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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS;  
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY; AND,  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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## **1. Executive Summary**

The State Harness Racing Commission was originally created by Public Law 1975, Chapter 771, and reconstituted in 1997 to its current structure of five public members appointed by the Governor. One member must be affiliated with agricultural fairs, one member must represent the public and three members must have knowledge of harness racing. Administrative support and staff are provided through the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, where there are four year-round, two seasonal and two half time employees dedicated to the work of the Commission.

The Commission is responsible for rulemaking, adjudicating appeals of judge's decisions, licensing of participants, tracks and off-track betting facilities, and setting the race dates for the year. It meets approximately monthly. The Commission's staff is present in the paddock area of each racing venue on days when there is live racing. A veterinarian employed by the state oversees a sampling program intended to ensure that the racing is not tainted by the inappropriate use of drugs. When prescribed, the Commission's staff also administers furosemide to horses prior to racing, to prevent pulmonary hemorrhaging. A State Steward is also present at racing venues to oversee administration of the Commission's laws.

Recently, the Commission endeavored to bolster marketing efforts directed toward Maine's harness racing industry. Historical efforts were carried out primarily by the Harness Racing Promotional Board and focused on traditional media advertising including print, radio and network television. By statute, the Promotional Board was comprised of volunteers from within the harness racing community, and it never enjoyed the luxury of professional marketing advice. Industry associations also dabbled in marketing, but efforts were hindered by an absence of professional support and a lack of coordination.

During 2017, the Commission undertook a handful of preliminary marketing initiatives on a shoestring budget. It leveraged Department resources to revamp its website, and then initiated a very modest social media marketing campaign using Facebook. A pilot project to revive live radio broadcasts of harness racing was implemented during 2017 as well. Marketing efforts were broadened during 2018, and the enactment of Public Law 2017, Chapter 371 repealed the Harness Racing Promotional Board and transferred both the funding and the marketing responsibility to the Commission. See the summary of marketing efforts under the following section for further details about 2018 marketing efforts.

## **2. Overview of Commission Operations and Actions**

Annually, the Commission's staff engages in a series of oversight and support activities intended to ensure the integrity of the sport, promote fairness and participation, and enhance the economic viability of the industry. The Commission operates a licensing program for tracks, racing participants and off-track betting facilities which forms the first line of oversight. Every fall, the Commission holds a hearing to award race dates to the racing venues in a manner that best supports the interests of the industry. State Stewards and State Veterinarians are present on every race day providing on-site supervision of horses and racing. The Commission's staff processes enforcement cases and presents appeals to judge's decisions to the Commission. Finally, the Commission recently assumed responsibility for promoting harness racing in the state.

## RULEMAKING

Title 8, Chapter 11, contains thirteen different statements that provide authorization to conduct agency rulemaking. The Commission currently operates under eleven separate rule chapters. Keeping rules current with constantly evolving industry practices, issues and statutory mandates requires vigilance and frequent amendments.

Administrative rulemaking must be conducted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 375. All the Commission's rules are considered routine technical rules as defined under Title 5, Section 8071. Routine technical rules do not require legislative review prior to final agency adoption.

During calendar year 2018, the Commission adopted amendments to four rule chapters—Chapters 5, 7, 9 and 11.

## GRANTING LICENSES AND AWARDING RACE DATES

The Commission is authorized to issue annual licenses to entities desiring to hold harness races in which wagering is allowed. It also oversees the issuance of race dates to the various racing venues and issues licenses for simulcasting and to off-track betting facilities. Finally, the Commission licenses horse owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials.

During the 2018 racing year, race days were awarded from March – December:

	Days Granted	Days Raced	Days Not Raced
Scarborough Downs	78	74	4
Bangor Raceway	43	42	1
Northern Maine Fair	6	6	0
Topsham Fair	5	5	0
Skowhegan Fair	7	7	0
Union Fair	5	4	1
Windsor Fair	9	9	0
Farmington Fair	7	6	1
Cumberland Fair	7	7	0
Cumberland Extended	1	1	0
Fryeburg Fair	6	6	0
TOTALS	174	167	7

## Off-Track and Inter-Track Betting Facilities Days Requested

HC Bangor, LLC, DBA Hollywood Casino, Hotel & Raceway Bangor, ME	363
Pioneer Gaming, LLC, DBA Sanford OTB Sanford, Maine	363
Midcoast OTB, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB Brunswick, ME	363
LRI, Inc., DBA Lewiston Raceway, DBA Winner's Circle OTB Lewiston, ME	363
Pioneer Gaming, LLC, DBA Favorites Waterville, ME	363
Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs Scarborough, ME	363

## Licenses of Racing Personnel 2018 Licenses Issued

Type of License	Number Issued
Owner	313 @ \$35
Trainer	29 @ \$35
Driver	27 @ \$35
Driver/Trainer	32 @ \$60
Owner/Driver/Trainer	102 @ \$90
Owner/Driver	14 @ \$60
Owner/Trainer	83 @ \$60
Owner/Limited Trainer	30 @ \$60
Owner/Driver/Limited Trainer	1 @ \$90
Groom	494 @ \$20
Officials	79 @ Various Prices
Pari-mutuel Clerks	91 @ \$20
Stables	28 @ \$30
Venders	7 @ \$50

## **MAINE SIRE STAKES PROGRAM**

The Commission also oversees Maine's Sire Stakes Program, which seeks to encourage the breeding of Standardbred racehorses in Maine. The program requires the registration of participating stallions and mares, and the resulting foals that will participate in the program. Revenues from both harness racing wagering profits and slot machine profits are designated—by statute—for the purpose of supplementing Sire Stakes race purses. Just under \$2 million was designated to the Sire Stakes purse supplement fund in 2018.

During 2018, the Commission staff once again helped organize and implement the Sire Stakes program in collaboration with the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association (MSBOA). The staff also took part in closing out the Sire Stakes season by attending the consolation draws and the 2 and 3-year old Sire Stakes Finals at Scarborough Downs.

The Commission is happy to report that the 2018 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.

Horses in the Sire Stakes events are tested for any prohibited substances as requested by the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee.

A special thank you goes out to each track for hosting, promoting and providing 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.

## **MEDICATION/TESTING PROGRAMS**

### **BLOOD TESTING PROGRAM**

Test samples were analyzed by the LGC Science Inc. Laboratory located in Lexington, Kentucky, until the end of their contract which ended July 31, 2018. Beginning in August, the Department contracted with the University of Illinois at Chicago Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory (AFTL), located in Chicago, Illinois. AFTL won the complete bid for laboratory services earlier in the year. Upon arrival at the lab, samples were analyzed to detect prohibited drugs or therapeutic medications that exceeded the permitted levels as stated in the Maine State Harness Racing rules.

Initial screening of samples is done primarily using either gas or liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry. These dual instrument methods allow for greater confidence in analyte identification. Confirmatory tests generally utilize the same instrumentation, but the method is refined to target and quantify the specific analyte in question.

During the 2018 racing year, 3,290 equine blood samples were taken. Of that total, there were 11 positive tests and 4 were found to be in violation of the Commission's rules.

## OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING PROGRAM

Beginning 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 and transferring it to the laboratory for analysis. In 2018, there were 17 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 and transferring it to the laboratory for analysis. In 2018, 675 samples were taken pre-race to test for blood gas use. Out of the 675 tests, one was found 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. The program allowed tolerances for horses that use phenylbutazone and furosemide. The Commission voted to eliminate phenylbutazone from the Controlled Medication Program during the Commission meeting that was held in June 2014. Consequently, the program now provides for on-site administration of furosemide only by the State Veterinarian on race day. There were 531 horses participating in this program in 2018. Throughout the year 30 horses went off the program.

## HUMAN DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

The Human Drug Testing Program was created to test anyone with a Maine State Harness Racing license while in the paddock on race day. This program was designed to ensure the safety of the licensees and horses, on and off the track. Urine was collected by the State Stewards.

In the 2018 racing season, 75 drug tests were administered. Of the 75 samples collected there were none in violation of the Commission’s rules.

## SUMMARY OF FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

During the 2018 racing year, there were 112 violations of on-track racing laws and rules.

Failed to Drive When Programmed.....	3
Failure to keep a line in each hand .....	29
Foot out of Stirrup .....	9
Foot out of Stirrup with Intent.....	8
Inside Pylons.....	1
Late Driver Change.....	6
Late to Bring Horse to Testing Barn.....	4
Excessive Use of the Whip .....	12
Interference - Impeding the Progress.....	20
Miscellaneous .....	20
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>112</b>

## COMMISSION ACTION ON 2018 RULE VIOLATIONS

Appeals	4	Upheld	1	Overturned	3
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## ACCOUNT OF COMMISSION’S ACTIONS REGARDING PROMOTION OF HARNESS RACING

The Commission recognized that improving marketing of Maine harness racing is paramount to its long-term survival. In late 2016, a small group of industry stakeholders began brainstorming ideas to improve marketing and to better coordinate marketing between industry associations, fairs and commercial tracks. The Commission authorized expenditure of approximately \$10,000 in calendar year 2017 to pilot a social media marketing effort. Although only slightly more than half of the funding was expended, the Commission was able to revamp its online homepage and promote all of the significant events over the last two-thirds of the racing season using “boosted” posts on Facebook. While the results were not overwhelming, they were noticeable at times, and the lessons provided a valuable launching point to build upon. Additionally, the Commission cosponsored a pilot project to reintroduce the live audio broadcasts of harness racing from the agricultural fairs. Racing was broadcast—via AM radio and streamed across the internet—at five fairs and the Sire Stakes Finals in Scarborough.

During 2018, the Commission engaged a marketing consultant on a very modest contract for assistance in organizing a multifaceted marketing plan for the year. The plan resulted in the following marketing efforts; 1) establishment of dedicated Commission social media accounts with

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; 2) regularly scheduled social media posts, including “organic”, “boosted” and shared posts throughout the racing year; 3) development of two human interest stories intended to highlight positive aspects of the industry; 4) expansion/refinement of the live audio broadcast of fair racing to include every fair, and all 51 fair race dates—during 2018, live interviews following each race were incorporated into the broadcast effort and the Sire Stakes Finals were also broadcast; 5) a new television ad that ran during the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont broadcasts and reached the target market; and 6) an integrated traditional advertising campaign that used print, radio and television advertising to augment the other efforts.

While it is difficult to measure the impacts of low budget marketing effort in an industry like harness racing, there were a number of encouraging signs in 2018. The long-running decline in fan participation at the pari-mutuel fairs appeared to bottom out. Only poor weather during a couple of fairs prevented the handle from rebounding and showing an increase for the fairs.

In addition, anecdotal reports indicated that—for the first in recent memory—a sprinkling of younger fans began showing up at Maine’s racing venues in 2018. This is an important development—and a focus for the marketing efforts—because it’s not difficult to discern that the current fan-base is essentially devoid of fans younger than normal retirement age, with many of them well into retirement.

Finally, the marketing efforts produced some notable successes around featured events. The 2018 Sire Stakes Finals were universally regarded as an impressive success, with a turnout that was regarded as one of the highest in many years. Family Fun Days at Scarborough Downs also had a robust turnout, as did race cards during the Triple Crown Saturdays. And an unusual crowd was observed at the Labor Day Invitational at Windsor Fair where “Foiled Again”, the winningest Standardbred in harness racing history, was featured as part of his preretirement victory tour.

In general, and across the country, harness racing has suffered due to intense competition for gaming and entertainment dollars. In addition, the migration of the populous away from an agrarian lifestyle has exacerbated the disconnection from horses. But harness racing is reemerging and reinventing itself in some parts of the country. Upscale venues with modern, high-end amenities is one method that has been successful.

The Commission has invested heavily in overhauling the industry’s marketing approach, and improving the industry’s image. Younger fans are beginning to show up at the tracks for the first time in many years. In addition, the overall handle—the amount of money wagered at the all the venues—was up slightly in 2018. This is significant, because the handle has been in a gradual decline for decades. The bottom line is that there are clear signs of life in the harness racing industry for the first time in many years, and there is optimism within the industry that those signs are just the beginning of things to come.

### **3. Practical Effect of Title 8, Chapter 11 and Recommended Legislation**

Title 8, Chapter 11 establishes the State Harness Racing Commission and provides statutory authority for the oversight and regulation of harness racing in the state. It authorizes licensing of participants, tracks and off-track betting facilities, and for the allocation of race dates between the various racing venues. During 2018, marketing responsibility was transferred to the Commission. Chapter 11 contains extensive rulemaking authority for the Commission which has resulted in the promulgation of eleven chapters of rules.

In general, Chapter 11 provides adequate authority to regulate and support Maine's harness racing industry. However, recent events have demonstrated that Chapter 11 contains a statutory defect that is inconsistent with historical practice, Commission rules, Commission sentiment, and the longstanding views and policy objectives of most constituents. Recent litigation reveals that Chapter 11 does not authorize return of purse for prohibited substance violations except through criminal convictions via Maine's court system. This circumstance is diametrically opposite of the prevailing sentiment and historical practice. Consequently, the Commission unanimously endorses legislation to authorize purse returns for any violation of prohibited substance cases, consistent with the gravity of the violation and current Commission rules.

#### **4. Report of the Commission's Financial Position**

The Commission derives its operating budget from four revenue sources as follows:

1. The Department's share from the commission on harness racing wagering profits;
2. Licensing fees associated with racing participants, tracks, race dates and off-track betting facilities;
3. Revenue from administration of the furosemide program intended to prevent pulmonary hemorrhaging; and
4. To the degree necessary to remain solvent, periodic administrative assessments against revenue allocated pursuant to Title 8, Section 1036, Subsection 2, paragraphs B, C, D, H and I.

The Commission essentially operates a zero-sum budget, insomuch as it attempts to make administrative assessments in a manner that ensures that revenues are approximately equal to expenditures by year end. A small amount of carryover is a necessary component of the calculations since dedicated accounts should never show a negative balance. The table below summarizes the Commission's Financial Position for calendar year 2018.

The Commission's administrative staff has implemented a series of cost cutting measures over the last few years in an effort to minimize the need for administrative assessments to balance the budget. During 2018, the Commission reduced its administrative assessments by \$130,000 but had a decreased year-end carryover. After adjusting for the difference in carryover, it could be stated that the Commission reduced its administrative assessment by \$80,000 during 2018.

**Statement of the Commission's Financial Position-Cash Basis**  
**January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018**  
**014-01A-0320-07**

<b>Beginning cash balance 01/01/18 Commission acct 014-0320-07- Admin units only</b>		<b>\$ 58,786.38</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
1221 Licenses Harness Horse Racing	\$ 3,310.00	
1301 Comm Pari Mutuels Harness (CPMH)	400,607.11	
1448 Special Licenses & Leases	47,940.00	
2631 Registration Fees for CMP	114,045.00	
2686 Misc Income	-	
2689 Cash Over Cash Short - appeals	(100.00)	
2690 Recovered Cost	120.00	
2719 Contributions from other special revenue Administrative Assessment:		
Administrative Assessment 06/28/18	\$ 150,000.00	
Administrative Assessment 10/25/18	300,000.00	
Administrative Assessment 12/28/18	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Administrative Assessment	500,000.00	
2952 Adjustment to prior year bal/unallocated	<u>(16,593.22)</u>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 1,049,328.89</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
3100 Salary & Wages	\$ 388,098.74	
3900 Benefits Costs	<u>219,421.40</u>	
<b>TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES</b>		<b>\$ 607,520.14</b>
4000 Services Not By State	\$ 416,509.36	
4100 Services By State	675.00	
4200 Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State	6,274.34	
4300 Mileage, Meal & Lodging, Out of State	-	
4600 Rents	5,702.27	
4700 Repairs & Maintenance	210.00	
4800 Insurances, Risk Management	1,530.42	
4900 General Operating Expenses	21,162.54	
5300 OIT Technology	28.99	
5500 Equipment & Technology	449.08	
5600 Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc	17,392.95	
6400 Grants to Pub and Priv Orgns	950.00	
8200 Admin Charges & Fees (NSF)	20.00	
8511 Sta Cap Charges	23,835.34	
<b>TOTAL ALL OTHER</b>		<b>\$ 494,740.29</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 1,102,260.43</b>
<b>Ending cash balance 12/31/18 Commission acct 014-0320-07- Admin units only</b>		<b>\$ 5,854.84</b>

**5. SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE HARNESS RACING PROMOTIONAL FUND**

Statement of the Promotion Board's Financial Position-Cash Basis  
January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018  
014-01A-0320-08

Beginning cash balance 01/01/18 Promotion Board Appropriation: 014-0320-08		\$	-
<b>REVENUE</b>			
1301 Comm Pari Mutuels Harness	\$	22,807.05	
2734 Contributions From Private Sources		69,761.01	
2978 Dicap Transfer		(862.51)	
2981 Legis Transfer Of Revenue		13,698.62	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		\$	<b>105,404.17</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
4900 General Operating Expenses	\$	8,543.56	
6400 Grants to Pub and Priv Orgns		1,000.00	
8511 Sta Cap Charges		178.39	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		\$	<b><u>9,721.95</u></b>
Ending cash balance 12/31/18 Promotion Board acct 014-0320-08		\$	<b><u><u>95,682.22</u></u></b>

## 6. Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Handle) and Disbursements

### 2018 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HANDLE

#### LIVE RACING:

TRACK:	EXOTIC	STRAIGHT	TOTAL
Scarborough	\$ 540,937	\$ 271,547	\$ 812,484
Bangor Raceway	120,957	59,820	180,777
Northern Maine	42,087	26,963	69,050
Topsham	23,711	12,635	36,346
Skowhegan	102,128	47,225	149,353
Union	30,934	16,414	47,348
Windsor	240,605	108,633	349,238
Farmington Fair	68,776	27,046	95,822
Cumberland Fair	65,254	32,821	98,075
Cumberland Extension	9,447	3,202	12,649
Fryeburg	288,060	165,400	453,460
<b>TOTAL LIVE RACING</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,896</b>	<b>\$ 771,706</b>	<b>\$ 2,304,602</b>

#### INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST:

##### OTB FACILITY:

LRI INC, d/b/a Lewiston Raceways, Inc.	\$ 86,209	\$ 31,131	\$ 117,340
OTB Facilitators dba Sanford OTB	12,976	3,916	16,892
Pioneer Gaming LLC d/b/a Favorites	110,151	20,380	130,531
Winner's OTB-Midcoast OTB	39,563	20,547	60,110
<b>TOTAL OTB FACILITY</b>	<b>\$ 248,900</b>	<b>\$ 75,974</b>	<b>\$ 324,874</b>

##### COMMERCIAL TRACK:

Scarborough	\$ 72,043	\$ 16,319	\$ 88,362
Bangor Raceway	66,920	12,626	79,546
<b>TOTAL COMMERCIAL TRACK</b>	<b>\$ 138,963</b>	<b>\$ 28,945</b>	<b>\$ 167,908</b>

<b>TOTAL INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST</b>	<b>\$ 387,862</b>	<b>\$ 104,919</b>	<b>\$ 492,781</b>
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**2018 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HANDLE CONT'D**

**INTER-STATE SIMULCAST**

	<b>EXOTIC HANDLE</b>	<b>STRAIGHT HANDLE</b>	<b>TOTAL HANDLE</b>	<b>EXOTIC COMMISSION</b>	<b>STRAIGHT COMMISSION</b>	<b>TOTAL COMMISSION</b>
<b>OTB FACILITIES</b>						
LRI INC, d/b/a Lewiston Raceways, Inc.	\$ 2,063,780	\$ 830,027	\$ 2,893,807	\$ 470,295	\$ 143,366	\$ 613,660
OTB Facilitators dba Sanford OTB	1,593,747	444,262	2,038,009	-	75,590	75,590
Pioneer Gaming LLC d/b/a Favorites	2,438,220	456,144	2,894,364	549,142	78,330	627,472
Winner's OTB-Midcoast OTB	2,640,753	1,068,709	3,709,462	606,410	183,799	790,209
<b>TOTAL OTB FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 8,736,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,799,142</b>	<b>\$ 11,535,642</b>	<b>\$ 1,625,847</b>	<b>\$ 481,085</b>	<b>\$ 2,106,932</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL TRACKS</b>						
Scarborough	\$ 5,922,640	\$ 2,542,206	\$ 8,464,846	\$ 1,355,722	\$ 432,987	\$ 1,788,710
Bangor Raceway	1,681,211	524,087	2,205,298	376,090	89,993	466,083
<b>TOTAL COMMERCIAL TRACKS</b>	<b>\$ 7,603,851</b>	<b>\$ 3,066,293</b>	<b>\$ 10,670,144</b>	<b>\$ 1,731,813</b>	<b>\$ 522,980</b>	<b>\$ 2,254,793</b>
<b>TOTAL INTERSTATE SIMULCAST</b>	<b>\$ 16,340,352</b>	<b>\$ 5,865,435</b>	<b>\$ 22,205,786</b>	<b>\$ 3,357,659</b>	<b>\$ 1,004,066</b>	<b>\$ 4,361,725</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL HANDLE WAGERING</b>	<b>\$ 18,261,110</b>	<b>\$ 6,742,060</b>	<b>\$ 25,003,169</b>			

**Funds received pursuant to MRS Title 8, Chapter 11, §286 Calculation of Distribution of Commission**

	<b>GF/STATE 477X-07</b>	<b>AG FAIR STIPEND 473X-01</b>	<b>SIRE STAKE 476X-01</b>	<b>PURSE SUPPLE 478X-01</b>	<b>PROMO BOARD 0873-01</b>	<b>OTB SIMULCAST 474X-01</b>	<b>AGR FAIR FUND 472X-01</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Bangor	\$ 37,588	\$ 25,888	\$ 25,760	\$ 21,830	\$ 5,519	\$ -	\$ 1,978	\$ 118,563
Scarborough	137,073	100,040	92,315	84,270	21,308	-	7,214	442,221
Cumberland Fair	1,547	1,152	1,036	970	245	-	81	5,031
Cumberland Fair Ext.	217	148	149	125	32	-	11	682
Farmington Fair	1,595	1,125	1,086	948	240	-	84	5,077
Fryeburg Fair	6,926	5,329	4,587	4,483	1,134	-	365	22,823
Northern Maine Fair	1,025	812	672	683	173	-	54	3,418
Skowhegan State Fair	2,402	1,754	1,618	1,477	373	-	126	7,751
Topsham Fair	566	427	377	359	91	-	30	1,849
Union Fair	738	556	492	468	118	-	39	2,411
Windsor Fair	5,647	4,101	3,810	3,453	873	-	297	18,182
Winner's OTB, Brunswick	65,282	32,505	31,064	94,766	6,927	91,130	3,436	325,109
LRI, Lewiston	52,143	26,062	24,929	73,455	5,554	70,737	2,744	255,625
Pioneer Gaming, Sanford	36,971	17,293	18,068	53,803	3,689	49,054	1,946	180,824
Pioneer Gaming, Waterville	57,267	25,786	28,902	79,825	5,506	69,680	3,014	269,980
	<b>\$ 406,988</b>	<b>\$ 242,978</b>	<b>\$ 234,865</b>	<b>\$ 420,913</b>	<b>\$ 51,781</b>	<b>\$ 280,601</b>	<b>\$ 21,420</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,546</b>

**Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Handle) and Distribution for 2018**

Distribution Basis				Handle							
Actual Days Raced	Number of Dashes	Exotic Wagers at OTBs	Premiums	Commission	Agri Stip-Prem/facility Improvement	Fair Stipend 5%	Sire Stakes	Purse Supplement	Promotion Fund	OTB Simulcast Fund	Total

**Handle Revenue**

\$ 406,988	\$ 242,978	\$ 21,420	\$ 234,865	\$ 420,913	\$ 51,781	\$ 280,601	\$ 1,659,546
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Recipients:												
Agricultural Fair Coordinator Assessment					\$ 34,372						\$ 34,372	
Commission Operating Fund				406,988							406,988	
Promotion Board									51,781		51,781	
See Sire Stakes Report						234,865					234,865	
Bangor Raceway	42	376	\$ 43,328					105,858		49,095	154,953	
Scarborough Downs	74	724	127,171					186,513		144,097	330,610	
Acton Fair				\$42,459		4,160					4,160	
Bangor Fair				80,687		7,905					7,905	
Blue Hill Fair				53,432		5,235					5,235	
Clinton Lions Club				44,856		272					4,394	
Common Ground Fair				39,527		3,872					3,872	
Cumberland Fair	7	70	11,215	124,965	20,519			17,643		12,708	50,870	
Cumberland Fair EXT	1	10		-				2,520			2,520	
Farmington Fair	6	56	10,213	73,477		16,855		15,123		11,572	43,550	
Fryeburg Fair	6	60	14,749	378,333		38,547		15,123		16,712	70,382	
Harmony Free Fair				23,895		2,341					2,341	
Houlton Fair				71,978		7,051					7,051	
Litchfield Fair				40,203		3,939					3,939	
Maine Farm Days				3,404		333					333	
Monmouth Fair				19,116		1,873					1,873	
New Portland Fair				7,729		757					757	
Northern Maine Fair	6	54	3,282	76,306		17,057		15,123		3,719	35,898	
Ossipee Valley Fair				39,693		3,889					3,889	
Oxford County Fair				52,590		5,152					5,152	
Piscataquis Valley Fair				42,252		4,139					4,139	
Pittston Fair				32,055		3,140					3,140	
Skowhegan State Fair	7	68	10,282	125,336		20,545		17,643		11,651	49,839	
Springfield Fair				23,833		2,335					2,335	
Topsham Fair	5	48	5,318	57,053		15,687		12,602		6,026	34,315	
Union Fair	4	33	3,585	79,743		17,301		10,082		4,062	31,445	
Waterford's World Fair				12,890		1,263					1,263	
Windsor Fair	9	94	18,498	142,110		21,739		22,684		20,960	65,383	
<b>Total distribution</b>					<b>\$ 406,988</b>	<b>\$ 242,978</b>	<b>\$ 21,420</b>	<b>\$ 234,865</b>	<b>\$ 420,913</b>	<b>\$ 51,781</b>	<b>\$ 280,601</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,546</b>

**Total distribution basis**      **167**      **1593**      **\$ 247,641**      **\$ 1,687,924**

Distribution based on :

N/A	Premiums	Premiums	See Sire Stakes Report	Actual Days Raced	N/A	Exotic Wagers at the OTB's
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## 7. Overview of Revenue and Disbursements Arising from the Bangor Racino

### Overview of Wagering & Disbursements Arising from the Bangor Racino

#### State Revenue from Slot Machines at Hollywood Casino Operation Calendar Year 2018

		Totals
Number of Machines in Play		729
Funds In Bills and Tickets		263,227,664
Funds Out Bills and Tickets		222,958,841
Unclaimed tickets (Dollar Value)		38,347
Net Slot Revenue		40,304,279
Average Slot Win %		1
Total Tax revenue Due the State		3,929,230
Total Tax revenue Due the State		14,186,592
Fund To Supplement Purses	10%	3,637,588
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	3%	1,091,276
Sire Stakes Fund	3%	1,091,276
General Fund	4%	1,455,035
Fund To Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	4%	1,455,035
Fund to Stabilize OTB Facilities	1%	363,759
Fund for a Healthy Maine	10%	3,637,588
UMS Scholarship Fund*	1.89%	687,671
Maine Maritime Academy*	0.11%	39,846
ME Com. Col. System Scholarship FundMaine	1%	363,759
City of Bangor	1%	363,759
Total	39%	14,186,592

Source: Gambling Control Unit Website Revenue Information for Hollywood Casino 2018



## 8. Overview of Revenue and Disbursements Arising from the Oxford Casino

### Overview of Wagering & Disbursements Arising from the Oxford Casino

#### State Revenue from Slot Machines at Oxford Casino Operation Calendar Year 2018

	Totals
Number of Machines in Play	968
Funds In Bills and Tickets	688,490,018
Funds Out Bills and Tickets	608,035,597
Unclaimed tickets (Dollar Value)	57,660
Net Slot Revenue	<u>77,776,267</u>
Average Slot Win %	<u>10.088%</u>
Total Tax revenue Due the State @ 46%	<u><u>35,758,070</u></u>

DOE Grades K-12	25%	19,433,734
U of ME Scholarship Sys*	3.77%	2,930,607
Maine Maritime Academy*	0.23%	178,790
ME Comm College Scholarship	3%	2,332,048
Tribal Governments Penob & Pass	4%	3,109,397
Gambling Control Board & Add'l	3%	2,332,048
Host Municipality-Town of Oxford	2%	1,554,699
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	1%	777,349
Harness Racing Purse Supplement	1%	777,349
Sire Stakes Fund	1%	777,349
Host County Costs-Oxford	1%	777,349
Dept of Agr. Dair Imp. Fund 7/13	0.50%	388,675
Dept of Agr. Maine Milk Fund 7/13	0.50%	388,675
Total 46% Tax	46%	35,758,070

Source: Gambling Control Unit Website Revenue Information for Oxford Casino 2018

## Overview of Wagering Commission Revenue (Oxford Casino) and Distribution for 2018

Distribution Basis	
Number of Dashes	Premiums

Oxford Casino				
Ag Fair Stipend Premiums	Ag Fair Stipend Purse Supplement	Sire Stakes	Purse Supplement	Total

Oxford Casino Revenue\*

\$ 513,051    \$ 264,299    \$ 777,349    \$ 777,349    \$ 2,332,048

**Distributions/Disbursements:**

Transferred to Ag Fair Coord			\$ 66,697			\$ 66,697
See Sire Stakes Report				777,349		777,349
Bangor Raceway	376			62,383		183,480
Scarborough Downs	724			120,121		353,296
Acton Fair		42,459	11,228			11,228
Bangor Fair		80,687	21,337			21,337
Blue Hill Fair		53,432	14,130			14,130
Clinton Lions Club		44,856	11,862			11,862
Common Ground Fair		39,527	10,453			10,453
Cumberland Fair	70	124,965	33,046	11,614		34,158
Cumberland Fair EXT	10			1,659		4,880
Farmington Fair	56	73,477	19,430	9,291		27,327
Fryeburg Fair	60	378,333	100,046	9,955		29,279
Harmony Free Fair		23,895	6,319			6,319
Houlton Fair		71,978	19,034			19,034
Litchfield Fair		40,203	10,631			10,631
Maine Farm Days		3,404	900			900
Monmouth Fair		19,116	5,055			5,055
New Portland Fair		7,729	2,044			2,044
Northern Maine Fair	54	76,306	20,178	8,959		26,351
Ossipee Valley Fair		39,693	10,496			10,496
Oxford County Fair		52,590	13,907			13,907
Piscataquis Valley Fair		42,252	11,173			11,173
Pittston Fair		32,055	8,477			8,477
Skowhegan State Fair	68	125,336	33,144	11,282		33,183
Springfield Fair		23,833	6,302			6,302
Topsham Fair	48	57,053	15,087	7,964		23,423
Union Fair	33	79,743	21,087	5,475		16,103
Waterford's World Fair		12,890	3,409			3,409
Windsor Fair	94	142,110	37,580	15,596		45,870
<b>Total distribution/disbursements</b>			<b>\$ 513,051</b>	<b>\$ 264,299</b>	<b>\$ 777,349</b>	<b>\$ 777,349</b>

**Total distribution basis**                      1,593    \$    1,687,924

Distribution based on :

Premiums	Number of Dashes	See Sire Stakes Report	Number of Dashes
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## **9. Use of Funds by Commercial Tracks (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037(1))**

There were two (2) licensed pari-mutuel facilities that met the definition of a Commercial Race Track pursuant to 8 MRS Section 275-A. One is in Scarborough and the other in Bangor.

Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs conducted 74 days of live racing and offered wagering on 724 dashes and HC Bangor LLC, DBA Hollywood Casino Hotel & Raceway conducted 42 days of live racing and offered wagering on 376 dashes to the Off-track Betting facilities in Maine as well as out-of-state. Both facilities were licensed to accept pari mutuel wagers on simulcast races for 363 days.

The revenues received from the Fund To Encourage Racing At Maine's Commercial Tracks were used by the recipients to defray expenses incurred in conducting live racing and accepting pair mutuel wagers throughout the licensing year.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 1 is contained on the following pages.

## Use of Funds by Commercial Tracks for 2018

Commercial Tracks	SD	Bangor
A. The total amount wagered on live harness races	812,484	180,777
B. The total amount wagered on intrastate simulcast races	88,362	79,546
C. The total amount wagered on interstate simulcast races	8,464,846	2,205,298
D. The number of harness races originated in the State and made available for simulcast outside of the State	724	376
E. The amount of the harness racing handle from wagers at the commercial track kept by that commercial track and the distribution of the handle to the State and industry recipients under section 286		
<b>Handle Distribution to State &amp; Industry Recipients Under section 286</b>		
Ag. Fair Stipend	100,040	25,888
Sire Stakes	92,315	25,760
Purse Supplement	84,270	21,830
Promotional Board Fund	21,308	5,519
Commission Operations	137,073	37,588
Ag. Fair Fund	7,214	1,978
Racing Handle Kept by Track-Horseman's Purse	280,208	74,156
Racing Handle Kept by Track-Track's Share	1,274,124	332,181
F. The amount received from the handle distribution from wagers at other tracks and off-track betting facilities under section 286		
Racing Handle received from other Track-Horseman's Purse	967	1,585
Racing Handle received from other Track-Tracks's Share	3,887	6,317
Racing Handle received from off-track betting facilities-Horseman's Purse	11,983	4,119
Racing Handle received from off-track betting facilities-Track's Share	13,154	4,539
G. The amount of revenue received in accordance with section 1036, subsection 2, paragraphs B, D and H		
B-Section 298-Supplement Harness Racing Purses-Bangor Racino	1,545,030	802,391
B-Section 298-Supplement Harness Racing Purses-Oxford Casino	353,296	183,480
Section 290-Supplement Harness Racing Purses-Handle	186,513	105,858
D-Title 7, Section 91-Agricultural Fair Support fund-Bangor Racino	157,593	81,844
D-Title 7, Section 91-Agricultural Fair Support fund-Oxford Casino	120,121	62,383
H-Section 299-Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Track-Bangor Racino	861,410	498,387
Section 295-Off-Track Betting Facility Simulcast Fund-Handle	144,097	49,095
H. The number of full-time and part-time employees at the commercial track		
Full-Time Employees	18	3
Part-Time Employees	38	10
I. The amount, if any, spent on capital improvements to the commercial track and related facilities and a description of those improvements. The first report must include the amount spent since November 2005, shown by year. Subsequent annual reports must include the amount spent on capital improvements the immediately preceding calendar year;		
	See below	See below
J. Operating costs for the commercial track	3,257,516	1,806,055
K. Depreciation figures for the commercial track	41,338	37,328
K. Profit or (loss) figures for the commercial track	(229,123)	(454,562)
L. Administrative costs to comply with reporting requirements and contributions to the State Harness Racing Commission's operating account described in section 267-A	200	1,100

<b>Scarborough Downs Capital Improvements:</b>	
Replaced Televisions in simulcast area	\$14,500
Repaired road in front of grandstand	8,000
Replaced work/plow truck	<u>40,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>

<b>Bangor Capital Improvements:</b>	
Purchase of Spreader/plow truck	\$14,500
Kitchen in grandstand remodel	6,250
Grandstand siding	3,000
Track drainage/culverts and resurfacing	<u>3,600</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,350</b>

## **10. Use of Funds by Fairs that Conduct Harness Racing (pursuant to 8 MRS §1037 (2))**

There were eight (8) licensed agricultural fairs that conducted harness racing during their annual exhibition. The total number of days these eight agricultural fairs conducted harness racing in 2018 was 50 days. Cumberland Fair conducted one (1) day of racing that is classified as an Extended Meet.

These eight fairs spent a total of \$1,057,323 in premiums and made \$1,087,858 in capital improvements in 2018. These fairs wagered \$1,311,341 at their tracks and paid out \$1,528,700 in purses.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 2 is contained on the following page.

It should be noted that absent a requirement in the statute to keep funds received from the racino in Bangor and the casino in Oxford separate, most fairs comingled these funds in either their general operating account or in the horsemen's purse account. Therefore, there is not an independent accounting for the funds received pursuant to 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86. However, after reviewing the annual reports required for submission to this office, it has been determined that these funds have been used in accordance with the provisions found in 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86.

2018 Agricultural Fairs that Conduct Harness Racing

Fair	Handle Purse Supplement	Racino Purse Supplement	Casino Purse Supplement	Ag. Fair Racino Purse Supplement	Ag Fair Casino Purse Supplement	On Track Purse Supplement	OTB Purse Supplement	Payment MHHA Funding	Purses Paid	Days Raced	Dashes Raced	Dashes Available to OTB	Total Live Wagered
Cumberland	17,643	149,381	34,158	15,237	11,614	2,336	1,053	4,860	227,500	7	70	70	98,075
Cumberland Ext.	2,520	21,340	4,880	2,177	1,659	330	120	694	34,300	1	10	10	12,649
Farmington	15,123	119,505	27,327	12,190	9,291	2,422	962	3,923	172,900	6	56	56	95,822
Fryeburg	15,123	128,041	29,279	13,060	9,955	10,419	1,374	4,352	213,000	6	60	60	453,460
Northern Maine	15,123	115,237	26,351	11,754	8,959	1,537	321	3,765	153,400	6	54	54	69,050
Skowhegan	17,643	145,113	33,183	14,802	11,282	3,634	971	4,759	200,700	7	68	68	149,353
Topsham	12,602	102,433	23,423	10,448	7,964	852	538	3,323	144,900	5	48	48	36,346
Union	10,082	70,423	16,103	7,183	5,475	1,112	332	2,325	81,800	4	33	33	47,348
Windsor	22,684	200,598	45,870	20,461	15,596	8,547	1,663	6,624	300,200	9	94	94	349,238
	128,542	1,052,072	240,573	107,311	81,795	31,190	7,334	34,625	1,528,700	51	493	493	1,311,341

Fair	OTB Simulcast Fund	Premiums Approved	Facilities Approved*	Bangor Racino Stipend	Oxford Casino Stipend	Premium Stipend	Facility Stipend	Attendance Paid *	Attendance Free & Vendor*	Attendance Total*	Labor Costs*	Operating Expenses*
Cumberland	12,708	124,965	94,238	43,355	33,046	8,892	11,627	33,762	11,898	45,660	143,563	500,101
Farmington	11,572	73,477	47,071	25,492	19,430	5,228	11,627	23,143	1,857	25,000	86,878	210,740
Fryeburg	16,712	378,333	745,750	131,256	100,046	26,920	11,627	165,392	43,608	209,000	1,480,253	853,684
Northern Maine	12,708	76,306	85,238	26,473	20,178	5,430	11,627	18,082	3,049	21,131	17,365	232,408
Skowhegan	11,651	125,336	9,084	43,483	33,144	8,918	11,627	51,000	3,500	54,500	115,294	663,276
Topsham	6,026	57,053	23,771	19,794	15,087	4,060	11,627	19,972	0	19,972	43,688	267,364
Union	4,062	79,743	14,897	27,666	21,087	5,674	11,627	23,650	5,910	29,560	16,411	300,142
Windsor	20,960	142,110	67,809	49,303	37,580	10,112	11,627	45,969	44,031	90,000	135,118	688,163
	96,398	1,057,323	1,087,858	366,821	279,598	75,233	93,016	380,970	113,853	494,823	2,038,570	3,715,879

\*Information provided by Fair Associations

## **11. Use of Funds by Fairs that Do Not Conduct Harness Racing (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (3))**

There were seventeen (17) licensed agricultural fairs that did not conduct harness racing during their annual exhibition in 2018. These seventeen fairs paid out \$630,600 in premiums and made \$295,370 in capital improvements.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 3 is contained on the following page.

It should be noted that absent a requirement in the statute to keep the funds received from the racino in Bangor and the casino in Oxford separate, most fairs comingled these funds in their general operating account. Therefore, there is not an independent accounting for the funds received pursuant to 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86. However, after reviewing the annual reports required for submission to this office, it has been determined that these funds have been used in accordance with the provisions found in 8 MRS Section 286 and 7 MRS Section 86.

2018 Agricultural Fairs that do not Conduct Harness Racing

Fair	Premiums Approved	Facilities Approved	Bangor Racino Stipend	Oxford Casino Stipend	Handle Premium Stipend	Handle Facility Stipend	Attendance Paid*	Attendance Free & Vendor*	Attendance Total*	Labor Costs*	Operating Expenses*
Acton Fair	42,459	47,548	14,730	11,228	3,021	1,138	10,662	4,422	15,084	23,895	79,567
Bangor Fair	80,687	0	27,993	21,337	5,741	2,163	24,233	2,069	26,302	99,638	245,027
Blue Hill Fair	53,432	3,624	18,537	14,130	3,802	1,433	26,176	0	26,176	75,807	235,548
Clinton Fair	44,856	31,066	15,562	11,862	3,192	1,203	13,583	1,098	14,681	16,389	50,150
Common Ground Fair	39,527	97,948	13,713	10,453	2,813	1,060	39,145	18,789	57,934	253,747	646,358
Harmony Free Fair	23,895	18,666	8,290	6,319	1,700	641	13,000	0	13,000	938	53,874
Houlton Fair	71,978	5,708	24,972	19,034	5,122	1,930	6,784	249	7,033	16,518	101,825
Litchfield Fair	40,203	27,848	13,948	10,631	2,861	1,078	14,714	0	14,714	13,084	57,550
Maine Farm Days	3,404	0	1,181	900	242	91	2,500	0	2,500	600	28,624
Monmouth Fair	19,116	2,814	6,632	5,055	1,360	513	1,910	1,090	3,000	650	31,699
North New Portland Fair	7,729	6,984	2,681	2,044	550	207	4,006	194	4,200	3,392	17,125
Ossipee Valley Fair	39,693	14,076	13,771	10,496	2,824	1,064	6,138	1,566	7,704	35,597	42,183
Oxford	52,590	0	18,245	13,907	3,742	1,410	15,350	250	15,600	24,782	171,594
Piscataquis Valley Fair	42,252	1,789	14,659	11,173	3,006	1,133	12,000	0	12,000	3,500	139,672
Pittston Fair	32,055	0	11,121	8,477	2,281	859	2,024	2,024	4,048	760	21,661
Springfield Fair	23,833	21,114	8,268	6,302	1,696	639	2,879	250	3,129	5,231	58,972
Waterford World's Fair	12,890	16,185	4,472	3,409	917	346	1,445	433	1,878	0	55,613
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>630,600</b>	<b>295,370</b>	<b>218,776</b>	<b>166,756</b>	<b>44,870</b>	<b>16,907</b>	<b>196,549</b>	<b>32,434</b>	<b>228,983</b>	<b>574,527</b>	<b>2,037,042</b>

\*Information provided by Fair Associations

## 12. Use of Funds by the Maine Standardbred Breeding Program (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (4))

Maine has experienced a decrease in the number of Sire Stakes eligibles participating in overnight events, therefore the need continues for additional horses from other racing jurisdictions to participate in Maine's overnight racing program.

2018

Yearlings Nominated	82
Mares Bred	106
Stallions Registered	18
Total Number of Dashes	131
2 year olds	47
Average Purse per Dash	\$10,378
Average Final Purse	\$56,519
Average Consolation Final	\$0.00
3 year olds	84
Average Purse per Dash	\$10,411
Average Final Purse	\$89,229
Average Consolation Final	\$14,750

The revenues generated for 2018 from the operation of the slot facility in Bangor was \$1,091,277; from the Oxford Casino was \$777,349; and from the wagering handle was \$234,865.

Contained in the following pages is a breakdown of participants for calendar year 2018 and an accounting of the funds received and the expenditures made from that account. At the end of the 2018 racing year, there was a balance of \$12,798.

## 2018 STALLIONS REGISTERED AND NUMBER OF MARES COVERED

Baron Biltmore	9
Boy Band	2
Cash Cab	0
Cheyenne Hollywood	3
CR Power Glide	2
Deuce Seelster	9
Eighteen	3
Excel Nine	2
Gaelic Thunder	0
Luigi	0
Noble Venture	21
Pembroke Slugger	12
Shipps Super Cruise	4
Stirling Enforcer	0
Tenant In Chief	2
Victor Blue Chip	4
Western Bay	0
Western Maverick	33

2018 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Stallions Registered		18
Mares Bred		106
Yearlings Nominated		82
Two Year Olds Continued		67
Two Year Olds Sustained		67
	Pacing	
	Colts:	19
	Pacing	
	Fillies:	19
	Trotting	
	Colts:	14
	Trotting	
	Fillies:	15
Three Year Olds Continued		78
Three Year Olds Sustained		75
	Pacing	
	Colts:	25
	Pacing	
	Fillies:	22
	Trotting	
	Colts:	12
	Trotting	
	Fillies:	16

## 2018 STANDARDBRED BREEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>TOTAL HANDLE:</b>		<b>\$ 25,003,169</b>
 <b>REVENUES:</b>		
Carried forward		\$ 157,530
Handle		234,865
Fees		18,790
Bangor Racino		1,091,277
Oxford Casino		<u>777,349</u>
 TOTAL REVENUE		 \$ 2,279,811
 <b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Total legs		\$ 1,362,330
Finals		582,694
Consolation Finals		29,500
MHHA Contract 2.100%		41,071
MSBOA Promotion Contract		180,000
Transfer to Commission Operating Budget:		
Transfer 06/25/18	\$ 21,429	
Transfer 10/25/18	42,857	
Transfer 12/28/18	7,143	
Total transferred to Operating Budget		71,429
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>2,267,023</u>
 <b>BALANCE 2018:</b>		 <u>\$ 12,788</u>
 <b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2019:</b>		 <u>\$ 12,788</u>

### **13. Use of Funds by Off Track Betting Facilities (pursuant to 8 MRS § 1037 (5))**

There were four (4) licensed off-track betting facilities that operated in 2018. Pioneer Gaming LLC, DBA Favorites is located in Waterville; Midcoast OTB, DBA Winner's OTB is located in Brunswick; LRI, Inc., DBA Winner's Circle OTB is located in Lewiston and, Pioneer Gaming LLC, DBA Sanford OTB is located in Sanford.

All four facilities offer pari-mutuel wagering on races that originate in Maine as well as races from other states.

The information required to be reported in 8 MRS Section 1037 subsection 5 is contained on the following page.

It should be noted that the requirement for Section 1037 subsection 5 paragraph A is not included in this report. None of the off-track betting facilities were able to extract this information from the totalizator records that were in their custody.

5. **Off-track betting facility.** The report required by this section must include, with regard to a facility licensed to conduct off-track betting on harness racing:

A. The number of individual wagers placed on intrastate and interstate simulcast races and the total amount for each;

	LRI	Waterville	Sanford	Winners
Intrastate Wagers	117,340	130,531	16,892	60,110
Interstate Wagers	2,893,807	2,894,364	2,038,009	3,709,462

B. The number of full-time and part-time employees of the off-track betting facility

Full Time Employees	3	2	2	3
Part Time Employees	5	1	2	1

C. The operating costs for the off-track betting facility

	553,713	674,781	563,750	731,496
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D. The name and primary location of the company licensed to operate the off-track betting facility; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

LRI, Inc. dba Winners Circle OTB Lewiston	Pioneer Gaming LLC dba Favorites OTB Waterville	Pioneer Gaming LLC dba Sanford OTB Sanford	Midcoast OTB dba Winners OTB Brunswick
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E. The total number of races originating in the State received for simulcast as reported by the off-track betting facility; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

	1,593	1,593	1,593	1,593
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F. The amount, if any, spent on capital improvements to the off-track betting facility and a description of those improvements. The first report must include the amount spent since November 2005, shown by year. Subsequent annual reports must include the amount spent on capital improvements the immediately preceding calendar year; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

\$2,000 office computers & \$500 computer to decode race signals	Approximately \$20,000. New TVs, Electrical, Plumbing, new construction, walls & other renovations related to moving into new facility	No capital improvements made this year	No capital improvements made this year
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G. The amount of the harness racing handle kept by the off-track betting facility and the distribution of the handle to the State and industry recipients under section 286; [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

<b>Kept by the off-track betting facility</b>	368,407	369,773	470,168	470,168
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**Distribution of Wagering Handle:**

<b>Ag. Fair Stipend</b>	26,062	25,786	17,293	32,505
<b>Sire Stakes</b>	24,929	28,902	18,068	31,064
<b>Purse Supplement</b>	73,455	79,825	53,803	94,766
<b>Promotional Board Fund</b>	5,554	5,506	3,689	6,927
<b>Commission Operations</b>	54,888	60,281	38,917	68,718
<b>OTB Simulcast Fund</b>	70,737	69,680	49,054	91,130
<b>Originating Track Share</b>	9,289	10,349	1,337	4,744
<b>Horsemen's Purse Acct.</b>	8,361	9,710	1,220	4,146

H. The amount received from the handle distribution from wagers at tracks and other off-track betting facilities under section 286; and [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

	273,274	290,040	183,381	333,999
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I. The amount of revenue received in accordance with section 1036, subsection 2, paragraph I. [2011, c. 358, §6 (NEW).]

	84,987	84,987	84,987	84,987
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