

Minutes of Meeting of the New York

State Racing and Wagering Board

Tuesday, July 3, 1979 10:00 AM

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Friday, June 8, 1979 at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York.

The meeting being called on Friday, June 29, 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; Victor Coccozziello, Counsel; Sal Ferrara, Director of Audits, Investigations and Licensing; Dean Alfange, Director of Quarter Horse; Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations; Bernard Golar, Assistant Commissioner and Director of OTB Regulations; 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 Friday, June 8, 1979.
- B. For Entry Into the Minutes:
1. Batavia Downs/Construction. The Board approved for entry into the minutes the Board's prior approval of request by Batavia Downs to construct a vehicle storage and service center and install a new lighting system on the track.
 2. NYRA/Father's Day Promotion. The Board approved for entry into the minutes the Board's prior approval of request by NYRA to hold a promotion on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 1979 whereby Free Grandstand admission would be offered, each patron would receive an entry blank, also provided in newspapers, a drawing would determine winners who would receive prizes valued up to \$5,000.
 3. NYRA-Racing Secretary. The Board approved for entry into the minutes the Board's prior approval of request by NYRA to name Leonard Hale as Racing Secretary. Mr. Hale previously served as Assistant Racing Secretary and, since November, 1978, has been Acting Racing Secretary.

4. Genesee Monroe Racing Association - Approval of Proposed Transfer of Stock. The Board approved for entry into the minutes the Board's prior approval of recommendation of Counsel Coccozziello, that approval of the transfer be made by the Board and that the recommended endorsement be made on the stock certificate.
5. Arthur Bier-Trainer. The Board approved for entry into the minutes the recommendation made by Counsel Coccozziello that the subject's license application for 1979 be approved.
6. § 4118.2 "Deductions". The Board approved for entry into the minutes a proposed rule change to Rule 4118.2 relating to deductions of 5% to be withheld for drivers.

C. For Board Approval:

1. Ramon Figueroa/Apprentice Allowance. The Board approved Mr. Figueroa's request to extend his apprentice allowance which ends on August 15, 1979 by 22 days due to illness and foul weather. His expiration date is now Thursday, September 6, 1979.
2. NYRA/Saratoga Post Time. The Board approved request by NYRA to have a 1:30 PM Post Time at the 1979 Saratoga Meeting.
- Roosevelt Raceway/"Silver Spoon". The Board approved request by Roosevelt Raceway of the conditions for the "Silver Spoon Series" to be run during their Fall Meet.
4. Finger Lakes/Additional Races. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes to conduct one more race on Sundays in July, August and September for a total of ten races on each day.
5. Finger Lakes/Wegman's Supermarket. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes Race Track to hold a promotion in conjunction with Wegmans Supermarkets, whereby a Free Grandstand admission coupon would be included in the July 15, 1979 copy of Wegman's Tabloid. The coupon would be good at the track on July 14 or 15, 1979.
6. NYCOTB/Delaware Racing Association. The Board approved request by NYCOTB to enter into agreement with the Delaware Racing Association, whereby NYCOTB would accept wagers on races run at Delaware Park on Tuesdays when the NYRA tracks are dark. Delaware Park has advised that they have approvals from the Delaware Racing Commission and the Horsemen's Association.
7. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Joseph Beszczynski (Driver). The Board deferred action on the Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Joseph Beszczynski.
8. NYCOTB/Monmouth Park Jockey Club. The Board approved request by NYCOTB to open negotiations with the Monmouth Park Jockey Club, for the purpose of consummating an agreement, whereby the NYCOTB will accept wagers on races run at Monmouth Park on NYRA dark dates. The NYCOTB is interested in securing an agreement to cover the period July 3, 1979 through August 28, 1979, when Pimlico is closed.

9. Vernon Downs/Promotions. The Board approved request by Vernon Downs to conduct several promotions as outlined in their letter of request dated, June 14, 1979.
10. Buffalo Raceway/Double Header. The Board approved request by Buffalo Raceway to change their evening schedule for Wednesday, July 4th, 1979, from eleven races to ten.
11. Monticello Raceway/Free Admission. The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway to permit hotel guests in groups of 250 or more free admission to the track.