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MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION



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ANNUAL REPORT For Calendar Year 2016

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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. The Commission also has regulatory oversight responsibility over race tracks and 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); inter-state 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].

2016 COMMISSION MEMBERS

William Varney, Chair

Gary Reed, Commissioner

Will McFarland, Commissioner

Michael Graham, Commissioner

Alex Willette, 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, 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

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CONTRACTED PERSONNEL

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

TESTING SERVICES

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 17 times during calendar year 2016.

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.

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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 2016, 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 2016 - July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
014-01A-0320-07

EXPENDITURES

3100 Permanent Salary & Wages	\$ 27,707.65
3200 Limited Period Salary & Wages	\$ 179,833.53
3300 Seasonal Salary & Wages	\$ 145,138.40
3400 Project Salary & Wages	\$ -
3600 Overtime Differential	\$ 11,565.23
3800 Unemployment Comp Costs	\$ 7,467.05
3900 Benefits Costs	\$ 196,436.48

TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES **\$ 568,148.34**

4000 Services Not By State	\$ 412,446.30
4100 Services By State	\$ -
4200 Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State	\$ 5,233.15
4300 Mileage, Meal & Lodging, Out of State	\$ 1,777.72
4600 Rents	\$ 11,362.92
4700 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 374.90
4800 Insurances, Risk Management	\$ 701.77
4900 General Operating Expenses	\$ 24,555.62
5100 Food Stuff	\$ 29.49
5300 OIT Technology	\$ -
5600 Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc	\$ 18,985.87
6400 Grants to Pub and Priv Orgns- Commissions paid	\$ -
8000 Interest Fees	\$ -
8200 Admin Charges & Fees (NSF)	\$ -
8511 Sta Cap Charges	\$ 49,968.28

TOTAL ALL OTHER **\$ 525,436.02**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,093,584.36
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REVENUE **ending cash balance 6/30/15 Commission acct 014-0320-07** **\$ 138,079.66**

1221 Licenses Harness Horse Racing	\$ 2,420.00
1255 Pull Event Permit Fees	\$ 3,180.00
1301 Comm Pari Mutuels Harness (CPMH)	\$ 437,966.36
1448 Special Licenses & Leases	\$ 52,930.00
2631 Registration Fees for CMP	\$ 128,766.00
2686 Misc Income	\$ -
2689 Cash Over Cash Short - appeals	\$ 10.00
2719 Contributions from other special revenue from 2008 PL C539 2015 Racino	\$ 247,500.00
2719 Contributions from other special revenue from 2008 PL C539 2016 Racino	\$ 235,000.00
2952 Adjustment to prior year bal/unallocated (CMP from 032001 to 032007)	\$ -
2953 Adjustment of all other balance forward (data entry coding error)	\$ 15.00
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	\$ 1,107,787.36
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ending cash balance 6/30/16	\$ 152,282.66
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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.

Maine law requires the Commission to make the Maine State Harness Racing Commission laws and rules and relevant portions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act available to licensees.

The Commission periodically updates rules to meet the needs of the industry. In 2016, the Commission adopted an amendment to Chapter 11 of its rules.

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 2016 racing year, race days were awarded from March – December:

	Days Granted	Days Raced	Days Not Raced
Scarborough Downs	108	101	7
Bangor Raceway	51	49	2
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	8	0
Fryeburg Fair	6	6	0
TOTALS	216	207	9

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

2016 Licenses Issued

Type of License	No. Issued	Amount Paid
Owner	333 @ \$35	\$11,655.00
Trainer	37 @ \$35	\$1,295.00
Driver	30 @ \$35	\$1,050.00
Driver/Trainer	32 @ \$60	\$1,920.00
Owner/Driver/Trainer	116 @ \$90	\$10,440.00
Owner/Driver	12 @ \$60	\$720.00
Owner/Trainer	93 @ \$60	\$5,580.00
Owner/Limited Trainer	32 @ \$60	\$1,920.00
Owner/Driver/Limited Trainer	2 @ \$90	\$180.00
Groom	528 @ \$20	\$10,560.00
Officials	88 @ Various Prices	\$4,400.00
Pari-Mutual Clerks	116 @ \$20	\$2,320.00
Stables	31 @ \$30	\$930.00
Venders	9 @ \$50	\$450.00
	Total Amount Received for License Fees	\$53,420.00

MEDICATION/TESTING PROGRAMS

BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM

Test samples were analyzed by the LGC Science Inc. Laboratory located in Lexington, Kentucky, during the 2016 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 drugs or acceptable 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 prove or disprove 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 (HPLC).

During the 2016 racing year, 3,961 equine blood samples were taken. Of that total, 18 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 2016, there were 122 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 2016, 411 horses were tested pre-race for blood gas use. Out of the 411 horses, there were three horses 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 tolerances for horses that use phenylbutazone and Lasix. 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 563 horses participating in this program in 2016. Throughout the year 23 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 2016 racing season, 137 drug tests were administered. Of the 137 samples collected there was one licensee in violation of the Commission's rules.

SUMMARY OF FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

During the 2016 racing year, there were 101 violations of racing laws and rules.

Failed to Drive When Programmed.....	3
Failure to keep a line in each hand.....	17
Failure to Set and Maintain Pace.....	5
Foot out of Stirrup.....	11
Kicking.....	4
Inside Pylons.....	11
Late Driver Change.....	9
Failed to Bring Horse to Testing Barn.....	2
Whipping.....	2
Interference - Impeding the Progress.....	11
Poor Sulky Posture.....	8
Miscellaneous.....	18
TOTAL.....	101

COMMISSION ACTION ON 2016 RULE VIOLATIONS

Appeals	7	Upheld	3	Overturned	3
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PART III

**WAGERING PROFILE AND
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

2016 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HANDLE

LIVE RACING:

TRACK:	EXOTIC	STRAIGHT	TOTAL
Scarborough	668,518	330,091	998,609
Bangor Raceway	143,117	74,190	217,307
Northern Maine	40,128	26,035	66,163
Topsham	31,972	15,535	47,507
Skowhegan	102,625	39,748	142,373
Union	41,092	18,574	59,666
Windsor	314,362	130,342	444,704
Oxford Fair	38,557	21,746	60,303
Farmington Fair	79,166	36,295	115,461
Cumberland Fair	80,275	43,371	123,646
Cumberland Extension	10,678	3,705	14,383
Fryeburg	329,386	168,917	498,303
TOTAL LIVE RACING	1,879,876	908,549	2,788,425

INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST:

OTB FACILITY:

LRI INC, d/b/a Lewiston Raceways, Inc.	93,260	27,254	120,514
OTB Facilitators dba Sanford OTB	15,784	13,269	29,053
Pioneer Gaming LLC d/b/a Favorites	99,487	24,065	123,552
Winner's OTB-Midcoast OTB	28,199	11,243	39,442
TOTAL OTB FACILITY	236,729	75,831	312,560

COMMERCIAL TRACK:

Scarborough	69,035	16,579	85,614
Bangor Raceway	52,474	11,619	64,093
TOTAL COMMERCIAL TRACK	121,509	28,198	149,707

TOTAL INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST	358,238	104,029	462,267
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2016 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HANDLE CONT'D

INTER-STATE SIMULCAST

	EXOTIC HANDLE	STRAIGHT HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	EXOTIC COMMISSION	STRAIGHT COMMISSION	TOTAL COMMISSION
OTB FACILITIES						
LRI INC, d/b/a Lewiston Raceways, Inc.	2,340,594	891,131	3,231,725	538,502	153,270	691,772
OTB Facilitators dba Sanford OTB	1,707,544	565,703	2,273,247	382,044	96,441	478,485
Pioneer Gaming LLC d/b/a Favorites	2,530,754	343,347	2,874,101	578,114	59,250	637,364
Winner's OTB-Midcoast OTB	2,380,685	944,883	3,325,568	542,895	162,521	705,417
TOTAL OTB FACILITIES	8,959,576	2,745,064	11,704,640	2,041,554	471,484	2,513,038
COMMERCIAL TRACKS						
Scarborough	6,645,927	2,488,470	9,134,397	1,499,406	424,205	1,923,612
Bangor Raceway	1,750,238	517,713	2,267,951	389,766	88,486	478,252
TOTAL COMMERCIAL TRACKS	8,396,165	3,006,183	11,402,348	1,889,172	512,691	2,401,864
TOTAL INTERSTATE SIMULCAST	17,355,741	5,751,247	23,106,988	3,930,727	984,175	4,914,902
GRAND TOTAL HANDLE WAGERING	19,593,855	6,763,825	26,357,680			

2016 DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERS TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS

COMMISSION'S OPERATING FUND	431,867.04
AGRICULTURAL FAIR STIPEND	256,335.04
FAIR STIPEND FUND	22,729.84
SIRE STAKES FUND	252,029.99
PROMOTIONAL BOARD FUND	54,637.73
PURSE SUPPLEMENT	438,176.13
OFF TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST	<u>285,357.80</u>
TOTALS	1,741,133.57

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. If wagers exceed \$35 million in a calendar year, any funds in excess of \$35 million would be credited to the Commercial Meet Stipend Fund. However, total wagers have not exceeded \$35 million since 2012.

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 mutual 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. However, the Agricultural Fair Stipend fund has not exceeded \$400,000 since 2010.

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.

2016 OVERNIGHT PURSES PAID BY TRACK

TRACK	DAYS RACED	DASHES RACED	PURSES	AVERAGE PER DASH
Scarborough Downs	101	839	\$ 2,752,900.00	\$ 3,281.16
Bangor Raceway	49	412	\$ 1,263,901.00	\$ 3,067.72
Northern Maine Fair	6	45	\$ 136,500.00	\$ 3,033.33
Topsham Fair	5	41	\$ 124,700.00	\$ 3,041.46
Skowhegan State Fair	7	62	\$ 206,500.00	\$ 3,330.64
Union Fair	5	36	\$ 112,200.00	\$ 3,116.66
Windsor Fair	9	87	\$ 290,400.00	\$ 3,337.93
Oxford Fair	4	38	\$ 117,200.00	\$ 3,087.21
Farmington Fair	7	64	\$ 194,850.00	\$ 3,044.53
Cumberland Fair	8	75	\$ 232,350.00	\$ 3,098.00
Fryeburg Fair	6	75	\$ 189,700.00	\$ 3,270.68
TOTALS	207	1774	\$ 5,621,201.00	\$ 3,155.39

**2016 OFF-TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST FUND
January 1 through December 31, 2016**

TRACK	AMOUNT WAGERED	PERCENT WAGERED	AMOUNT DUE
Scarborough	130,681.00	55.203%	157,525.46
Bangor	40,068.00	16.926%	48,298.76
Topsham	0.00	0.000%	0.00
Skowhegan	12,120.00	5.120%	14,609.69
Windsor	15,983.00	6.752%	19,266.22
Oxford	3,870.00	1.635%	4,664.97
Farmington	9,859.00	4.165%	11,884.23
Cumberland	9,547.00	4.033%	11,508.14
Cumberland	0.00	0.000%	0.00
Fryeburg	14,601.00	6.168%	17,600.33
TOTALS	236,729.00	100.000%	285,357.80
Available	285,357.80		

Distribution is based on Exotic Wagers.

2016 PURSE SUPPLEMENT FUND
January 1 through December 31, 2016

TRACK	DAYS	AMOUNT DUE
SCARBOROUGH	101	213,796.083
BANGOR	49	103,722.852
NO. ME. FAIR	6	12,700.757
TOPSHAM FAIR	5	10,583.964
SKOWHEGAN FAIR	7	14,817.550
UNION FAIR	5	10,583.964
WINDSOR FAIR	9	19,051.136
OXFORD COUNTY	4	8,467.172
FARMINGTON FAIR	7	14,817.550
CUMBERLAND FAIR	7	14,817.550
CUMBERLAND EXT.	1	2,116.793
FRYEBURG FAIR	6	12,700.757
TOTALS	207	438,176.13
AMOUNT AVAILABLE		438,176.13
Per Day Average		2,116.793

2016 EXTENDED MEET STIPEND FUND

Total Handle	26,357,680		
 Agricultural Fair Stipend			256,335.04
Live Racing & Intra-State Straight Handle	2,238,113.70	0.00049	1,096.68
Live Racing & Intra-State Exotic Handle	1,012,578.00	0.00072	729.06
Interstate Exotic Commission	3,930,726.90	0.00402	15,801.52
Interstate Straight Commission	984,175.04	0.00189	1,860.09
 Total Deducted by Statue			19,487.34
 Total Available Before CAP			256,335.04
 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	998,609	0.812	0.00
Bangor Raceway	217,307	0.177	0.00
Cumberland Fair Ext.	14,383	0.012	0.00
TOTAL WAGERED	1,230,299	1.000	0.00

2016 COMMERCIAL MEET STIPEND FUND

HANDLE:	26,357,679.70
CAP:	35,000,000.00
EXCESS OF CAP	0.00

Credited to the Commission Operating Budget	431,867.04
Average Percentage	0.000000
Less CAP Share:	0.00
AVAILABLE:	0.00
Commission Operating 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	998,609.00	0.8213	0.000
Bangor Raceway	217,307.00	0.1787	0.000
TOTALS	1,215,916.00	1.00	0.00

PART IV

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OFF TRACK BETTING REPORT

In 1991 the Maine Legislature enacted legislation that allowed Commercial Tracks licensed by the Maine State 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 State Harness Racing Commission to operate Off-Track Betting Facilities. Currently there are four licensed facilities that operate in Maine.

In 2016 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 2016 was \$11,704,640. The total intrastate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs was \$312,560. The individual wagering information can be found in Part III, 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	\$6,390.61	\$ 209,818.52
Agricultural Fair Stipend	3,666.71	99,476.50
Sire Stakes Program	3,726.26	101,847.90
Promotional Board	781.40	21,215.86
Fair Stipend Fund	336.35	11,043.08
Purse Supplement	0.00	309,077.11
Off Track Betting Simulcast	0.00	285,357.85
Horsemen's Purse Account	22,471.27	0.00
Host Track's Share	24,743.49	0.00

PART V RACINO FUND REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 Distribution of Funds Generated at Hollywood Slots

		Totals
Total Played		430,472,641.46
Gambling Control Board	1%	4,304,726.41
Balance		426,167,915.05
Return To Public		386,978,597.41
Gross Revenue		43,494,044.05
Net Revenue		15,283,833.88
Fund To Supplement Purses	10%	3,918,931.77
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	3%	1,175,679.53
Sire Stakes Fund	3%	1,175,679.53
General Fund	4%	1,567,572.60
Fund To Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	4%	1,567,572.73
Fund to Stabilize OTB Facilities	1%	391,893.19
Fund for a Healthy Maine	10%	3,918,931.77
UMS Scholarship Fund	1.92%	752,434.91
Maine Maritime Academy	0.08%	31,351.46
ME Com. Col. System Scholarship Fund	1%	391,893.19
City of Bangor	1%	391,893.19
Total	39%	15,283,833.88
PNG, Inc.	61%	23,905,483.74
3% of the 61% goes to the City of Bangor per Statute		
% Return to Public		89.90%

2016 Racino Distribution

Agricultural Fair Support Fund Agricultural Fair Support January 1 through December 31, 2016

Fair	Premiums	Due
Acton	42,474	\$ 16,139.52
Bangor	74,035	28,132.01
Blue Hill	61,764	23,469.24
Clinton	43,176	16,406.26
Common Ground	35,159	13,359.64
Cumberland	108,641	41,281.58
Farmington	69,192	26,291.87
Fryeburg	363,689	138,195.38
Houlton	99,026	37,627.96
Litchfield	48,559	18,451.46
Monmouth	19,143	7,273.84
New Portland	11,119	4,225.03
Northern Maine	62,622	23,795.21
Ossipee Valley	43,862	16,666.86
Oxford County	41,791	15,879.76
Piscataquis Valley	40,996	15,577.88
Pittston	33,143	12,593.76
Skowhegan	110,361	41,935.09
Springfield	43,441	16,506.89
Topsham	55,889	21,236.87
Union	69,213	26,299.73
Windsor	130,232	49,485.89
World's Fair	12,531	4,761.73
Harmony Free Fair	22,264	8,460.00
Total	1,642,321	\$ 624,053.46
Percent		0.379982574
Available from Agricultural Fair Support Fund		\$ 1,175,679.53
Less Commission's Share		88,857.06
Net Available Jan-Dec 2016		\$ 1,086,822.47
34% to Purse Supplement		\$ 369,519.64
66% to Agricultural Fair Support		\$ 717,302.83
Less 13% for Ag Fair Coordinator Administration		93,249.37
Balance of Agricultural Fair Support		\$ 624,053.46

2016 Racino Distribution

Ag. Fair Support Fund Purse Supplement January 1 through December 31, 2016

Track	Dashes	Percent	Due
Scarborough Downs	878	47.1030%	174,054.85
Bangor Raceway	432	23.1760%	85,639.74
Northern Maine Fair	51	2.7361%	10,110.25
Topsham Fair	48	2.5751%	9,515.53
Skowhegan Fair	71	3.8090%	14,075.05
Union Fair	43	2.3069%	8,524.33
Windsor Fair	95	5.0966%	18,832.81
Oxford County Fair	38	2.0386%	7,533.13
Farmington Fair	69	3.7017%	13,678.57
Cumberland Fair	69	3.7017%	13,678.57
Cumberland Extended	10	0.5365%	1,982.40
Fryeburg Fair	60	3.2189%	11,894.41
Total	1,864	100.0000%	369,519.64

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2016 Racino Distribution

Purse Supplement January 1 through December 31, 2016

TRACK	DASHES	PERCENT	DUE
Scarborough Downs	878	47.1030%	1,706,420.14
Bangor Raceway	432	23.1760%	839,605.35
Northern Maine Fair	51	2.7361%	99,120.08
Topsham Fair	48	2.5751%	93,289.48
Skowhegan Fair	71	3.8090%	137,990.69
Union Fair	43	2.3069%	83,571.83
Windsor Fair	95	5.0966%	184,635.44
Oxford County Fair	38	2.0386%	73,854.17
Farmington Fair	69	3.7017%	134,103.63
Cumberland Fair	69	3.7017%	134,103.63
Cumberland Ext.	10	0.5365%	19,435.31
Fryeburg Fair	60	3.2189%	116,611.85
Total	1,864	100.0000%	3,622,741.61
Available Jan-Dec 2016			3,918,931.76
Less Commission's Share			296,190.15
Net Available			3,622,741.61
Per Dash			1943.53091

2016 Racino Distribution

Commercial Track Support January 1 through December 31, 2016

Track	Days Raced	Percentage	Due
Scarborough Downs	101	67.3333%	975,724.63
Bangor Raceway	49	32.6667%	473,371.36
Total	150	100.0000%	1,449,095.99
Available			1,567,572.69
Less Commission's Share			(118,476.70)
Net Available Jan-Dec 2016			<u>1,449,095.99</u>

OTB Stabilization Fund January 1 through December 31, 2016

Facility	Percentage	Due
LRI Inc - Winners Circle	25.00%	90,568.54
Mid Coast OTB Inc - Winners OTB	25.00%	90,568.54
Pioneer Gaming LLC - Sanford OTB	25.00%	90,568.54
Pioneer Gaming LLC - Favorites	25.00%	90,568.54
Total	100.00%	362,274.16
Available Jan-Dec 2016		391,893.19
Less Commission's Share		29,619.03
Net Available		<u>362,274.16</u>

PART VI

OXFORD CASINO FUND REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 2016

Distribution of Funds Generated at Oxford Casino

		Totals
Total Played		761,214,308.59
Return To Public		696,357,833.00
Gross Revenue		64,856,475.59
Net Revenue		29,833,978.78
DOE Grades K-12	25%	16,214,118.90
U of ME Scholarship Sys	3.85%	2,496,974.31
Maine Maritime Academy	0.15%	97,284.71
ME Comm College Scholarship	3%	1,945,694.27
Tribal Governments Penob & Pass	4%	2,594,259.02
Gambling Control Board & Add'l	3%	1,945,694.27
Host Municipality-Town of Oxford	2%	1,297,129.51
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	1%	648,564.76
Harness Racing Purse Supplement	1%	648,564.76
Sire Stakes Fund	1%	648,564.76
Host County Costs-Oxford	1%	648,564.76
Dept of Agr. Dair Imp. Fund 7/13	0.50%	324,282.378
Dept of Agr. Maine Milk Fund 7/13	0.50%	324,282.38
	46%	29,833,978.78
Churchill Downs	54%	35,022,496.81
% Return to Public		91.48%

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Agricultural Fair Support Fund Agricultural Fair Support January 1 through December 31, 2016

Fair	Premiums	Due
Acton	42,474	\$ 16,139.52
Bangor	74,035	28,132.01
Blue Hill	61,764	23,469.24
Clinton	43,176	16,406.26
Common Ground	35,159	13,359.64
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Harmony Free Fair	22,264	8,460.00
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PART VII

MAINE SIRE STAKES

PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

OVERVIEW

The 2016 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 2016, Miles Greenleaf oversaw the Maine Sire Stakes Program. 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 and at Bangor Raceway.

The Commission is happy to report that the 2016 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 1.13% less than in 2015. 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.

2016 STANDARD BRED BREEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL HANDLE: 26,357,680

REVENUES:

Revenue from the handle	\$252,029.99
2016 Commercial Meet Fund	0.00
Fees	25,410.00
Revenue from Racino, 2016	1,175,679.53
Revenue from Oxford Casino, 2016	648,564.77
TOTAL	\$2,101,684.29

EXPENSES:

Total legs	\$1,271,789.00
Finals	545,262.00
Consolation Finals	12,700.00
MHHA Contract 2.6000%	47,003.45
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Handle, 2016	12,601.50
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino, 2016	58,783.98
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Oxford, 2016	32,428.24
2015 Shortfall, Transfer to 2016	5,580.90
Printing/Dicap Charges/Other	.00
Transfer to Commission Operating Budget	88,857.06
TOTAL	\$2,075,006.13

BALANCE 2016: 26,678.16

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2016: 26,678.16

Deficit in 2015 was \$5,580.90. This amount was transferred to 2016 revenues to Balance 2015 Accounts.

2016 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Stallions Registered	26
Mares Bred	127
Yearlings Nominated	93
Two Year Old Continued	83
Two Year Old Sustained	79
Pacing Colts:	18
Pacing Fillies:	26
Trotting Colts:	16
Trotting Fillies:	19
Three Year Old Continued	74
Three Year Old Sustained	73
Pacing Colts:	22
Pacing Fillies:	21
Trotting Colts:	14
Trotting Fillies:	16

LEG AND PURSES PAID

2016 LEG # TRACK	# OF DIV.	STATE'S SHARE	STARTING FEES	MHHA Share	TOTAL
1-A Bangor Raceway	2	19,285.00	1,275.00	486.20	21,046.20
1-B Scarborough Downs	2	18,537.00	900.00	473.20	19,910.20
2 Scarborough Downs	4	37,934.00	2,550.00	968.50	41,452.50
3 Bangor Raceway	4	37,331.00	2,300.00	958.75	40,589.75
4 Scarborough Downs	5	46,822.00	2,550.00	1,193.40	50,565.40
5 Bangor Raceway	8	74,669.00	4,175.00	1,908.40	80,752.40
6 Scarborough Downs	4	37,831.00	2,700.00	971.75	41,502.75
7 Bangor Raceway	7	65,646.00	3,975.00	1,680.25	71,301.25
8 Scarborough Downs	6	56,416.00	3,425.00	1,439.75	61,280.75
9 Scarborough Downs	7	65,532.00	4,050.00	1,680.25	71,262.25
10 Northern Maine Fair	2	18,637.00	975.00	475.80	20,087.80
11 Northern Maine Fair	7	64,141.00	2,700.00	1,638.65	68,479.65
12 Scarborough Downs	2	18,837.00	1,125.00	481.00	20,443.00
13 Topsham Fair	7	65,967.00	4,500.00	1,693.25	72,160.25
14 Scarborough Downs	2	18,398.00	825.00	470.60	19,693.60
15 Skowhegan Fair	13	122,062.00	7,400.00	3,120.00	132,582.00
16 Scarborough Downs	2	19,285.00	1,275.00	486.20	21,046.20
17 Union Fair	8	74,481.00	4,350.00	1,911.65	80,742.65
18 Scarborough Downs	2	18,598.00	1,100.00	477.75	20,175.75
19 Windsor Fair	14	130,262.00	7,175.00	3,333.20	140,770.20
20 Bangor Fair	4	37,136.00	2,200.00	955.50	40,291.50
21 A Bangor Raceway Finals	4	204,420.00	0.00	5,283.20	209,703.20
21 B 2 Year Cons	1	12,700.00	0.00	330.20	13,030.20
22 Scarborough Downs	3	28,456.00	2,000.00	728.00	31,184.00
23 Farmington Fair	8	73,967.00	4,100.00	1,901.25	79,968.25
24 Cumberland Fair	6	56,592.00	3,800.00	1,449.50	61,841.50
25 Fryeburg Fair	7	64,967.00	3,700.00	1,667.25	70,334.25
26 Scarborough Downs 3 Year finals and Cons	4	340,842.00	0.00	8,840.00	349,682.00
TOTALS	145	1,829,751.00	75,125.00	47,003.45	1,951,879.45
Legs		1,271,789.00	75,125.00	32,550.05	1,379,464.05
Finals		545,262.00	0.00	14,123.20	559,385.20
Consolation Finals		12,700.00	0.00	330.20	13,030.20
GRAND TOTALS		1,829,751.00	75,125.00	47,003.45	1,951,879.45

MAINE STANDARDBRED BREEDERS STAKES
2017 RACING SCHEDULE

		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Leg							
JUNE								
Bangor Raceway	1				21: 2CP		23: 2C/FT	
Scarborough Downs	2							24: 2FP
Bangor Raceway	3		26: 3C/FT		28: 3CP			
Scarborough Downs	4					29: 3FP	30: 2CP	
JULY								
Scarborough Downs	5	2: 2C/FT				6: 3C/FT		8: 3CP
Bangor Raceway	6			4: 2FP			7: 2CP	
Bangor Raceway	7		10: 3FP				14: 2 C/FT	
Scarborough Downs	8					13: 2FP		
Scarborough Downs	9	16: 3C/FT				20: 3FP		
Bangor Raceway	10		17: 3CP		19: 2CP		21: 2FP	
Scarborough Downs	11	23: 2C/FT				27: 3CP		
Scarborough Downs	12	30: 3FP						
Northern Maine Fair	13		31: 2CP				28: 3C/FT	
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER								
Northern Maine Fair	14			1: 2FP			4: 3CP	
Scarborough Downs	15							5: 2C/FT
Topsham Fair	16		7: 3C/FT	8: 3FP	9: 2FP			
Scarborough Downs	17					10: 2CP		
Skowhegan Fair	18	13: 2C/FT	14: 3C/FT	15: 3CP	16: 3FP		18: 2FP	19: 2CP
Scarborough Downs	19	20: 2C/FT						
Union Fair	20					24: 3C/FT		26: 3FP
Scarborough Downs	21	27: 3CP						
Windsor Fair	22	3: 3CP	28: 2CP	29: 2FP	30: 2C/FT		1: 3C/FT	
Scarborough Downs	23							2: 3FP
Bangor Raceway	24						8:2 Year Old Finals	
Scarborough Downs	25	10: 3CP						9: 3C/FT
Bangor Raceway	26		11: 3FP					
Farmington Fair	27				20: 3C/FT	21: 3FP	22: 3CP	
Cumberland Fair	28				27: 3C/FT	28: 3FP	29: 3CP	
October								
Fryeburg Fair	29				4: 3C/FT	5: 3FP	6: 3CP	
Scarborough Downs	30							14: 3 Year Old Finals

CT= Colt Trotters; FT= Filly Trotters; CP= Colt Pacers; FP= Filly Pacers

3 is for Three Year Old; 2 is for Two Year Old