MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 1985

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on November 26, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. at the Board office, 400 Broome Street, New York, New York, 10013.

The meeting being called on November 22, 1985 public notice of the meeting was given to the Associated Press and UPI and to the public by posting in the Board lobby.

PRESENT:

John Van Lindt, Chairman Michael Lee, Member Joseph P. Neglia, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Executive Director John Dailey, Director of Policy and Planning Victor A. Cocozziello, Director of Wagering Systems David Vaughan, Counsel Jacob Iberger, Director of Racing Operations Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations Steven Richman, Chief of OTB Operations Daniel Goldberg, Assistant Counsel Robert Feuerstein, Assistant Counsel Ted Garrison, Assistant Counsel Gale Berg, Assistant Counsel Eileen Clarke, OTB Operations Coordinator Robert Beloten, Assistant Counsel William Crumley, Racing Investigator Peggy Anderson, OTB Field Representative

and Thomas C. Davide, Secretery to the Board

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A. MINUTES:

1. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held on October 28, 1985.

B. FOR ENTRY INTO THE MINUTES:

- 1. YONKERS RACEWAY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 31, 1985 of request by Yonkers Raceway to simulcast the final of the Fall Championship Series to be held on Saturday, November 2, 1985 to Northfield Park and Rosecraft Raceway.
- 2. MONTICELLO RACEWAY ELIMINATE WIN, PLACE & SHOW WAGERING. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 25, 1985 of request by Monticello Raceway to eliminate win, place and show on the 6th race on Sunday, October 27, 1985.
- 3. NYRA PHILADELPHIA PARK. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 31, 1985 of the request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Philadelphia Park to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Royal Heroine and Stuyvesant Handicap on November 1, 1985.
- 4. CONFIRMATION OF MARCH 15, 1985 BOARD DECISION CONCERNING
 711 CENTRAL AVENUE, ALBANY. For entry into the minutes,
 the Board's prior approval of October 31, 1985 of request
 by Capital District Off-Track betting Corporation for
 the Board to confirm its prior approval of March 15, 1985
 for Capital to relocate a branch office to 711 Central
 Avenue, Albany and to transfer a simulcast license to said
 facility.
- 5. NEW YORK CITY OTB EXTENDED AGREEMENTS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 15, 1985 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation and all other New York State OTB's to extend the agreements with Calder Race Course and Tropical Park to accept wagers on races run during those meetings through and including June 30, 1986, on days when NYRA is dark.
- 6. YONKERS RACEWAY WAIVER OF EXACTA RULE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior denial of October 16, 1985 of request by Yonkers Raceway to conduct exacta wagering on a "Free for All Aged Pacing Series" at Yonkers Raceway on Sunday, October 20, 1985, where there are only five betting interests.
- 7. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB SARANAC LAKE AND HILLSDALE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 15, 1985 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend the simulcast plan of operation to add Saranac Lake and Hillsdale branch offices as simulcast facilities.

- 8. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB ADMISSION FEE/TELETHEATER. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 15, 1985 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation to charge an admission fee at its Teletheater located at 711 Central Avenue, Albany.
- 9. CAPITAL DISTRICT TELETHEATER. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 17, 1985 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend the simulcast plan of operation for its Teletheater at 711 Central Avenue, Albany, to offer wagers by number rather than letter for all simulcast events conducted at the Teletheater.
- 10. YONKERS RACEWAY DISCONTINUE SUNDAY RACING. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 21, 1985 of request by Yonkers Raceway to discontinue Sunday racing on October 27, 1985 and Sunday, November 3, 1985, and to make the final distribution of the Pick-7 pools and carryovers on Friday, November 1, 1985.
- HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF MICHEL LACHANCE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 8, 1985 of the Hearing Officer's recommendation that the suspension of Mr. LaChance's license be confirmed and that suspension remain in effect until such time as responsive answers are given to the questions proposed by the Board.
- 12. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERNATIONAL. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 15, 1985 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation to accept wagers on the Washington, D.C. International which is conducted at Laurel Race Course in Maryland on Saturday, November 16, 1985, as an out-of-state special event.
- 13. WESTERN REGIONAL OTB WASHINGTON D.C. INTERNATIONAL. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 8, 1985 of request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to accept wagers on the Washington, D.C. International which is conducted at the Laurel Race Course in Maryland on Saturday, November 16, 1985, as an OTB out-of-state special event.
- 14. SARATOGA HARNESS RACE PROGRAM FORMAT CHANGE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 8, 1985 of request by Saratoga Harness to schedule 11 races on Saturday, November 9, 1985 and on Monday, November 11, 1985.
- 15. SARATOGA RACEWAY FREE GENERAL ADMISSION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 1, 1985 of request by Saratoga Raceway to provide free general admission on November 13, 1985 (closing night).

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- NYRA FREE ADMISSION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 1, 1985 of request by New York Racing Association to offer the following promotions: 1) Offer free Grandstand or \$2 off Clubhouse admission on 11/8; 12/2; 12/20; and 12/23. 2) \$1 off Grandstand and Clubhouse admission on 11/10; 11/17; 11/30 and 12/14. 3) Distribute coupons on Breeders' Cup Day that may be used for free Grandstand admission or \$2 off Clubhouse admission for 12/7; 12/21; 12/22 and 1/5/86.
- MONTICELLO RACEWAY WAIVER OF 30 DAY RULE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 21, 1985 of request by Monticello Raceway to waive the 30 day rule for just one day due to a snow day on November 16, 1985.
- NASSAU REGIONAL OTB ADVANCE WAGERING ON THE BREEDERS'.

 For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of October 31, 1985 of request by Nassau Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend its simulcast plan of operation to add its Franklin Square Branch as an additional simulcast facility.
- NYCOTB/CATSKILL REGIONAL OTB ADVANCE WAGERING ON THE BREEDERS' CUP. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of November 1, 1985 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation to accept advance wagering on the 7 Breeders' Cup Races on Friday, November 1, 1985.
- 20. NOTICE OF SUSPENSION AND HEARING IN THE MATTERS OF GODFREY ARNOLD, DANIEL KRAMER AND RICHARD VACCARO. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of Novmeber 6, 1985 of the Notice of Suspension and Hearing in the above captioned matters. Messrs. Arnold, Kramer and Vaccaro engaged in unlawful gambling activities to the extent of receiving and profiting from bets totaling more than five thousand dollars.

C. FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

- 1. NYRA INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION NETWORK INCORPORATED

 ("IIN"). The Board approved the request by New York Racing Association for approval of two new agreements whereby NYRA would provide the Stretch Call and Official Race Results to "IIN" for publication on "IIN" dedicated telephone channel and NYRA would provide the call, official race results, race conditions, scratches and jockey changes on "IIN's" dedicated "900" telephone lines.
- 2. BATAVIA DOWNS REQUEST FOR TWIN TRIFECTA. The Board denied the request by Batavia Downs to add a new wager to their wagering format, namely a "Twin Trifecta", on an experimental basis.
- 3. FINGER LAKES SIMULCAST LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR 1985-1986. The Board deferred the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to renew their simulcast license for the year 1985-1986.

- 4. MONTICELLO RACEWAY MAKE-UP DAY. The Board approved the request by Monticello Raceway to have a make-up day on Friday, November 29, 1985 due to the cancellation of racing on Saturday, November 16, 1985.
- 5. ROOSEVELT RACEWAY "SPORTS EYE NIGHT". The Board approved the request by Roosevelt Raceway to hold a "Sports Eye Night". They will conduct a handicapping seminar and will distribute Sports Eye free on the night on November 29, 1985 only.
- 6. YONKERS RACEWAY CONDITIONS. The Board approved the conditions by Yonkers Raceway for the 1985 La Paloma Pace, Big Apple Pace and the Lawrence B. Sheppard Pace.
- 7. MONTICELLO RACEWAY ENCLOSING PADDOCK. The Board approved the request by Monticello Raceway for construction of an indoor paddock located within the confines of the present grandstand.
- 8. SARATOGA RACEWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The Board approved the request by Saratoga Raceway to withdraw the sum of \$288,567.18 from its Capital Improvement Fund for the payment of a new internal computer system, the repaying of a parking lot, as well as the installment of a wireless PA system in three barns.
- 9. SARATOGA RACEWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The Board approved the request by Saratoga Raceway to withdraw the sum of \$35,886.38 from its Capital Improvement Fund for the payment of concrete sealing for the floor in the grandstand and paddock area, 200 new chairs for the clubhouse, 8 clubhouse ceiling tile speakers, 1 caterpillar fork lift, 1 1985 Oldsmobile for Director of Racing and 2 mobile twoway radios for the sander and dump trucks.
- SARATOGA RACEWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND/REQUEST FOR APPROVAL. The Board approved the request by Saratoga Raceway to add metal Halide light fixtures to increase track lighting and remove the current hub rail and replace it with concrete sections. The estimated cost for this project will be \$110,000.
- 11. BATAVIA DOWNS HEAD-ON CAMERA CONSTRUCTION. The Board approved the request by Batavia Downs to add a "Head-On Camera" to their video patron system pursuant to the Capital Construction Program.
- 12. SARATOGA RACEWAY RACING OFFICES AND BOARD OFFICES. The Board approved the request by Saratoga Raceway to move the racing office and the Board's office from their present locations to the former Adminstration Building located on the north end of the grandstand.

- 13. VERNON DOWNS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The Board approved the request by Vernon Downs to withdraw the sum of \$745,828.37 from their Capital Improvement Fund Money Market Account with Norstar Bank of Upstate New York to their General Fund for capital improvements made and paid for, for the period of November 1, 1984 through September 3, 1985.
- 14. CATSKILL REGIONAL OTB SIMULCAST PLAN OF OPERATION AND LICENSING OF SIMULCAST FACILITIES. The Board approved the request by Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to approve their simulcasting plan of operation for the fiscal year July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1986, and to license 12 OTB branches as simulcast facilities for the same period.
- 15. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB ACCEPT WAGERS ON BREEDERS' CROWN.
 The Board approved the request by Capital District OffTrack Betting Corporation to accept wagers (regular,
 multiple and/or exotic) on the 1985 Breeders' Crown
 run at Garden State Park on November 29, 1985.
- 16. IN THE MATTER OF NORMAN BIRENBAUM. The Board approved the Hearing Officer's recommendation that the disqualification of "Count Eagle In" be confirmed.
- 17. HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF GASPAR MOSCHERA. The Board approved the Hearing Officer's recommendation of a thirty day suspension in the matter of Gaspar Moschera.
- 18. BATAVIA DOWNS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The Board approved the request by Batavia Downs to withdraw the sum of \$165,600 from its Capital Improvement Fund for re-roofing the clubhouse.

D. FOR BOARD NOTICE AND INFORMATION:

- 1. NYS REGISTER November 6, 1985, re: Rectifying Alleged Conflict in Statutes NOTED.
- 2. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, dated November 4, 1985, re: State Tax Commission approval of direct interfacing between NYCOTB and Monticello Raceway NOTED.
- Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, dated November 4, 1985, re: Western Regional OTBC's wagering activity on the Breeders' Cup Day Event - November 2, 1985 - NOTED.
- 4. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, dated November 4, 1985, re: Notification by Roosevelt Raceway of Simulcast locations of OTB branch offices for the Fall 1985 Meet -NOTED.
- 5. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, dated November 6, 1985, Notification of Roosevelt Raceway Simulcast locations for the Fall 1985 Meet - Nassau Regional OTBC - NOTED.

- 6. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, dated November 14, 1985, re: Western Regional OTBC's Simulcasting of Roosevelt Raceway races into two facilities NOTED.
- 7. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, dated November 1, 1985, re: Extension of the NYRA's simulcasts to off-track betting corporations and tracks for the Fall 1985 Aqueduct Meet NOTED.