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MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the matter of:

DISTRIBUTION OF ESCROWED
PURSE POOL MONEY

ORDER GRANTING DISTRIBUTION OF ESCROWED PURSE POOL MONEY

Section 19b of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, MCL 431.319b, provides for the distribution of money held according to an Escrow Order dated February 5, 2015.

In that Escrow Order, it was found that Hazel Park Harness Raceway, the race meeting licensee, did not have a contract with the MHHA, the certified horsemen's organization, which was a prerequisite to conducting live standardbred horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering. As such, prize money designated, allocated, and accrued for standardbred racing at Hazel Park Harness Raceway was placed in escrow until further order.

Under §19b, the MHHA had to use the money in escrow for a race meeting with Hazel Park Harness Raceway prior to September 1, 2017. Since that required criteria will not be met, §19b requires the distribution of the escrowed money as follows:

Fifteen percent (15%) to Hazel Park Harness Raceway for track operations and enhancements; and,

Eighty-five percent (85%) to the MHHA for purses at any race meeting in this state for which MHHA has a contract.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that fifteen percent (15%) of the money escrowed under the February 5, 2015 Escrow Order be distributed to Hazel Park Harness Raceway to be used for track operations and enhancements. Hazel Park Harness Raceway shall provide an accounting of these monies used for track operations and enhancements, i.e. physical improvements.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that eighty-five percent (85%) of the money escrowed under the February 5, 2015 Escrow Order be distributed to MHHA to be used for purses at any race meeting in this state for which MHHA has a contract.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 5, 2017

Richard S. Kalm, Executive Director
Michigan Gaming Control Board