

Minutes of Meeting of the New York

State Racing and Wagering Board

February 20, 1979

10:30 A.M.

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Tuesday, February 20, 1979 at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York.

The meeting being called on Friday, February 16, 1979, public notice of the meeting was given to the Associated Press and UPI and to the public by posting in the Board's reception area on the 74th floor and also on the 44th floor.

Present: Bertram D. Sarafan, Member; Dr. Joseph O'Dea, Member

Also Present: John Van Lindt, Executive Director; John Dailey, Director of Racing and OTB; Victor Coccozzello, Counsel; Richard Corbisiero, Director of Wagering Systems; Sal Ferrara, Director of Audits, Investigations and Licensing; Dean Alfange, Director of Quarter Horse; Kenneth Esolen, Administrative Consultant; Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations; Bernard Golar, Assistant Commissioner and Director of OTB Regulations; Sal Curiale, Assistant Counsel; Lois A. White, Assistant Counsel; Ted Garrison, Assistant Counsel and Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board.

A. Minutes. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held on January 30, 1979.

B. For Board Ratification:

1. NYRA - TV Sweepstakes. The Board approved for entry into the minutes its prior approval of February 7, 1979, of request by NYRA to conduct a promotion whereby entry blanks would be published in the daily newspapers. A drawing would be held on either of the six remaining Saturdays or Sundays of the Aqueduct meet; winning patrons would receive a color TV Set. Patrons need not be present to win.

C. For Board Approval:

1. NYRA/American Totalisator 300 Betting System. The Board deferred action on a request by NYRA for approval of its use of the American Totalisator 300, Totalisator System, effective at the Belmont Spring Meeting, 1979.
2. NYRA- "Nine Races for the Price of None", The Board approved a request by NYRA to hold a promotion whereby a coupon would be presented in the New York Times and could be exchanged for free grandstand admission on March 25, 26, 28, 29, 30 or March 31, 1979.
3. NYRA - "Aquebucks Promotion". The Board approved request by NYRA to reinstitute its "Aquebucks" promotion, which is a direct mail type promotion.
4. Monticello "Annual Salute to Labor" The Board approved a request by Monticello Raceway to hold its annual salute to labor on April 19, 1979 opening night of the meet. Free admission would be provided to members of various labor organizations.
5. Monticello "Promotions for Spring/Summer Meet". The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway for permission to hold the following promotions at its Spring/Summer Meet: 1. Various local radio stations would participate with Monticello Raceway in conducting contests for listening public, winners would receive free admission on the night designated to a particular station. 2. Senior Citizens Night 3. Handicapping Contest. 4. Fan Appreciation Night.
6. Pinkerton = NYSRWB Contract. The Board approved for entry into the minutes the contract for services between NYSRWB and Pinkertons.
7. Third International Symposium on Equine Medication Control. The Board approved a request by the Symposium for a \$250.00 contribution to defray the expenses of the Symposium.
8. Monticello Raceway - New Board and Race Secretary's Office. The Board approved a request by Monticello Raceway, to relocate the Racing Secretary and NYSRWB Offices to new quarters. This approval is conditioned upon the review and comments of the Board's consulting architect, Lionel Levy.
9. Buffalo Raceway - Waiver of 30 Day Rule. The Board approved a request by Buffalo Raceway to waive rule 4113.5 (a) (30 Day Rule). This approval is conditioned upon the conditions outlined in their letter of request.
10. Jockey Salvatore Gallo - Apprentice Allowance. The Board approved a request by Mr. Gallo, that his apprentice allowance which expires on March 23, 1979, be extended for 41 days, thru May 3, 1979, due to illness.
11. Ruben A. Hernandez/Apprentice Allowance. The Board denied a request by Jockey Ruben A. Hernandez to extend his apprentice allowance for 9 days due to inclement weather.

12. Finger Lakes 1979 Promotion Schedule. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes of their outlined Promotions Program for 1979 with the following exceptions: Secretaries Day was disapproved entirely, Farm Day was approved except for the milking contest featuring live cows.
13. Matter of Crocco- Empire Trot II. The Board directed that Counsel issue a communication to the five purse winners of the Empire Trot II advising them that if they did not comply with the Board's September 28, 1978 order within 15 days sanctions, including suspension and fine, would be imposed against them.
14. WROTB/Pick Three at Batavia. The Board approved a request by WROTB to conduct "Pick Three" wagering at Batavia Downs on Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing February 27, 1979.
15. Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc. Applicant for 1979 Racing License and 1979 Racing Dates. The Board approved a request by Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc. for a total of 164 daily programs of daytime racing beginning March 10, 1979 and ending November 13, 1979. The Board approved Mr. Rooks' recommendation of issuance of a Temporary License.