

**STATE OF MAINE  
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION**

**In re: YEAR 2022 HORSE SUPPLY                    )        DECISION & ORDER**  
**PURSUANT TO 8 M.R.S. § 271                )**

**INTRODUCTION**

On August 25, 2022, the Maine State Harness Racing Commission (“Commission”) held a public hearing pursuant to 8 M.R.S. § 271(7) and Chapter 21 of the Maine State Harness Racing Commission Rules to determine whether the horse supply has been adequate for the number of dashes conducted on the assigned race dates for 2022. A quorum of the Commission was present during all stages of the proceedings. Chair Harry Center II, Barry Norris, Don Marean, Patricia Varnum, and Diane Dunn participated and voted as Commission members. The August 10, 2022 Notice of Hearing informing interested parties of the hearing was admitted without objection as Exhibit 1. Miles Greenleaf (“Mr. Greenleaf”), Agricultural Program Supervisor, presented the State’s case.

**FACTUAL FINDINGS**

Mr. Greenleaf offered a 2022 Maine State Harness Racing Commission Horse Supply Tracking Sheet which was admitted without objection as Exhibit 2. Mr. Greenleaf testified to the information contained within the Tracking Sheet, which reflected racing days awarded to facilities and fairs, total days raced, dashes awarded, and the number of horses in each race among other information. In Mr. Greenleaf’s opinion, the horse supply has been adequate for the number of dashes conducted on assigned race dates. The Commission accepted Mr. Greenleaf’s testimony and there was no opposing testimony.

**CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

Based on the testimonial and documentary evidence in the record, the Commission concludes that the horse supply in this State has been adequate for the number of dashes conducted on assigned race dates. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that no changes shall be made to the dates and dashes previously awarded to licensees for the conduct of horse racing in this State for the remainder of the pending 2022 season.

**RECORD VOTE**

After motion made and seconded, the Commissioners voted unanimously, 5-0, that the horse supply has been adequate for the number of dashes conducted on assigned race dates.

Dated: 9-2-2022

  
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Harry Center II, Chair  
Maine State Harness Racing Commission