

COMMISSION HEARING

TORONTO, ONTARIO – JANUARY 9, 2012

## IN THE MATTER OF THE RACING COMMISSION ACT S.O. 2000, c.20;

## AND IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR HEARING BY STANDARDBRED LICENSEE BRAD FORWARD

On September 2, 2010, the Director ordered an Immediate Suspension and issued a Notice of Proposed Order to revoke and suspend the licence of standardbred licensee Brad Forward for a period of five (5) years. Standardbred licensee Brad Forward requested a hearing to be held pursuant to section 22 of the Racing Commission Act, 2000.

A Commission Panel consisting of Commissioner Brenda Walker was convened to conduct the hearing on January 9, 2012. Brendan van Niejenhuis appeared as counsel to the Administration, and Michael Crystal appeared as counsel to Brad Forward.

On being advised that no evidence will be called in this matter and that the Administration does not intend to proceed further and consents to this Ruling, the Panel ordered that the Order of Immediate Suspension and Notice of Proposed Order dated September 2, 2010, be set aside, and directed that Mr. Forward is eligible to apply to be re-licensed in accordance with the requirements of section 17 of the Racing Commission Act, 2000.

The transcript of the Panel's Oral Decision is attached to this Ruling.

DATED at Toronto this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

John L. Blakney
Executive Director

## ONTARIO RACING COMMISSION

## STANDARDBRED HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF THE RACING COMMISSION ACT, 2000, S.O. C.20 AND THE RULES OF STANDARDBRED RACING: AND IN THE MATTER OF AN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE LICENCE OF **BRAD O. FORWARD**:

AND IN THE MATTER OF A NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDER TO SUSPEND THE LICENCE OF **BRAD O. FORWARD**:

Held Before:

Brenda Walker Commissioner

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These are an excerpt of the proceedings in the above mentioned matter held before The Ontario Racing Commission, Re: **BRAD O. FORWARD**, taken before Toronto Court Reporters, Suite 1410, 65 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, at 10 Carlson Court, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario, on the 9th day of January, 2012.

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Appearances:

Brendon Van Niejenhuis for the Ontario Racing

Commission Administration

Michael Aaron Crystal for licensee Brad Forward

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1 Hearing continued ...

2	MS. WALKER: In the matter of Brad Forward I will make a ruling that he is
3	now eligible to reapply for his licence and that the Notice of Proposed Order
4	September the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2010 be set aside and direct that Mr. Forward is eligible to apply to
5	be relicensed in accordance with the requirements of Section 17 of the Ontario
6	Racing Commission Act, 2000. I believe that's all we need then.
7	MR. VAN NIEJENHUIS: Yes, thank you very much.
8	MS. WALKER: Thank you.
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