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Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Reaches Settlement Agreement in Brian Lynch Appeal

(LEXINGTON, Ky.) – July 19, 2013 – The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) announced at its July 17, 2013 meeting that it reached an agreement with trainer Brian Lynch in his appeal of a stewards' ruling for a Class C medication violation involving an overage of methocarbamol. The offense occurred on October 19, 2012 at Keeneland.

The settlement agreement with Lynch provides that he shall be held responsible for the Class C medication violation and imposes the maximum fine of \$500. The disqualification and purse redistribution originally ordered in the stewards' ruling is rescinded.

According to Executive Director John T. Ward, the KHRC undertook a comprehensive and rigorous review of its medication regulations and penalties in 2012 for the purpose of improving the horseracing industry in Kentucky and enhancing confidence in the integrity of the sport. "Through the course of recent appeals, it became evident that, in the process of amending the regulation, certain technical revisions resulted in a misapplication of the regulation. These appeals brought this to light and will enable the KHRC to properly apply the regulation going forward," said Ward. "The Commission believes the disqualification and redistribution of the purse is discretionary rather than mandatory under this regulation."

"The stewards and staff of the KHRC work very hard every day to protect the health, safety and welfare of all participants in horse racing. They enforce the regulations in a fair manner and treat all participants respectfully and consistently. We are proud that Kentucky's racing is among the best in the world," said KHRC Chair, Robert M. Beck, Jr.

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