

Thoroughbred Racing BC Announcement

TRBC members met recently and made several decisions on issues before them. The first matter approved was the inclusion of a Wintering Program for horses which have raced at Hastings over the 2023 season. The amount of the Wintering Incentive will be \$4,000 payable in 2024 for each eligible horse which returns to Hastings for the 2024 Race Season. Dairen Edwards, President of CTHS BC Division, indicated “this is just one of several programs we need to fund in order to grow the BC horse racing industry over the next several years.” David Milburn and Ole Nielsen from HBPA and BCTOBA respectively, agreed with Dairen’s view.

To be eligible for the Wintering Incentive the horse must meet the attached conditions.

According to TRBC chair Gary Johnson, additional incentives/programs will be announced after we see the preliminary results of discussions with government. “The TRBC members are fully aware that first and foremost is the need for a long term agreement with government on funding of horse racing.” said Johnson. “A long term agreement will show there is a future and will add stability to the industry as a whole” added Johnson.

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