



COMMISSION HEARING

TORONTO, ONTARIO – AUGUST 24, 2010

**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 CHRIS DESROCHES**

Standardbred Licensee Chris DesRoches (“DesRoches”) appealed Ruling SB 91/2010, dated May 11, 2010, wherein he was suspended for failing to honour a judgment in favour of Freelton Feeds Inc., in the amount of \$8,279.71, in violation of Rule 3.09 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing.

The appeal was scheduled to proceed on August 24, 2010, at 1:00 pm, before a Panel of the Ontario Racing Commission (“ORC”) consisting of Chair Rod Seiling, Commissioner John MacDonald, and Commissioner Dan Nixon.

Angela Holland appeared as counsel for the Administration. DesRoches was not in attendance.

On August 24, 2010, prior to the commencement of the hearing, DesRoches contacted the ORC and advised that he was unable to attend as he was unable to drive due to medical reasons. The Panel then attempted to contact DesRoches in order to have him attend the hearing by phone but was unsuccessful.

As a result of DesRoches’ non-attendance, the Panel adjourned the hearing to September 14, 2010, at 1:00 pm, on a peremptory basis.

Further, the Panel ordered that DesRoches provide the ORC, from his attending physician, confirmation of his medical condition and inability to drive, within 24 hours (Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 5:00 pm).

The transcript with the Panel’s Oral Decision is attached to this Ruling.

DATED at Toronto this 25th day of August, 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION


John L. Blakney
Executive Director

ONTARIO RACING COMMISSION

RE: STANDARDBRED HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR
HEARING OF **CHRIS DESROCHES**

Held Before:

Rod Seiling, Chairman

John Macdonald Commissioner

Don Nixon Commissioner

This is an excerpt of a Hearing of the Ontario Racing Commission
re: **CHRIS DESROCHES**, taken before Toronto Court Reporters,
Suite 1410, 65 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, at 10
Carlson Court, Suite 400, Toronto, Ontario, on the 24th day of
August, 2010.

Appearances:

Angela Holland,

counsel for the Ontario
Racing Commission
Administration

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Hearing continued ...

SHORT RECESS

Upon Resuming...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All rise. Please be seated. Ms. Holland,
anything to report on the whereabouts of Mr. DesRoches?

MS. HOLLAND: No, sir. I believe Ms. Wright tried to contract him less
than five minutes ago and there was still no answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. What the panel is going to do is we are
going to adjourn and we are going to set a peremptory date at 1:00 on September
14th. Furthermore Mr. DesRoches has 24 hours in which to furnish you confirmation
of his medication condition and his inability to drive a vehicle, from his attending
physician.

MS. HOLLAND: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you and you might, when you are
corresponding with Mr. DesRoches, explain to him what peremptory means.

MS. HOLLAND: Understood.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. We are adjourned.

CERTIFIED CORRECT: _____
RAYMOND P. MACDONALD, B.A., CVR
Commissioner of Oaths