

**Minutes of the  
New York State Racing Commission**

**1954**

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, January 19, 1954 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present was Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given by telegram to all Commissioners.

The Chairman presented applications by Metropolitan Jockey Club, Westchester Racing Association, Queens County Jockey Club, The Saratoga Association and United Hunts Racing Association for the approval of racing dates for 1954 and for licenses to conduct race meetings with pari-mutuel wagering thereon on such dates.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following dates were approved for the racing season of 1954 and the Chairman was authorized to execute and deliver licenses in due form for the conduct of such meetings and for pari-mutuel betting thereat:

Dates - 1954

<u>Association</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Sats.</u>	<u>Hols.</u>
Jamaica	Thurs., April 1 through Sat., April 24	21	4	0
Belmont	Mon., April 26 through Sat., June 12	42	7	1
Aqueduct	Mon., June 14 through Sat., July 10	24	4	1
Saratoga (1)	Mon., July 12 through Sat., July 31	18	3	0
Saratoga (2)	Mon., Aug. 2 through Sat., Aug. 28	24	4	0
Aqueduct	Mon., Aug. 30 through Tues., Sept. 21	20	3	1
Belmont	Wed., Sept. 22 through Wed., Oct. 20	25	4	3
United Hunts	Thurs., Oct. 21 and Fri., Oct. 22	2	0	0
Jamaica	Sat., Oct. 23 through Mon., Nov. 15	20	4	2

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

*Harry J. Millar*

Secretary.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, February 10, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

In view of the fact that there was no business of immediate moment to be transacted, there was no quorum and the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City on Wednesday, March 10, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

In view of the fact that the Commissioners were out of town, the meeting was adjourned by the Secretary.



Secretary.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Monday, March 15, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

Upon motion of the Chairman, the Commission unanimously approved his action in appointing Francis P. Dunne, Director of Licensing for the 1954 season to date from January 18 to March 31, inclusive at \$75.00 per day plus such additions thereto as may be made by law.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the designation of Mr. Harold O. Vosburgh as Steward representing the several licensed racing associations for the 1954 season.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved Mr. Fred H. Parks as Steward and Mr. John E. Cooper as Racing Secretary and Handicapper to represent the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association at the meetings of the Westchester Racing Association; the Queens County Jockey Club; The Saratoga Association and the United Hunts Racing Association for 1954.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission duly approved the following list of seasonal employees for the season from April 1 to November 15, 1954, subject to further action by the Commission.

Francis P. Dunne, Steward	
Bernard McNichol, Asst. to Steward	
Dr. Jordan G. Woodcock, Supervisor of Drug Tests	
George W. Thompson, Asst. to Supervisor of Drug Tests	
Charles E. Allcock.....	Inspector
Lawrence J. McMahon.....	"
David F. Malone.....	"
Nicholas Tagliamonte.....	"
William Brennan.....	"
Raymond A. Breton.....	"
William Gates.....	"
Thomas E. McKnight.....	"
Frederick L. Kennedy.....	"
Aldo J. Sagrati.....	"
Howard J. Gotterup.....	"
John Shelepets.....	"
John H. Viox.....	"
Arthur G. Beck.....	"
John Conaghan.....	"
* Thomas Willoe.....	"
* William Dean.....	"
Louis Espresso.....	"

\*New appointments

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission, in accordance with Rule 80, approved the following officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing for the 1954 season, viz.:

- Marshall Cassidy.....Steward representing The Jockey Club
- John B. Campbell.....General Racing Secretary and Handicapper
- Julius Reeder.....Assistant Racing Secretary
- Frank E. Kilroe.....Assistant Handicapper
- George B. Cassidy.....Starter
- Joseph Kyle.....Placing Judges
- Fred H. Parks....." "
- Calvin Rainey.....Clerk of the Scales
- William A. Murphy, Jr.....Assistant Clerk of the Scales
- Myron Davis.....Paddock and Patrol Judge
- Walter J. Mara.....Assistant Paddock and Patrol Judge
- Austin McLaughlin.....Patrol Judge
- John O'Hara.....Timer

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the following officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing for temporary positions during the 1954 season, viz.:

- Thomas Trotter.....Racing Sec.'s Office
- Dr. J. G. Catlett.....Horse Identification Dept.
- Dr. Manuel Gilman....." " "
- Dr. Herbert Cox....." " "
- Frederick Meinz....." " "
- Gerard A. Burke....." " "
- William O'Connor....." " "
- Howard Storms....." " "
- Nathaniel Sutcliffe....." " "
- Warren Mehrtens....." " "
- Donald Peregoy....." " "
- Harry T. Palmer, Jr.....Assistant Starter
- David Chamberlin....." "
- Oscar Mackey....." "
- Frank Ritz....." "
- Lucas Dupps.....Lead Outrider
- John F. Kennedy.....The Jockey Club
- Pierce Butler.....Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by Metropolitan Jockey Club for its 1954 season at Jamaica Race Course, as set forth in letter of Mr. Luke H. O'Brien, Treasurer & General Manager dated February 5, 1954.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by Westchester Racing Association for its 1954 season at Belmont Park Race Course, as set forth in letter of Mr. Vincent McCarthy, dated February 18, 1954.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by Queens County Jockey Club for its 1954 season at Aqueduct Race Course, as set forth in letter of Mr. Edward L. Kilroe, Secretary, dated February 3, 1954.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by The Saratoga Association for its 1954 season at Jamaica Race Course - Zone 1 - and Saratoga Race Course - Zone 2 - as set forth in letter of Mr. Vincent McCarthy, dated February 26, 1954.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by United Hunts Racing Association for its 1954 season at Belmont Park Race Course, as set forth in letter of Miss W. Helen Eden, Assistant Secretary, dated February 25, 1954.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the application of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association for permission to hold a one-day meeting at Purchase, N. Y., May 29, 1954, and the Chairman was authorized to execute and deliver licenses in due form for the conduct of such meeting and for pari-mutuel betting thereat. The Commission determined that the Association should pay a fee of \$35.00 for supervisory services.

The Commission further approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities at the Adjacent Hunts meeting at Purchase, N.Y., as set forth in letter of John McNamee Sullivan, Treasurer, dated March 10, 1954.

The Commission discussed the plan and use of movable hurdles as set forth in letter of Mr. John E. Cooper, Secretary of National Steeplechase and Hunt Association dated March 4, 1954, and as shown in a photograph which accompanied that letter. Commissioner Langley agreed to look into the use of similar movable hurdles at Camden, S. C., and Chairman Cole agreed to examine them at Belmont Park.

The Commission then considered Rule 94A which, among other things, requires veterinarians to file daily reports with respect to horses in their care. The Chairman was authorized to send an identical letter to all trainers stating that in view of the failure of veterinarians to comply with the provisions of Rule 94A, the Commission would hold trainers personally responsible for any condition of any horse arising out of medication or treatment by veterinarians.

The Commission considered the eligibility of Mr. Max Kolmer for an owner's license and it was determined that in the event he should make application therefor, no such license would issue.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

Therebeing no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, April 14, 1954 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Francis P. Dunne, Steward and John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

The Secretary presented a letter from President Jullien of Queens County Jockey Club transmitting to the Commission a plan for certain proposed alterations to the club house at the Aqueduct Race Track to extend the entrance platform at the head of the stairway leading to the club house westerly to the line of the Long Island Railroad for the purpose of providing greater space for the public and to permit the installation of about 22 pari-mutuel booths with money room and toilet immediately in the rear of the mezzanine promenade. The said plans were prepared by Edward Coe Embury, Architect, in consultation with Aymar Embury. A report from Racing Assistant, John A. Martin, approved the plans so far as they went but pointed out that no plan of structural detail accompanied them. The Chairman was authorized to advise Mr. Jullien that if the plans including structural detail were approved by the City of New York, he could proceed with the construction but that the Commission required that he file at his earliest convenience the usual structural detail plan.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby fix the sum of \$35.00 as the fee for providing supervisory functions at the race meeting of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, May 29, 1954.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that Robert B. Young be, and he hereby is, appointed Official Steward of the State Racing Commission for the one-day meeting of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, May 29, 1954, to serve without compensation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that Dr. Jordan G. Woodcock and George W. Thompson be and the same hereby are designated to attend the meeting of Ajacent Hunts Racing Association, May 29, 1954 for the purpose of taking saliva and urine specimens for analysis by the Laboratory.



Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve the list of officials for the 1954 meeting of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, May 29, 1954, as follows:--

Stewards

John McNamee Sullivan  
Representing the Hunts Committee of the National  
Steeplechase and Hunt Association

C. Wadsworth Howard  
Representing the Adjacent Hunts Racing Association

Richard I. Robinson

Racing Secretary and Handicapper

John E. Cooper

Placing Judges

Frederic H. Bontecou  
John E. Cooper

Chester J. LaRoche  
Daniel M. McKeon

Carlo M. Paterno

Patrol Judges

Howard Birch  
Beaufort E. Buchanan  
Franklin G. Chapin, Jr.  
Harry T. Gibson  
Thomas Glynn

Henry L. Heming  
F. J. Holleran  
R. L. Parish, Jr.  
R. D. Mellick, Jr.  
Thor Ramsing

A. Porter Waterman

Harry A. Plumb, Starter

Albert L. Acker, Jr., Clerk of Scales

Frederic H. Bontecou, Paddock Judge

Thomas M. Waller, Timer

Rodney H. Waterman, Clerk of Course

Physician  
Dr. Howard P. Serrell

Veterinarian  
Dr. W. F. Vail

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve, the price increases on all admissions and associated privileges resulting from the enactment of a local law by the City of New York imposing an additional 15% tax thereon.

The Commission considered the letter of Mrs. George F. Spear, dated April 7, 1954 in which she requested intervention by the Commission for the purpose of having restored to her husband the boxes which he states have been withheld from him at the New York tracks. It was agreed that the Chairman should reply to Mrs. Spear that the Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter and could not properly intervene as requested by her.

The Commission approved a proposed letter from the Chairman to the Presidents of the five licensed racing associations requesting information with respect to any stockholders whose interest in a licensed association is forbidden by Chapter 514 of the Laws of 1954 by reason of their being public officers, public employees or party officers.

The Commission approved a form letter to be sent to all applicants for owners' licenses, both renewal and original, asking whether any of them is a public officer, public employee or party officer as defined by Chapter 514 of the Laws of 1954.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday, May 4, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Commission approved the plan of a small extension to the Watchmen's Gate House at the Superintendent's Gate on Hempstead Avenue at Belmont Park, as shown on blueprint entitled "Extension to Gate House, Belmont Park, Elmont Supt. C. A. Boyle March 1954 Dwg. No. 3543" .

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve and it does hereby approve the price increases by The Saratoga Association on all admissions and associated privileges resulting from the enactment of a local law by the City of Saratoga Springs, imposing an additional 15% tax thereon.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Rule 341 now reading as follows:

"A jockey or trainer under suspension shall not be permitted to train or ride in a race for anyone during the period of his suspension. Any person who shall employ a jockey or trainer in contravention of this rule may be punished as provided by Rule 195." ,

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"A jockey or trainer under suspension in any State or foreign country shall not be permitted to train or ride in a race for anyone during the period of his suspension. Any person who shall employ a jockey or trainer in contravention of this rule may be punished as provided by Rule 195."

The Commission heard Mr. Moses Polakoff, attorney for Mr. Jule Fink with respect to a prospective application by Mr. Fink for an owner's license for 1954.

The Chairman called the attention of the Commission to the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Laws of 1954 approved by the Governor April 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Chairman was authorized and directed to send a letter to each of the presidents of the licensed racing associations requiring specific information within thirty days as to any public officer, public employee or party officer, as defined in said statute, who may own or hold any proprietary interest, stock or obligation in a licensed racing association as of and after May 1, 1954.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to renewal applications for occupational licenses.

In view of the fact that the Commission was unable to complete consideration of the new applications for licenses, the Chairman moved that the meeting adjourn to Wednesday, May 5th at 10:00 A. M. at the office of the Commission as above set forth. The motion was adopted.



Secretary.

Minutes of an Adjourned Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, May 5, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward, Mr. Lawrence J. McMahon, License Clerk.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to original applications for occupational licenses.

Other matters of general interest with respect to the Commission's work were discussed.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.


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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, May 12, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

In view of the fact that there were no matters for consideration by the Commission, the Chairman had advised the other Commissioners that there would be no need for them to attend.



Secretary.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission  
held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City,  
Wednesday, May 26, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and  
Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been  
given to all Commissioners.

The Commission considered the opinions of the Attorney-General  
with respect to certain provisions of Chapter 514 of the Laws of 1954  
as affecting the right of party officers to receive licenses from the  
State Racing Commission and to own stock in licensed associations.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with  
respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and  
seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, June 9, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner  
L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed and agreement was made to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, June 18, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Friday, June 18, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner  
L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Commission considered the matter of John A. Martin, Racing Assistant, who had requested that he be heard by the full Commission with respect to certain activities of his which had been the subject of criticism. A Mr. O'Connell, representing himself to be attorney for Mr. Martin, was present in the Commission offices and stated to the Secretary that he would like to have the Commissioners postpone their hearing of Mr. Martin for three weeks to permit him, Mr. O'Connell, to familiarize himself with the matter. In view of the fact that opportunity to be heard had been asked by Mr. Martin and that, at his request, it had been postponed from June 9 to this date, the Commission refused to grant an additional postponement.

After lengthy discussion of the matter and the questioning of certain persons present by the Commissioners, it was determined by unanimous vote of the Commissioners that the Chairman should terminate the employment of John A. Martin as Racing Assistant as of this date. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Martin accordingly.

The application of Jule Fink for an owner's license was presented to the Commission. The Commission determined, in view of the record developed upon the previous revocation of his license and his activities in racing since such revocation, that he did not meet the standards required by Section 7512 of the Unconsolidated Laws and that his application be denied. The Secretary was directed to inform him and Moses Polakoff, his attorney, of this action.

The application of Arthur W. Helliwell for a license as a jockeys' agent was presented to the Commission. The Commission determined, in view of his unfavorable background in California, the unfavorable report of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, his actions and attitude under the temporary permission of the Steward of the Commission and the disapproval of his application by the Steward of the Commission, that he did not meet the standards required by Section 7512 of the Unconsolidated Laws and that his application be denied. The Steward of the Commission was directed to inform the applicant of this action.

The Chairman suggested to the Commissioners that Mr. Powers be authorized to write to the Attorney-General a letter requesting his opinion on the problems with respect to the Commission's power to license a track for training trotting horses as suggested by letter of Messrs. Hughes and Kirsch, 90 State Street, Albany, New York, dated May 11, 1954. Mr. Powers was authorized to write such a letter to the Attorney-General and to take the matter up with him personally.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.





Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, July 14, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

The meeting considered a letter from Mr. Marshall Cassidy dated July 10 requesting the Commission to approve the assignments of Frank E. Kilroe as Acting Racing Secretary and Handicapper and Fred H. Parks as Assistant Handicapper for The Jockey Club. Mr. Cassidy stating: "We would like to have your approval of these temporary appointments as we may wish to make them permanent at the next meeting of The Jockey Club."

After full consideration of the matter, the Chairman was authorized and directed to write a letter to Mr. Cassidy which was approved at the meeting, and to have copies thereof sent to the presidents of all the licensed racing associations and the Chairman of The Jockey Club.

The Chairman called the attention of the meeting to the opinion of the Attorney-General dated July 7, 1954, advising that this Commission had no jurisdiction over a proposed track to be constructed in the town of Guilderland, Albany County, New York, for the training of trotting horses and for exhibition races on two days, without wagering. The Commission determined that it had no jurisdiction in the premises and that all interested persons should be so advised.

The meeting considered reports from the several licensed racing associations with respect to Chapter 514 of the Laws of 1954, being the statute prohibiting certain public officials from having any financial interest in such associations.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Rule 40 now reading as follows:

"In an emergency, the Stewards may permit owners, trainers, assistant trainers and jockeys to start, train or ride pending action on their applications.",

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"In an emergency, the Steward of the Commission may permit owners, trainers, assistant trainers and jockeys to start, train or ride pending action on their applications."

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that new Rule 95A be added to the Rules of Racing, to read as follows:

"If an error be made in posting the pay-off it shall be corrected promptly and only the correct amounts shall be paid; and if it be impossible to correct the posted pay-off, correction shall be made orally by the public address system."

Upon motion of the Chairman, the Commission approved a proposed Memorial and Appreciation with respect to the recent decease of John Sloan. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was directed that the said Memorial be spread at length upon the Minutes of the Commission and that a copy thereof be transmitted to Mrs. Sloan on behalf of the family.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

RECORDED

At a Meeting of the State Racing Commission on the fourteenth day of July, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four, the following Memorial was placed upon its minutes:

John Sloan, a former member of the State Racing Commission, died in the City of New York on the twenty-fourth day of June, Nineteen Hundred Fifty-four.

The cause of thoroughbred racing is of first importance to this Commission and that cause John Sloan served valiantly and well. Appointed to membership in the Commission upon its reorganization and the expansion of its powers in Nineteen Hundred Thirty-four, he served most effectively for eight years, retiring in Nineteen Hundred Forty-two to devote again his entire time and attention to the profession of architecture in which he was greatly distinguished. He had also served in Nineteen Hundred Forty and Nineteen Hundred Forty-one as President of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners and generously gave of himself and his talent for organization in enlarging and increasing the influence of that group.

Deeply conscious of the vital importance to this great sport of the people of its reputation for honesty and integrity, John Sloan was active in the uncovering and prosecution of frauds and their perpetrators who would have brought racing into disrepute as an incident to their own nefarious practices.

In his professional capacity also John Sloan rendered outstanding services to racing in his designing of the modern, practical and beautiful race courses of Garden State Park, near Camden, New Jersey, the Atlantic City track near Pleasantville, New Jersey, and the Hipodromo de los Americas at Mexico City. For harness racing he also designed the Yonkers Raceway and modernized the Roosevelt Raceway at Westbury, New York.

John Sloan's other work in architecture also brought him international recognition as the designer of "sky-scraper" office buildings, hotels, hospitals, institutions and public works of a wide and varied range, but it is because of his contributions to thoroughbred racing as a public official and also as an architect that the State Racing Commission takes official notice of his regretted passing in directing that this Memorial be entered upon its minutes and that a copy thereof be transmitted to Mrs. Sloan and his children with the assurances of its sympathy.

State Racing Commission

Ashley T. Cole  
Chairman

William C. Langley  
Member

Leon A. Swirbul  
Member

  
Secretary

Francis P. Dunne  
Steward

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission held at Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga Springs, New York, on Saturday, August 7, 1954, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

Also present: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary.

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given by telegram sent on Thursday, August 5, 1954, specifying the following matters for consideration:

"Rule amendment regarding owners of claimed horses, license applications, fingerprint identification and approval of track officials."

In view of the inability of the other Commissioners to be present the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

*Harry J. Millar*  
Secretary.

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held  
at Saratoga Race Course, Saratoga Springs, New York, on Wednesday, August 11,  
1954, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

Also present: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been  
given to all Commissioners.

In view of the inability of the other Commissioners to be present,  
the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, September 8, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
L.A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

Commissioner Langley advised the Secretary's office that he would be unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission in accordance with Rule 80, approved the following officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing for the 1954 season:

Mr. Frank E. Kilroe, Racing Secretary and Handicapper  
Mr. Fred H. Parks, Assistant Handicapper

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that new Rule 322A be added to the Rules of Racing, to read as follows:

"322A. Should an owner lose his sole horse in a claiming race, he may obtain a certificate from the stewards at the track where said loss occurred; and on presentation of said certificate he shall be entitled to enter additional claims at any track until he has claimed a horse; provided that such claims be made within 60 days after the close of the meeting at which his sole horse was claimed from him."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that in order to insure the full identification of persons who would participate in thoroughbred racing in New York, the Commission may require the fingerprinting of such persons; and in all such cases such fingerprints shall be referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D.C., for identification.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission, pursuant to Chapter 324 of the Laws of 1951 as amended (Unconsolidated Laws, Sections 7506 and 7512), hereby designates the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, Inc., a New York corporation, as an agent for the taking, transporting, filing and use of all fingerprints and related records, upon the express understanding (1) that all such services shall be rendered without any

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charge whatsoever to the State Racing Commission or to the State of New York; and (2) that said Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau shall indemnify and save harmless the State Racing Commission and the State of New York from and against any and all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise out of or be based upon anything which may be done by said Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau pursuant to its designation as aforesaid or otherwise.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, October 13, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

In view of the inability of the other Commissioners to be present, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, October 14.

*John J. Mulla*  
Secretary.

APPROVED



Minutes of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, October 14, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Secretary presented a letter from Francis P. Dunne, Steward of the Commission, requesting approval of his acting as Racing Secretary at Tropical Park, Coral Gables, Florida, for the Meeting commencing November 28, 1954 and closing January 15, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the consent of the Commission was given to Mr. Dunne.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing at the meeting of the United Hunts Racing Association at Belmont Park on October 21 and 22, 1954 as filed with the Commission under cover of letter of Miss W. Helen Eden, Assistant Secretary, dated September 27th. They are as follows:--

OFFICIALS

STEWARDS

Francis P. Dunne	Representing the State Racing Commission
Marshall Cassidy	Representing The Jockey Club
Fred H. Parks	Representing the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association
Harold O. Vosburgh	Representing the United Hunts Racing Association

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F. S. von Stade	Invited Member of The Jockey Club and National Steeplechase and Hunt Association
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Frank E. Kilroe	Acting Racing Secretary and Handicapper
Julius G. Reeder	Assistant Racing Secretary
Fred H. Parks	Assistant Handicapper
John E. Cooper	Racing Secretary and Handicapper for Steeplechases

George B. Cassidy	Starter
Joseph E. Kyle	Judge
John E. O'Hara	Judge
Fred Meinz	Judge
William A. Murphy, Jr.	Clerk of Scales
N.J. Hyland	Assistant Clerk of Scales
Myron D. Davis	Paddock and Patrol Judge
W. J. Mara	Patrol and Assistant Paddock Judge
Austin McLaughlin	Patrol Judge
Warren Mehrtens	Patrol Judge

Howard Storms	Timer
Fred L. Capossela	Announcer
Dr. J. G. Catlett	Examining Veterinarian
Dr. J. G. Woodcock	Supervisor of Drug Tests for State Racing Commission
Dr. John J. Kilgallen	Physician
Dr. Philip Tutts	Physician

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that Rule 322A now reading as follows:--

"Should an owner lose his sole horse in a claiming race, he may obtain a certificate from the stewards at the track where said loss occurred; and on presentation of said certificate he shall be entitled to enter additional claims at any track until he has claimed a horse; provided that such claims be made within 60 days after the close of the meeting at which his sole horse was claimed from him",

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"Should an owner lose his sole horse in a claiming race, he may obtain a certificate from the stewards at the track where said loss occurred; and on presentation of said certificate he shall be entitled to enter additional claims at any track within 60 days after the loss of his said horse until he has claimed a horse."

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that Rule 337 now reading as follows:

"Pending the determination of an objection, any prize which the horse objected to may have won or may win in the race, or any money held by the Clerk of the Course as the price of a horse claimed (if affected by the determination of the objection), shall be withheld until the objection is determined,"

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:--

"Pending the determination of an objection, any prize which the horse objected to may have won or may win in the race, or any money held by the association holding the meeting, as the price of a horse claimed (if affected by the determination of the objection), shall be withheld until the objection is determined."

At the request of Steward Dunne, the Commission considered the matter of Ramon Bueno, trainer, whose license was revoked by this Commission July 16, 1952, and the Secretary was authorized, in accordance with the determination of the Commission, to write a letter to the Syndicat Des Entraîneurs De Chevaux De Courses Au Galop En France, reading as follows:--

"Dear Sir:

October 14, 1954

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22 with respect to Mr. Ramon Bueno, whose license was revoked by this Commission July 16, 1952, for violation of its rules.

This Commission could not pass upon an application from Mr. Bueno unless such an application were duly filed with it. However, the Commission has directed me to state that if such an application were filed by him and no facts of a derogatory nature, other than those which were the basis of the action taken by the Commission July 16, 1952, were in existence, this Commission would be disposed to give a trainer's license to Mr. Bueno.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Harry J. Millar



Secretary"

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The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, November 10, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:--

RESOLVED, that Rule 124(b) now reading as follows:--

"In all pools, the net amount (net pool) for distribution shall be all sums deposited in the pari-mutuel pool less thirteen per centum (13%) of the total deposits plus the breaks as provided by Subdivision 1 of Section 9 of the Pari-Mutuel Revenue Law; and in addition two per centum (2%) of said total deposits, where local laws are adopted or amended pursuant to Chapter 661 of the Laws of 1950, as amended."

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:--

"From each pool there shall be deducted fifteen per centum (15%), the remainder being the net pool for distribution, less the breaks, as provided by Subdivision 1 of Section 9 of the Pari-Mutuel Revenue Law."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:--

"RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Commission's resolution adopted September 8, 1954 concerning fingerprinting, it is required that fingerprints be taken of all persons who would participate in Thoroughbred racing in New York whose identification and background are not otherwise known to the Commission; and in all such cases such fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C., for identification."

The Commission discussed the subject matter of two proposed legislative bills; one to correct certain provisions of Chapter 1 of Title 21 of the Unconsolidated Laws (McKinney's edition) by striking out references to "trotting" and making other corrections, and the other bill principally concerned with adding veterinarians to the group of occupational licenses and fixing the fee for such license at \$5.00. The action of the Chairman in preparing these bills and presenting them for consideration by the Legislature was approved.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, December 8, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission, in accordance with Rule 80, approved the following officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing for the 1955 season, viz.:

Frank E. Kilroe.....	General Racing Secretary & Handicapper
Julius Reeder.....	Assistant Racing Secretary
Fred H. Parks.....	Assistant Handicapper
George B. Cassidy.....	Starter
Joseph Kyle.....	Placing Judge
Calvin Rainey.....	Clerk of the Scales
Wm. A. Murphy, Jr.....	Assistant Clerk of the Scales
Myron D. Davis.....	Paddock and Patrol Judge
Walter J. Mara.....	Assistant Paddock and Patrol Judge
Austin McLaughlin.....	Patrol Judge
John O'Hara.....	Timer

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the following officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing for temporary positions during the 1955 season, viz.:

Clifford McCartney.....	Racing Secretary's Office
Clarence Minner.....	" " "
Thomas Trotter.....	" " "
Dr. J. G. Catlett.....	Horse Identification Dept.
Dr. Manuel Gilman.....	" " "
Dr. Herbert Cox.....	" " "
Frederick Meinz.....	" " "
Gerard A. Burke.....	" " "
William O'Connor.....	" " "
Howard Storms.....	" " "
Nathaniel Sutcliffe Hyland.....	" " "
Warren Mehrrens.....	" " "
Donald Peregoy.....	" " "
Frank Ritz.....	Assistant Starter
James Dailey.....	Outrider
Lucas Dupps.....	"
John F. Kennedy.....	The Jockey Club

Provided, however, that no persons hereby approved for temporary positions shall be designated as temporary Stewards except Dr. J. G. Catlett and Mr. John F. Kennedy.

The Chairman presented a letter from Queens County Jockey Club dated November 29, 1954, enclosing plan for the construction of manure pits at Aqueduct race track.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve the plan for the construction of manure pits at Aqueduct Race Track, Borough of Queens, City of New York, as shown and described on a blueprint thereof filed with the Commission November 30, 1954, and marked "Aqueduct - Nov. 17 - 54,"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Commission, a permit to said Queens County Jockey Club for the construction of said pits as described in said blueprint.

The Chairman presented a letter from Queens County Jockey Club dated December 2, 1954, enclosing plan for improvements and additions to the jockeys' quarters at Aqueduct race track.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve the plan for improvements and additions to the jockeys' quarters, in accordance with the blueprint thereof filed with the Commission December 3, 1954, which is entitled: "Shower and Steam Room Alteration to Jockey House - Aqueduct Race Track - Queens County Jockey Club - Owner - Albert C. Vogt, Lic. Prof. Engineer; 10-20-54 12-1-54"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Commission, a permit to said Queens County Jockey Club for the construction of said improvements and additions as described in said blueprint.

The Commission discussed the situation of the Laboratory as it will be in 1955 with a materially increased demand upon its facilities by the State Harness Racing Commission, and the Chairman was authorized to take the matter up with Honorable George P. Monaghan, Commissioner of the State Harness Racing Commission.

The Commission considered a letter from Mr. Karl F. Schlegel, Jr., dated December 1, 1954, with respect to the organization of a racing association and the construction of a new race track in the vicinity of Canandaigua, New York. The Chairman was authorized to discuss the matter further with Mr. Schlegel.

The Commission considered a letter from Assistant Attorney General Samuel A. Hirshowitz with respect to an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Gavagan in the matter of Fink v. Cole, et al., together with the opinion of Assistant Attorney General Manley dated November 22, and the letter to Mr. Hirshowitz from Solicitor General Brown dated November 22. After discussion of the matter it was determined to request Mr. Hirshowitz to take a formal appeal from Mr. Justice Gavagan's order, in which determination Mr. Powers concurred.

The Commission considered a letter from Mr. Ramon Bueno dated November 20, 1954, in which he requested permission to apply for reinstatement as a trainer, Mr. Bueno having had his trainer's license revoked by this Commission July 16, 1952, for violation of its rules. The Secretary was authorized to consult the Société D'Encouragement Pour L'Amélioration Des Races De Chevaux En France, Rue Du Cirque, 11, Paris, France, as to whether they had any information respecting Mr. Bueno which the Commission should consider before passing upon his application.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday, December 21, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

In view of the inability of the other Commissioners to be present, the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, December 22, 1954, at the same time and place.

  
Secretary

APPROVED



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, December 22, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present was Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

The Chairman presented a letter from Westchester Racing Association dated December 5, 1954, enclosing plans for a 22-stall stable to be known as Stable No. 50, a cottage-dormitory for stable help and a trainer's cottage, all to be erected by Westchester Racing Association at Belmont Park for and at the cost of Mrs. Marion duPont Scott.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve the plans for the erection of a 22-stall stable to be known as Stable No. 50, a cottage-dormitory for stable help and a trainer's cottage, as shown and described on three plans respectively entitled (1) "Preliminary Cottage for Stable Men - Belmont Park, Elmont, L.I., N.Y. Supt. C.A. Boyle - Dec. 5, 1954"; (2) "Trainer's Cottage - Stable 50 at Belmont Park - Supt. C.A. Boyle - Dec. 5, 1954 - Dwg. M.F.C."; (3) "Proposed Stable 50 - Belmont Park, Elmont - Supt. C.A. Boyle - Dec. 5, 1954"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Commission, a permit to said Westchester Racing Association for the erection of these structures as described in said blueprints.

The Chairman presented written applications from the racing associations for racing dates for the 1955 season as follows:

Metropolitan Jockey Club (Jamaica)	Fri. Apr. 1 through Sat. Apr. 23.....	20
	Sat. Oct. 22 " Tues. Nov. 15.....	21
Westchester Racing Association (Belmont)	Mon. Apr. 25 through Sat. June 11....	42
	Wed. Sept. 21 " Wed. Oct. 19.....	25
Queens County Jockey Club (Aqueduct)	Mon. June 13 through Sat. July 9.....	24
	Mon. Aug. 29 " Tues. Sept. 20.....	20
The Saratoga Association (Zone 1)	Mon. July 11 through Sat. July 30.....	18
	(Zone 2) Mon. Aug. 1 " Sat. Aug. 27.....	24
United Hunts Racing Association (Belmont)	Thur. Oct. 20 and Fri. Oct. 21....	2
Empire City Racing Association (Jamaica)	Mon. October 24 through Sat. Nov. 15...	20

After discussion of the matter, and in view of the fact that there was a conflict between the applications of Empire City Racing Association and Metropolitan Jockey Club, the Commission determined to hold the matter of racing dates in abeyance until further word was received from those two associations and the Chairman was authorized to write them accordingly.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

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