed by the Ohio Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (OHBPA).

Consideration to approve the Standardbred Development Fund. For 2021 the base-purse structure per-leg is estimated at, \$40,000 (three or more divisions), \$50,000 (two divisions), or \$60,000 (one division). (1) \$300,000 estimated 2 and 3 year-old "Super Night Finals" per Division will be at host location, MGM Northfield Park, Sunday, September 5, 2021. (2) The 2 and 3 year-old "Consolation Finals" at \$75,000 estimated with host location, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway, Saturday October 2, 2021. (3) Veteran's Championship 4-year old and up Pace and Trot purses \$85,000 estimated, with all Veteran's Finals held Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Eldorado Scioto Downs, (4) Condition changes include a half-mile track split rule amendment on 11 when there is a 10-horse field with two trailers, to include payment of 3% to the sixth place finishing horse. The track split rule amendment does not apply on a 5/8ths mile track, the split will continue to occur on 11. (5) Proposed promotional and advertising budget of \$53,000. The Racing

Commission unanimously ratified proposed items 1-5.

Consideration and approval of Resolution 2020-18; Endogenous, Dietary or Environmental Substances. Commissioner Hansen provided a meeting recap and summary. There were meetings on October 15, 24, and November 12, 2020. Discussion topics included, endogenous and exogenous substances, and anabolic-androgenic steroids. Resolution 2020-18 provides the endogenous and exogenous substances, and anabolic-androgenic steroids. Executive Director William Crawford noted the effective date on the Resolution as March 1, 2021. The Racing Commission unanimously approved Resolution 2020-18.

A recap on the horse racing fatalities to December 16, 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 four thoroughbred fatalities. Year-to-date total catastrophic losses are thirty-five 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. Revenue is down year-over-year 18%, and expenses are down 9%. Fiscal year 2020 stands at a \$123,000 loss to date, which is about \$80,000 ahead on the fiscal year, which should beat the projected loss of \$240,000. The Ohio State Racing Commission operating fund continues to have over \$2 million on account. The Racing Commission will be taking an in-depth look at planning and structure on finances, meetings and other details will be provided online.

Commissioner Hansen provided a Medication and Testing Committee meeting recap. After passage on Resolution 2020-18 endogenous and exogenous substances, and anabolic-androgenic steroids, the Committee will not meet again until the second quarter of 2021. At that time the expectation is to discuss Out of Competition Testing.

Commissioner Simpson discussed the Safety Committee agenda and anticipated the next meeting to come in January 2021.

In Chairman's Comments, Chairman Borgemenke expressed relief that the COVID-19 vaccination process has commenced. However, he cautioned it would take a long time to get the vaccine out to the general population. In the interim the Ohio State Racing Commission Protocols need to continue to be adhered to and enforced. Chairman Borgemenke expressed optimism that if the protocols continued to be followed, and the vaccine process continued successfully, that the summer racing season would be a good one. Commissioner Winters commented on the relief that Ohio's Horseman's population has been fortunate in comparison to other state horseman's populations. Commissioner Winters commended all for adhering to protocols and urged all to continue to be vigilant with a 5,000 average per day in hospitals.

In Public Comment, Pat Cummings Executive Director of the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation was provided an opportunity to comment regarding the Jackpot Pick 6 (JPK6) wager at Hollywood Mahoning Valley. Mr. Cummings provided background on the JPK6 wager as having a 20% takeout with 30% net being carried over and 70% paid to incremental winners. That equates to a daily effective takeout rate of 34% or net effective takeout rate of 44%. After the COVID-19 racing resumption the formula was modified with 70% paid to the carryover pool and 30% paid to incremental winners. The daily effective takeout went to 76%, which Mr. Cummings opined, was the highest of any multi-race jackpot wager in thoroughbred racing. Mr. Cummings opposed the modification as a converting a skill-based wager into a "lottery type" of wager. On that basis Mr. Cummings sought information as-to the basis for approval on the modification by Mahoning Valley. In response to Mr. Cummings comments, the representation was made that an inquiry and discussion regarding this matter by the Racing Commission would follow in a later scheduled meeting.

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 January 20, 2021. The Agenda and Meeting Information can be found at the Ohio State Racing Commission's website at, <http://www.racingohio.net>.



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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.

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