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MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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PART I

MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING

COMMISSION

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Maine State Harness Racing Commission was created by the Maine Legislature to regulate Maine's harness racing industry and ensure the integrity of the sport. The Commission is empowered by the State of Maine to establish and enforce rules of conduct for harness horse races, race tracks and on-track and off-track wagering. The Commission is required by law to protect the health, safety and welfare of all racing participants, Standardbred horses, spectators, and the wagering public.

The Commission derives its statutory authority from Maine's harness racing laws, contained in Title 8, Chapter 11 of the Maine Revised Statutes. The Commission's principal responsibilities include oversight of harness racing, simulcast racing, off-track betting and support of the Maine Standardbred horse program.

To accomplish these responsibilities, the Commission has licensing, enforcement, and rulemaking authority over race tracks on which and for the conduct of all persons participating in harness horse racing [8MRSA § 268 and 279-A].

The Commission may license any person, association or corporation desiring to hold a harness horse race for public exhibition, including awarding of race dates (with or without pari-mutuel pools); interstate simulcast racing at a licensee's track; pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility; and owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials [8MRSA §§ 268, 269, 270, 271, 274-A & 279-A].

The Commission has the authority to regulate, supervise and monitor pari-mutuel pools and the distribution thereof ; to investigate the ownership and control of any licensee; to investigate any suspected violations of statutes or rules; and to supervise and regulate all medication administered to horses entered to race [8MRSA § 279-B].

The Commission is authorized to establish a schedule of fines and suspensions and to levy fines and suspensions for violations of the harness racing laws or rules [8MRSA § 279-B].

The Commission also has the responsibility to encourage and promote the breeding of a strain of Maine Standardbred horses and make provisions to encourage donations of the same by licensees or others to persons or institutions within the State for breeding purposes. The Commission has the authority to establish fees and maintain a fund—the Sire Stakes Fund—for establishment of a Maine Standardbred horses program [8MRSA § 281].

2015 COMMISSION MEMBERS

Barbara Dresser, Chair

Gary Reed, Commissioner

Will McFarland, Commissioner

Dirk Duncan, Commissioner

THE COMMISSION STAFF

The Maine State Harness Racing Commission primarily operates out of the main office located in Augusta, Maine as well in the field by well-qualified, employees and contractors. The field staff are key personnel for the success of harness racing in Maine. They conduct the Commission's daily business, perform various testing of horses and participants at tracks, oversee races, administer harness racing rules and many other daily duties. The Commission extends its thanks to the hard working staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Henry Jennings, Acting Executive Director

Carol Gauthier, Secretary

Miles Greenleaf, Program Supervisor

Betty Farr, Resource Administration

FIELD STAFF

Dennis May, State Steward

Jennifer Flint, Harness Racing Technician

Ralph L. Canney, State Steward

Jaime Wood, Harness Racing Technician

Zachary Matzkin, DVM

CONTRACTED PERSONNEL

Dr. Dennis Ruksznis, DVM
Dr. Timothy Powers, DVM
Dr. Martha Smith, DVM
Dr. Michelle Maloney, DVM

TESTING SERVICES

Health and Environment Testing Laboratory; Augusta, ME
LGC Science Inc. Laboratory; Lexington, KY
The University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission is required by statute to meet at least monthly. Three of the five members of the Commission constitute a quorum to do business. A record is kept of all proceedings of the Commission.

A majority of the Commission meetings involve hearings on violations of the medication or banned substances rules and hearings of appeals from judges' decisions regarding racing violations. The Chair of the Commission, acting as a sole hearing authority, conducts hearings on minor violations of the rules. The remainder of the Commission's meetings are used for rule-making activities and licensing decisions.

Although only 12 monthly meetings are required by statute, the Commission usually finds it necessary to hold additional meetings in order to meet the expanding work load as increasingly complex adjudicatory hearings, licensing hearings (both for live racing and for off-track betting facilities) and rulemaking have created a demanding work schedule for the Commission. The Commission met a total of 16 times during calendar year 2015.

The majority of the Commission meetings are held in Augusta at the Gambling Control Board's meeting room or at another location by announcement. Occasionally, the Commission will meet in Scarborough or in Bangor to facilitate attendance of people from those areas who might otherwise not be able to attend Commission meetings.

A published agenda of all Commission meetings is available on the Harness Racing Commission website <http://maine.gov/dacf/harnessracing/meetings.shtml> or individuals can request to be placed on an email notification list by contacting the Commission office in Augusta.

COMMISSION OFFICES

The Commission is required by statute to maintain an office in Augusta. During the time in which racing is conducted in the state, the Commission is authorized to maintain branch offices throughout the state.

The Commission office in Augusta is located on the 3rd floor of the Marquardt Building. The physical address is 32 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine 04333-0028.

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During 2015, the Commission maintained branch offices at the two commercial tracks, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs, as well as the agricultural fairs:

Cumberland (Cumberland Fair)

Farmington (Farmington Fair)

Fryeburg (Fryeburg Fair)

Oxford (Oxford Fair)

Presque Isle (Northern Maine Fair)

Skowhegan (Skowhegan Fair)

Topsham (Topsham Fair)

Union (Union Fair)

Windsor (Windsor Fair)

COMMISSION OPERATING BUDGET

State Fiscal Year 2015 – July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

EXPENDITURES		
3100	Permanent Salary & Wages	\$ 26,068.96
3200	Limited Period Salary & Wages	\$ 190,444.83
3300	Seasonal Salary & Wages	\$ 112,190.12
3600	Overtime Differential	\$ 11,029.29
3800	Unemployment Comp Costs	\$ 5,919.63
3900	Benefits Costs	\$ 187,818.26
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES		\$ 533,471.09
4000	Services Not By State	\$ 315,536.31
4100	Services By State	\$ 6,360.00
4200	Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State	\$ 3,962.39
4300	Mileage, Meal & Lodging, Out of State	\$ 755.00
4600	Rents	\$ 12,296.83
4800	Insurances, Risk Management	\$ 648.58
4900	General Operating Expenses	\$ 21,068.43
5100	Food Stuff	\$ 83.01
5600	Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc	\$ 15,769.36
8511	Sta Cap Charges	\$ 46,771.47
TOTAL ALL OTHER		\$ 423,251.38
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 956,722.47
REVENUE		
	Ending cash balance 6/30/14 Commission acct 014-0320-07	\$ 97,855.76
1221	Licenses Harness Horse Racing	\$ 2,620.00
1255	Pull Event Permit Fees	\$ 4,085.00
1301	Comm Pari Mutuels Harness (CPMH)	\$ 491,751.37
1448	Special Licenses & Leases	\$ 51,365.00
2631	Registration Fees for CMP	\$ 144,625.00
2686	Misc Income	\$ -
2689	Cash Over Cash Short - appeals	\$ -
2719	Contributions from other special revenue from 2008 PL C539 2014 Racino	\$ 192,500.00
2719	Contributions from other special revenue from 2008 PL C539 2015 Racino	\$ 110,000.00
2968	Reg Transfer Unallocated (cash from AFC reconciling Pull Event cash bal	\$ -
2978	Di Cap-the account is exempt/any amt entered is pending correction	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 996,946.37
ending cash balance 6/30/15		\$ 138,079.66

PART II

COMMISSION OPERATIONS

AND ACTIVITIES

RULEMAKING

The Commission is authorized by statute to promulgate the rules necessary to carry out and enforce Maine's harness racing laws. In addition, it has the authority to establish rules of practice governing the conduct of adjudicatory proceedings, licensing proceedings and the rendering of advisory rulings. Agency rule making is governed by the Maine Administrative Procedures Act found in Title 5, Chapter 375 of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission rulebook.

Maine law requires that the Commission provide a rulebook containing harness racing laws and rules and relevant portions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to every initial licensee and a fee not to exceed \$10.00 must be included in the license fee to cover the cost of this publication.

The Commission shall provide necessary revisions of this rulebook to those persons renewing licenses at the time of renewal and shall include the cost of revisions, not to exceed \$10.00 in the renewal fee.

The Commission continually updates rules to meet the needs of the industry. In 2015, the Commission adopted amendments to Chapters 9 and 17 of its rules.

The Commission acknowledges the support and contributions of the many members of the harness racing community as well as the public and offers thanks for their assistance.

GRANTING LICENSES AND AWARDING RACE DATES

The Commission is authorized to issue annual licenses to any person, association or corporation desiring to hold a harness horse race or meet for public exhibition, including the issuance of race dates; pari-mutuel pools; interstate simulcast racing at a licensee's race track during any regular meeting; pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility; and owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials.

During the 2015 racing year, race days were awarded from March – December:

	Days Granted	Days Raced	Days Not Raced
Scarborough Downs	108	102	6
Bangor Raceway	55	52	3
Northern Maine Fair	6	6	0
Topsham Fair	5	5	0
Skowhegan Fair	7	7	0
Union Fair	5	5	0
Windsor Fair	9	9	0
Oxford Fair	4	4	0
Farmington Fair	7	7	0
Cumberland Fair*	8	7*	1
Fryeburg Fair	6	6	0
TOTALS	220	210	10

*double card

Off-Track and Inter-Track Betting Facilities

Days Requested

Hollywood Slots, Hotel & Raceway, DBA Bangor Raceway, Bangor, ME	363
OTB Facilitators, LLC, DBA Sanford OTB Sanford, Maine	363
Midcoast OTB, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB & Sagtuck, Inc., DBA Winner's Sports Grill, Brunswick, ME	363
LRI, Inc., DBA Lewiston Raceway, DBA Winner's Circle OTB, Lewiston, ME	363
Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Waterville, ME	363
Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, ME	363

Licenses of Racing Personnel

2015 Licenses Issued

Type of License	No. Issued	Amount Paid
Owner	340 @ \$35	\$11,900.00
Trainer	37 @ \$35	\$1,295.00
Driver	26 @ \$35	\$910.00
Driver/Trainer	26 @ \$60	\$1,560.00
Owner/Driver/Trainer	114 @ \$90	\$10,260.00
Owner/Driver	15 @ \$60	\$900.00
Owner/Trainer	71 @ \$60	\$4,260.00
Owner/Limited Trainer	38 @ \$60	\$2,280.00
Owner/Driver/Limited Trainer	3 @ \$90	\$270.00
Groom	521 @ \$20	\$10,420.00
Officials	90 @ Various Prices	\$4,500.00
Pari-Mutual Clerks	113 @ \$20	\$2,260.00
Stables	28 @ \$30	\$840.00
Venders	9 @ \$50	\$450.00
Total Amount Received for License Fees		\$52,105.00

MEDICATION/TESTING PROGRAMS

BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM

Test samples were analyzed by the LGC Science Inc. Laboratory located in Lexington, Kentucky during the 2015 racing season. The testing operations are performed under the direction of Dr. Richard Sams, chief chemist of the laboratory. Upon arrival at the lab, samples were analyzed to detect prohibited substances and/or drugs that exceeded the permitted levels as stated in the Maine State Harness Racing rule book.

The LGC Science Inc. Laboratory is a parent company of HFL Sports Science, LTD, located in Fordham, United Kingdom. LGC Science Inc., LTD has over 40 years of continuous experience in the science of drug testing. Therefore, it stands to reason that they use the largely recognized drug detection techniques of thin-layer chromatography and the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays in the laboratory's analysis procedures.

If screening tests indicated the presence of a drug or prohibited substance in a sample, additional specialized testing was performed on that sample to confirm or refute the initial findings. All findings were unequivocally confirmed by the use of such techniques as gas chromatography, mass spectrometry, as well as high pressure liquid chromatography.

During the 2015 racing year, 4,454 equine blood samples were taken. Of that total, 86 were found to be in violation of the Commission's rules.

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING PROGRAM

In 2008, the Commission requested the staff test for "blood doping" agents, such as erythropoietin (EPO). This procedure requires taking blood from the horses at the tracks and training centers on days when the horse is not scheduled to race, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to the LGC Science Lab in Kentucky for analysis. In 2015, there were 11 horses tested out of competition, none of which were found to be in violation.

BLOOD GAS TESTING PROGRAM

The Blood Gas Testing Program was established in 1993 at the request of the Commission. The program requires taking blood from horses shortly before they are scheduled to race, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to LGC Science Lab to be analyzed. In 2015, 79 horses were tested pre-race for blood gas use. Out of the 79 horses, there was one horse in violation of the Blood Gas Testing Program.

FUROSEMIDE PROGRAM

The Furosemide Program, formally known as the Controlled Medication Program, was established in 1992 by statute and allowed for the presence—below established thresholds— of phenylbutazone and Lasix in horses. The Commissions Board voted to eliminate phenylbutazone from the Controlled Medication Program during the Commission meeting that was held in June 2014. The program provides for on-site administration of Lasix by the Commission’s veterinarian on race day. There were 566 horses participating in this program in 2015. Throughout the year 35 horses went off of the program.

HUMAN DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

The Human Drug Testing Program was created in order to test anyone with a Maine State Harness Racing license while in the paddock area on race day. This program was designed to ensure the safety of the licensees and horses, on and off the track. The drug test used was an oral swab kit which was administered by the State Steward, and then sent to Quest Diagnostics for analysis.

In the 2015 racing season, 99 oral swab drug tests were administered. Of the 99 samples collected there was one licensee in violation of the Commission’s rules.

SUMMARY OF FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

During the 2015 racing year, there were 166 violations of racing laws and rules.

Failure to Honor Declaration.....	11
Failure to keep a line in each hand.....	37
Failure to Set and Maintain Pace.....	14
Foot out of Stirrup.....	22
Foot out of Stirrup with Intent.....	6
Inside Pylons.....	19
Late Driver Change.....	13
Late to the Lasix Barn.....	2
Whipping.....	3
Interference - Impeding the Progress.....	14
Smoking in the Paddock.....	3
Miscellaneous.....	22
TOTAL.....	166

COMMISSION ACTION ON 2015 RULE VIOLATIONS

Appeals	5	Upheld	3	Overtured	1
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PART III

**WAGERING PROFILE AND
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

2015 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION BY TRACKS

LIVE RACING

TRACK	TOTAL	EXOTIC	STRAIGHT
Scarborough Downs	1,106,813	737,955	368,858
Bangor Raceway	276,746	183,362	93,384
Northern Maine Fair	59,901	34,130	25,771
Topsham Fair	51,526	32,530	18,996
Skowhegan Fair	163,235	113,956	49,279
Union Fair	67,073	47,345	19,728
Windsor Fair	381,830	273,431	108,399
Oxford Fair	61,740	41,250	20,490
Farmington Fair	136,040	96,305	39,735
Cumberland Ext.	17,196	12,806	4,390
Cumberland Fair	116,316	78,439	37,877
Fryeburg Fair	521,198	349,202	171,996
TOTALS	2,959,614	2,000,711	958,903

INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST

Winners Circle	117,455	84,594	32,861
Pioneer Gaming LLC	135,026	106,924	28,102
Winners--OTB	41,839	30,264	11,575
OTB Facilitators	24,287	12,691	11,596
Scarborough Downs	112,173	87,455	24,718
Bangor Raceway	75,989	62,436	13,553
TOTALS	506,769	384,364	122,405
GRAND TOTAL	3,466,383	2,385,075	1,081,308

INTER-STATE SIMULCAST 2015

FACILITY	TOTAL HANDLE	EXOTIC HANDLE	STRAIGHT HANDLE	TOTAL COMMS.	EXOTIC COMMS.	STRAIGHT COMMS.
Winners Circle	3,598,231	2,654,310	943,921	754,730	598,195	156,534 LRI
Pioneer Gaming LI	2,820,017	2,421,601	398,416	627,565	558,963	68,602
Winners--OTB	3,439,726	2,427,978	1,011,748	724,596	553,833	170,764
OTB Facilitators	2,314,858	1,667,773	647,085	489,847	380,107	109,740
TOTALS	12,172,831	9,171,661	3,001,170	2,596,737	2,091,098	505,639
Scarborough Dowl	10,166,587	7,254,561	2,912,026	2,147,793	1,650,667	497,126
Bangor Raceway	2,306,666	1,775,192	531,474	491,065	400,016	91,049
GRAND TOTALS	24,646,084	18,201,414	6,444,670	5,235,595	4,141,781	1,093,814

2015 DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERS TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS

COMMISSION'S OPERATING FUND	456,620.67
AGRICULTURAL FAIR STIPEND	294,026.50
FAIR STIPEND FUND	24,032.67
SIRE STAKES FUND	284,642.49
PROMOTIONAL BOARD FUND	62,660.51
PURSE SUPPLEMENT	515,822.74
OFF TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST	<u>350,986.08</u>
TOTALS	1,988,791.67

The above funds are collected in the Harness Racing Commission office and are deposited in the appropriate accounts in compliance with 8 MRSA, Section 286.

The Commission's Operating Fund monies are used to support the activities of the Commission. The amounts credited to the Commission's Operating Fund from wagers that exceed \$35 million are credited to the Commercial Meet Stipend Fund. Seventy-two (72) percent of these funds are distributed to the licensed commercial tracks in proportion to the live wagers placed at their facility to the total wagers placed at all commercial licensees. One-half of the amounts are used to supplement purses and the other one-half is used to reimburse facilities for capital expenditures approved by the Commission. Ten percent is retained in the General Fund; nine percent is transferred to the Sire Stakes Fund; and, nine percent is transferred to the Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund. Beginning with Fiscal year 2009 all monies that were earmarked for the General Fund will be deposited in the Commission's Operating Fund for operation expenses.

Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund monies are distributed to those fairs licensed by the Department in accordance with 7 MRSA, Section 83.

Extended Meet Stipend Fund monies come from the Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund. Eighty (80) percent of any funds that exceed the \$400,000.00 cap are distributed to those pari mutuel licensees that conducts a race meet not during an agricultural fair. The distribution is based on the proportion of a track's live wagers to the total live wagers made at all extended meets.

The Fair Stipend Fund revenue comes from 5% of the contributions to the Commission's Fund. These contributions are used to supplement the premiums paid by agricultural fairs during their annual exhibition.

Sire Stakes Fund monies are used to support purses for the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes races, to promote the Sire Stakes Program and to cover any expenses incurred in administering this program.

Promotional Board Fund monies are used to support the activities of the Maine Harness Racing Promotional Board. This organization is an independent instrumentality of the State.

Purse Supplement Fund monies are used to supplement purses at all licensed live racing facilities. The funds are distributed based on the number of days raced by a licensee in proportion to the total number of days raced by all licensees.

Off Track Betting Simulcast Fund monies are distributed to those licensees that provide a signal of their races to Maine's licensed off track betting facilities. The funds are distributed based on a licensee's exotic wagers at the off track betting facilities in proportion to the total of all licensees' exotic wagers at the off track betting facilities.

2015 OVERNIGHT PURSES PAID BY TRACK

TRACK	DAYS RACED	OVERNIGHT DASHES RACED	PURSES	AVERAGE PER DASH
Scarborough Downs	102	865	\$ 2,910,100.00	\$ 3,364.27
Bangor Raceway	52	457	\$ 1,492,600.00	\$ 3,266.06
Northern Maine Fair	6	40	\$ 123,600.00	\$ 3,090.00
Topsham Fair	5	44	\$ 135,300.00	\$ 3,075.00
Skowhegan State Fair	7	62	\$ 181,400.00	\$ 2,925.80
Union Fair	5	39	\$ 128,700.00	\$ 3,300.00
Windsor Fair	9	89	\$ 261,400.00	\$ 2,937.08
Oxford Fair	4	40	\$ 122,350.00	\$ 3,058.75
Farmington Fair	7	56	\$ 185,300.00	\$ 3,308.92
Cumberland Fair	6	58	\$ 184,350.00	\$ 3,178.45
Cumberland Extended	1	10	\$ 25,400.00	\$ 2,540.00
Fryeburg Fair	6	60	\$ 184,900.00	\$ 3,081.66
TOTALS	210	1820	\$ 5,935,400.00	\$ 3,261.21

2015 OFF-TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST FUND
January 1 through December 31, 2015

TRACK	AMOUNT WAGERED	PERCENT WAGERED	AMOUNT DUE
Scarborough	134,895.00	57.531%	201,926.31
Bangor	41,016.00	17.493%	61,397.45
Topsham	4,517.00	1.926%	6,761.56
Skowhegan	12,243.00	5.221%	18,326.73
Windsor	18,458.00	7.872%	27,630.05
Oxford	6,567.00	2.801%	9,830.24
Farmington	7,654.00	3.264%	11,457.39
Cumberland	9,123.00	3.891%	13,656.35
TOTALS	234,473.00	100.000%	350,986.08
Available	350,986.08		

Distribution is based on Exotic
Wagers.

2015 PURSE SUPPLEMENT FUND

January 1 through December 31, 2015

TRACK	DAYS	AMOUNT DUE
SCARBOROUGH	102	250,542.459
BANGOR	52	127,727.528
NO. ME. FAIR	6	14,737.792
TOPSHAM FAIR	5	12,281.493
SKOWHEGAN FAIR	7	17,194.090
UNION FAIR	5	12,281.493
WINDSOR FAIR	9	22,106.688
OXFORD COUNTY	4	9,825.194
FARMINGTON FAIR	7	17,194.090
CUMBERLAND FAIR	6	14,737.792
CUMBERLAND EXT.	1	2,456.299
FRYEURG FAIR	6	14,737.792
TOTALS	210	515,822.71
AMOUNT AVAILABLE		515,822.71
Per Day Average		2,456.299

2015 EXTENDED MEET STIPEND FUND

Total Handle **28,112,467**

Agricultural Fair Stipend			294,026.47
Live Racing & Intra-State Straight Handle	2,385,075.00	0.00049	1,168.69
Live Racing & Intra-State Exotic Handle	1,081,308.00	0.00072	778.54
Interstate Exotic Commission	4,141,781.12	0.00402	16,649.96
Interstate Straight Commission	1,093,814.29	0.00189	2,067.31
 Total Deducted by Statue			 20,664.50
 Total Available Before CAP			 294,026.47
 CAP			 400,000.00
 Total in Excess of Cap			 0.00
 Less 20% to Agricultural Fair Stipend			 0.00
 Net Available to Extended Meet Fund			 0.00

Track	Live Wagers	Percent	Amount Due
Scarborough Downs	1,106,813	0.790	0.00
Bangor Raceway	276,746	0.198	0.00
Cumberland Fair Ext.	17,196	0.012	0.00
TOTAL WAGERED	1,400,755	1.000	0.00

2015 COMMERCIAL MEET STIPEND FUND

HANDLE:	28,112,467.00
CAP:	35,000,000.00
EXCESS OF CAP	0.00

Credited to the Commission's Operating Fund	456,619.65
Average Percentage	0.00
Less CAP Share:	456,619.65
AVAILABLE:	0.00
General Fund 10%	0.00
Agricultural Fairs 9%	0.00
Sire Stakes 9%	0.00
Commercial Meet 72%	0.00
Total	0.00

Track	Live Wagers	%	Share
Scarborough Downs	1,106,813	0.800	0.00
Bangor Raceway	276,746	0.200	0.00
TOTALS	1,383,559	1.00	0.00

PART IV

2015 OFF-TRACK

BETTING REPORT

In 1991 the Maine Legislature enacted legislation that allowed Commercial Tracks licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission to apply for and be licensed to operate Off Track Betting Facilities. In 1993 the Maine Legislature amended the statutes to allow Class A Restaurants/Restaurant Lounge to apply for and be licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission to operate Off Track Betting Facilities. Currently there are four licensed facilities that operate in Maine.

In 2015 there were four (4) OTBs licensed to operate in Maine: Pioneer Gaming, LLC, Waterville; LRI, Winners Circle, Lewiston; Winner’s OTB, Brunswick; and, OTB Facilitators LLC, Sanford. Davric Maine Corporation, dba Scarborough Downs, and Bangor Historic Track Inc., dba Bangor Raceway applied for and received authorization to operate as inter-track wagering facilities providing full card simulcasting at the racetrack.

The total interstate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs in 2015 was \$12,172,831. The total intrastate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs was 318,607. The individual wagering information can be found in Part IV, ANNUAL REPORT of the Maine Harness Racing Commission. The revenues to the various Funds from these wagers are as follows:

	<u>INTRA</u>	<u>INTER</u>
Commission Operating Fund	\$6,400.27	\$ 215,860.81
Agricultural Fair Stipend	3,738.82	122,402.22
Sire Stakes Program	3,697.25	122,195.49
Promotional Board	796.52	26,097.23
Fair Stipend Fund	336.86	11,361.10
Purse Supplement	0.00	374,363.00
Off Track Betting Simulcast	0.00	350,986.08
Horsemen’s Purse Account	22,714.21	0.00
Host Track’s Share	25,220.67	0.00

PART V

HARNESS RACING

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

REPORT

ORIGIN OF THE BOARD

The Harness Racing Promotional Board, established in 1993 under Public Law Chapter 528 and changed in 1997 by Public Law Chapter 528 to promote harness racing activities and increase participation in racing and wagering in the State of Maine, is comprised of nine members and two alternates, appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. These members represent various components of the industry, and terms are staggered for historic retention. Two members represent the Standardbred Breeders, one member serves as a representative from Scarborough Downs, and one represents Bangor Raceway. The harness horsemen, the agricultural fairs, and the off-track betting parlors each have a representative, and two members represent the interested public. Two alternates are also appointed on an annual basis, and they attend and participate in discussions and business decisions of the Board.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD IN 2015

January, as usual, was a busy month for the Board as they continued to participate in the Maine Agricultural Show at the Augusta Civic Center. This trade show is attended by thousands of people each year with an interest in Maine agriculture. Members of the Promotional Board are busy answering questions, providing information as well as educating the general public about the financial impact that the harness racing industry has in the State of Maine. Harness racing also provides monies to the general fund, provides financial assistance to the operation of the agricultural fairs, and provides employment for as many as 2,000 Maine people.

The Board again attended the annual meeting and conference activities of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs held in Portland at the end of January, manning a booth and also attending various meetings and seminars that are presented.

Legislative Day at the State House was attended by many of the Board members where they again manned a booth and were available to discuss happenings in the Legislature that directly affect harness racing and the impact this industry has on the economy of Maine. The value of the farms and the open space they create is stressed as well as the impact of the trickle-down economy from this industry where several thousand more jobs are involved.

The Board again provided 15,000 calendars for distribution to the public. These calendars are given out by Board members, provided to tourist information centers, stores, town offices and other distribution areas as well as mailed to many individuals that request them each year. These provide the racing dates, agricultural fair dates and other information to the public. We also print and distribute 40,000 pocket cards with fair and racing dates. The Maine Agricultural Department uses these advertising materials in their traveling trailers when at the fairs and other public activities during the year.

The Board continued promotion of harness racing by joining with the Sea Dogs at Hadlock Field in Portland for an evening of live horses and racing drivers visiting with fans and signing autographs, with members of the industry, our mascot Whinny, and all of us on hand to enjoy the evening. It was such a success that this type of entertainment will also be held in 2016.

The Board advertised in "Maine Invites You". With funds slowly declining that are available for advertising the Board carefully considers each expenditure and will continue to select our advertising with care.

"Whinny", our lovable mascot, continues to visit with the youngsters and delivers "Fun to the Finish" bracelets, coloring books, and other items at the fairs and other Harness racing events.

The Board continues to meet on a monthly basis. Most meetings are held in Augusta, with special days set up for an occasional meeting at one of the racing fairs. The public is always welcome at our meetings. We welcome information on happenings in this important agricultural industry and wish for a future for racing in Maine. It's part of our heritage.

PART VI

RACINO FUND REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2015
Distribution of Funds Generated at Hollywood Slots

		Totals
Total Played		431,081,412.23
Gambling Control Board	1%	4,310,814.12
Balance		426,770,598.11
Return To Public		386,807,348.85
Gross Revenue		44,274,063.38
Net Revenue		15,585,667.21
Fund To Supplement Purses	10%	3,996,324.93
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	3%	1,198,897.48
Sire Stakes Fund	3%	1,198,897.48
General Fund	4%	1,598,529.97
Fund To Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	4%	1,598,529.97
Fund to Stabilize OTB Facilities	1%	399,632.49
Fund for a Healthy Maine	10%	3,996,324.93
UMS Scholarship Fund	1.92%	767,294.41
ME Com. Col. System Scholarship FundMaine	1%	399,632.49
Maine Maritime Academy	.08%	31,970.58
City of Bangor	1%	399,632.48
Total	39%	15,585,667.21
PNG, Inc.	61%	24,377,582.08
3% of the 61% goes to the City of Bangor per Statute		
% Return to Public		89.73%

**2015 Racino Distribution
Ag. Fair Support Fund**

Fair	Premiums	Due
Acton	42,143	17,931.33
Bangor	74,136	31,543.95
Blue Hill	61,301	26,082.82
Clinton	47,005	20,000.05
Common Ground	39,286	16,715.71
Cumberland	106,297	45,227.96
Farmington	74,494	31,696.17
Fryeburg	357,135	151,956.33
Houlton	89,491	38,077.32
Litchfield	46,124	19,625.19
Monmouth	20,492	8,719.09
New Portland	10,159	4,322.53
Northern Maine	66,292	28,206.43
Ossipee Valley	39,647	16,869.31
Oxford County	43,012	18,301.08
Piscataquis Valley	35,547	15,124.81
Pittston	27,183	11,566.03
Skowhegan	128,435	54,647.51
Springfield	48,089	20,461.28
Topsham	56,763	24,151.96
Union	73,568	31,302.28
Windsor	139,230	59,240.65
World's Fair	14,414	6,132.98
Harmony Free Fair	15,589	6,632.93
Total	1,655,831	704,535.68
Available	704,535.68	
Percent	0.4255	

**2015 Racino Distribution
Ag. Fair Support Fund
Purse Supplement**

Track	Dashes	Percent	Due
Scarborough Downs	903	47.0313%	183,544.57
Bangor Raceway	470	24.4792%	95,532.61
Northern Maine Fair	48	2.5000%	9,756.52
Topsham Fair	47	2.4479%	9,553.26
Skowhegan Fair	69	3.5938%	14,025.00
Union Fair	44	2.2917%	8,943.48
Windsor Fair	95	4.9479%	19,309.78
Oxford County Fair	40	2.0833%	8,130.44
Farmington Fair	68	3.5417%	13,821.74
Cumberland Fair	66	3.4375%	13,415.22
Cumberland Extended	10	0.5208%	2,032.61
Fryeburg Fair	60	3.1250%	12,195.65
Total	1,920	100.0000%	390,260.88
Available	390,260.88		

**2015 Racino Distribution
Purse Supplement
January 1 through December 31, 2015**

TRACK	DASHES	PERCENT	DUE
Scarborough Downs	903	47.0313%	1,799,456.53
Bangor Raceway	470	24.4792%	936,594.21
Northern Maine Fair	48	2.5000%	95,652.17
Topsham Fair	47	2.4479%	93,659.42
Skowhegan Fair	69	3.5938%	137,500.00
Union Fair	44	2.2917%	87,681.16
Windsor Fair	95	4.9479%	189,311.60
Oxford County Fair	40	2.0833%	79,710.15
Farmington Fair	68	3.5417%	135,507.25
Cumberland Fair	66	3.4375%	131,521.74
Cumberland Ext.	10	0.5208%	19,927.54
Fryeburg	60	3.1250%	119,565.22
Total	1,920	100.0000%	3,826,086.98
Available Jan-Dec 2015		3,996,324.91	
Less Commission's Share		170,237.93	
Net Available		3,826,086.98	
Per Dash		1,992.7536	

Commercial Track Support

Track	Days Raced	Percentage	Due
Scarborough Downs	102	66.2338%	1,013,664.34
Bangor Raceway	52	33.7662%	516,770.05
Total	154	100.0000%	1,530,434.39
Available		1,598,529.92	
Less Commission's Share		(68,095.53)	
Net Available Jan-Dec 2015		1,530,434.39	

2015 Racino Distribution OTB Stabilization Fund

Facility	Percentage	Due
LRI Inc - Winners Circle	25.00%	95,652.18
Mid Coast OTB Inc - Winners OTB	25.00%	95,652.18
Pioneer Gaming LLC - Sanford OTB	25.00%	95,652.18
Pioneer Gaming LLC - Favorites	25.00%	95,652.18
Total	100.00%	382,608.71
Available		399,632.51
Less Commission's Share		17,023.80
Net Available		382,608.71

PART VII

CASINO FUND REPORT

Ag Fair Support Fund Premiums

Fair	Premiums	Due
Acton	42,143	10,430.11
Bangor	74,136	18,348.16
Blue Hill	61,301	15,171.58
Clinton	47,005	11,633.42
Common Ground	39,286	9,723.02
Cumberland	106,297	26,307.72
Farmington	74,494	18,436.70
Fryeburg	357,135	88,388.36
Houlton	89,491	22,148.41
Litchfield	46,124	11,415.38
Monmouth	20,492	5,071.63
New Portland	10,159	2,514.28
Northern Maine	66,292	16,406.82
Ossipee Valley	39,647	9,812.36
Oxford County	43,012	10,645.18
Piscataquis Valley	35,547	8,797.64
Pittston	27,183	6,727.61
Skowhegan	128,435	31,786.79
Springfield	48,089	11,901.70
Topsham	56,763	14,048.46
Union	73,568	18,207.58
Windsor	139,230	34,458.48
World's Fair	14,414	3,567.37
Harmony Free Fair	15,589	3,858.17
 Total	 1,655,831	 409,806.92
 Available Percent	 409,806.92 0.2475	

**Ag. Fair Support Fund
Purse Supplement**

Track	Dashes	Percent	Due
Scarborough Downs	903	47.0313%	99,288.92
Bangor Raceway	470	24.4792%	51,678.62
Northern Maine Fair	48	2.5000%	5,277.82
Topsham Fair	47	2.4479%	5,167.86
Skowhegan Fair	69	3.5938%	7,586.86
Union Fair	44	2.2917%	4,838.00
Windsor Fair	95	4.9479%	10,445.68
Oxford County Fair	40	2.0833%	4,398.18
Farmington Fair	68	3.5417%	7,476.91
Cumberland Fair	66	3.4375%	7,257.00
Cumberland Extended	10	0.5208%	1,099.55
Fryeburg Fair	60	3.1250%	6,597.27
Total	1,920	100.0000%	211,112.65

Available 211,112.65

Purse Supplement

TRACK	DASHES	PERCENT	DUE
Scarborough Downs	903	47.0313%	292,026.24
Bangor Raceway	470	24.4792%	151,995.94
Northern Maine Fair	48	2.5000%	15,522.99
Topsham Fair	47	2.4479%	15,199.59
Skowhegan Fair	69	3.5938%	22,314.30
Union Fair	44	2.2917%	14,229.41
Windsor Fair	95	4.9479%	30,722.58
Oxford County Fair	40	2.0833%	12,935.82
Farmington Fair	68	3.5417%	21,990.90
Cumberland Fair	66	3.4375%	21,344.11
Cumberland Ext.	10	0.5208%	3,233.96
Fryeburg	60	3.1250%	19,403.74
Total	1,920	100.0000%	620,919.57
Available		620,919.57	

PART VIII

MAINE SIRE STAKES

PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OVERVIEW

The 2015 Annual Report of the Maine Sire Stakes Program consists of a narrative overview, financial information, purses paid, statistical information of the eligible participants, and final point standings.

During 2015, Miles Greenleaf oversaw the Maine Sire Stakes Program and enjoyed every aspect of this responsibility. Dennis May and Ralph Canney continued to take on the task of the daily draws for the Stakes races. Henry Jennings and Miles took part in closing out the Sire Stakes season by attending the 2 and 3 year old Sire Stakes Finals and Consolation draws, as well as the Finals at Scarborough Downs.

The Commission is happy to report that the 2015 Sire Stakes Program was very successful. As in the past few years there has been a slight decline in the number of participants; however the favorable purse structure makes the program popular. The purses are still reaching and going beyond the \$2.0 million mark.

The wagering handle continues to decrease and was 6.68% less than in 2014. The amount contributed by the Racino operation in Bangor declined with a very slight increase from the Casino in Oxford. The Maine Sire Stakes Program continues to be showcased throughout Maine via the four Off-Track Betting establishments and the two commercial racetracks, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs, which offers full card simulcasting.

Horses in the sire stakes events are tested for any prohibited substances that may have been administered as requested by the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee.

A special thank you goes out to each track for hosting, making efforts to promote and to provide assistance to showcase the Maine Sire Stakes Program. Additionally, a sincere thank you goes to the breeders, owners, Advisory Committee and the MSBOA Board of Directors for all the support and help given to the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities.

2015 STANDARD BRED BEEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL HANDLES: \$28,112,467.10

REVENUES:

Carried Forward from 2014	\$5,880.67
Revenue from the handle, 2015	284,642.53
2013 Commercial Meet Fund	-
Fees	25,465.00
Revenue from the Bangor Racino, 2015	1,198,897.50
Revenue from Oxford Casino, 2015	620,919.57
TOTAL	\$2,135,805.27

EXPENSES:

Total Legs	\$1,377,283.00
Finals	550,992.00
Consolation Finals	12,750.00
MHHA Contract	2.2837% 43,831.55
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Handle, 2015	14,232.13
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino, 2015	59,944.88
MSBOA promotion contract, Oxford 2015	31,045.98
Printing & Supplies	199.63
2013 Shortfall, Transfer from 01 Account	-
Contribution for Commission Operating Budget	51,071.37
Dicap Charges	35.64
Amount distributed in Feb to Participants	-
TOTAL	\$2,141,386.18

BALANCE 2015: -\$5,580.91

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2015: \$5,880.67

Surplus in 2014 was \$5,880.67 Transferred to 2015 revenues to balance 2014 accounts.

2015 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Stallions Registered	30
Mares Bred	123
Yearling Nominated	83
Two Year Old Continued	91
Two Year Old Sustained	87
Pacing Colt:	26
Pacing Fillies:	27
Trotting Colt:	16
Trotting Fillies:	18
Three Year Old Continued	95
Three Year Old Sustained	84
Pacing Colts:	26
Pacing Fillies:	22
Trotting Colts:	17
Trotting Fillies:	19

2015 LEG #	TRACK	# OF DIV.	STATE'S SHARE	STARTING FEES	TRACK'S SHARE	MHHA Share	TOTAL
1	Scarborough Downs	4	40,179.00	2,800.00	4,800.00	902.06	48,681.06
2	Bangor Raceway	2	20,014.00	1,400.00	2,400.00	451.03	24,265.03
3	Scarborough Downs	3	29,942.00	2,000.00	3,600.00	673.69	36,215.69
4	Bangor Raceway	4	39,751.00	2,600.00	4,800.00	896.35	48,047.35
5	Scarborough	4	39,766.00	2,250.00	4,800.00	890.64	47,706.64
6	Bangor Raceway	6	58,956.00	3,400.00	7,200.00	1,330.25	70,886.25
7	Northern Maine Fair	12	116,501.00	5,575.00	9,601.00	2,627.96	134,304.96
8	Scarborough Downs	2	19,783.00	1,125.00	2,400.00	445.32	23,753.32
9	Scarborough Downs	1	10,362.00	900.00	1,200.00	231.22	12,693.22
10	Topsham Fair	5	48,747.00	2,475.00	3,600.00	1,100.74	55,922.74
11	Scarborough Downs	4	39,872.00	2,575.00	4,800.00	898.06	48,145.06
12	Bangor Raceway	5	48,870.00	2,425.00	6,000.00	1,099.60	58,394.60
13	Skowhegan Fair	12	118,359.00	6,750.00	9,600.00	2,663.94	137,372.94
14	Scarborough Downs	2	19,983.00	1,275.00	2,400.00	449.89	24,107.89
15	Union Fair	8	77,662.00	3,700.00	6,001.00	1,751.59	89,114.59
16	Scarborough Downs	4	40,050.00	2,600.00	4,800.00	898.06	48,348.06
17	Windsor Fair	13	127,409.00	6,800.00	7,201.00	2,870.61	144,280.61
18	Scarborough Downs	2	19,383.00	825.00	2,400.00	436.18	23,044.18
19	Scarborough Downs	2	19,764.00	1,200.00	2,400.00	445.32	23,809.32
20	Oxford Fair	5	49,304.00	2,900.00	0.00	1,110.44	53,314.44
21	Farmington Fair	14	137,642.00	7,500.00	14,404.00	3,097.83	162,643.83
22, 23	Cumberland Fair	14	136,817.00	6,850.00	12,002.00	3,078.99	158,747.99
24	Fryeburg Fair	7	68,818.00	3,900.00	4,800.00	1,550.06	79,068.06
25	Bangor Raceway	2	19,783.00	975.00	2,400.00	440.75	23,598.75
26	Scarborough Downs	1	10,183.00	675.00	1,200.00	226.08	12,284.08
26 B	Scarborough Downs	2	19,383.00	825.00	2,400.00	436.18	23,044.18
27	Scarborough Downs 2&3 Finals	8	550,992.00	0.00	9,600.00	12,537.51	573,129.51
28	Bangor Raceway 2&3 Consolation	1	12,750.00	0.00	1,200.00	291.17	14,241.17
TOTALS		149	1,941,025.00	76,300.00	138,009.00	43,831.52	2,199,165.52
Legs			1,377,283.00	76,300.00	127,209.00	31,002.84	1,611,794.84
Finals			550,992.00	0.00	9,600.00	12,537.51	573,129.51
Consolation Finals			12,750.00	0.00	1,200.00	291.17	14,241.17
GRAND TOTALS			1,941,025.00	76,300.00	138,009.00	43,831.52	2,199,165.52

MAINE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS STAKES								
2016 RACING SCHEDULE								
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Leg							
JUNE								
Bangor Raceway	1		27: 2C/FT		29: 2 FP			
JULY								
Scarborough Downs	2						1: 2CP	2: 3C/FT
Bangor Raceway	3		4: 3FP		6: 3CP			
Scarborough Downs	4	10: 2FP				7: 2 C/FT		
Bangor Raceway	5		11: 2 CP		13: 3 C/FT		15: 2 C/FT	
Scarborough Downs	6					14: 3CP		16: 3FP
Bangor Raceway	7		18: 2CP		20: 3FP		22: 3C/FT	
Scarborough Downs	8	24: 2C/FT						23: 3FP
Scarborough Downs	9	31: 3FP				28: 2CP		30: 3C/FT
Northern Maine Fair	10						29: 2FP	
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER								
Northern Maine Fair	11		1: 3CP		3: 2 C/FT	4: 2CP		
Scarborough Downs	12							6: 2FP
Topsham Fair	13	7: 3C/FT	8: 3FP	9: 3CP				
Scarborough Downs	14							13: 2CP
Skowhegan Fair	15	14: 2C/FT	15: 2FP	16: 3C/FT	17: 3CP	18: 3FP		20: 2CP
Scarborough Downs	16	21: 2C/FT						
Union Fair	17			23: 2FP		25: 3C/FT		27: 3CP
Scarborough Downs	18	28: 3FP						
Windsor Fair	19	4: 3FP	29: 2 C/FT	30: 2FP	31: 2CP	1: 3C/FT		3: 3CP
Bangor Raceway	20					8: 3 C/FT		
Bangor Raceway	21						9: 2 Year old Finals and Consolation	
Scarborough Downs	22	11: 3FP						10: 3CP
Farmington Fair	23				21: 3 C/FT	22: 3FP	23: 3CP	
Cumberland Fair	24				28: 3C/FT	29: 3FP	30: 3CP	
OCTOBER								
Fryeburg Fair	25				5: 3C/FT	6: 3FP	7: 3CP	
Scarborough Downs	26							15: 3 Year old Finals and Consolation
CT= Colt Trotters; FT= Filly Trotters; CP= Colt Pacers; FP= Filly Pacers								
3 is for Three Year Old; 2 is for Two Year Old								