

Minutes of Meeting of the  
New York State Racing and Wagering Board

February 21, 1980 2:00 PM

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Thursday, February 21, 1980 at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York.

The meeting being called on Tuesday, February 19, 1980, 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: John Van Lindt, Chairman; Bertram D. Sarafan, Member; Dr. Joseph O'Dea, Member

ALSO PRESENT: John Dailey, Director of Policy and Planning and Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board

A. Minutes. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held January 29, 1980.

B. For Entry Into the Minutes:

1. New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc./Pick-4 at Roosevelt Raceway. The Board's prior approval of February 5, 1980 of request by NYCOTB dated January 28, 1980 to continue the Pick-4 wager at Roosevelt Raceway during its upcoming meeting.
2. Contract for Services between the New York State Racing and Wagering Board and the New York State Office of General Services. The Board's prior approval of February 3, 1980 of the submitted agreement for preliminary study between OGS and the New York State Racing and Wagering Board dated February 6, 1980 of the licensing process of people connected with racing and other areas as currently required by the "Agency".
3. Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation/Pick-3 wager at Batavia Downs. The Board's prior approval of February 19, 1980 of request by WROTB dated January 16, 1980 to accept Pick-3 wagers at Batavia Downs on Tuesdays and Thursdays during their upcoming meet beginning February 25, 1980.

C. For Board Approval:

1. New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. - 3-Out-of-State Events. The Board approved request by NYCOTB to accept wagers on the following out-of-state thoroughbred races: 1) Gulfstream Park Handicap - Saturday, March 22, 1980, to be run at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Florida; 2) The Pan American Handicap - Saturday, April 12, 1980, to be run at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Florida; 3) The Florida Derby - Saturday, March 29, 1980, to be run at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale. They request permission to accept advance betting on the Friday before each race, along with the option to take Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella and Triple wagering, or any combination thereof on these races. NYCOTB will act as agent for the other OTB corporations and will effectuate a statewide pool.
2. Jockey Club/Appointments. The Board approved request by the Jockey Club to appoint Mr. John L. Rotz as the Steward for NYRA 1980 meetings and Mr. Warren Mehrtens as the Steward for the Finger Lakes 1980 meetings also to appoint Messrs. William T. O'Connor, Robert F. Kelley, Jr. and Bartholomew Sweeney, Jr. as alternate Stewards for NYRA and Richard Coyne as alternate Steward for Finger Lakes.
3. Yonkers Raceway - Special Policemen. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
4. New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc./Gulfstream Park. The Board approved request by NYCOTB to accept wagers on races run at Gulfstream Park, on days when NYRA is dark, during the period, March 6, 1980 thru May 1980. In addition, NYCOTB will continue to accept wagers on races run at Keystone on NYRA dark dates till the completion of its current meeting.
5. Hudson Valley National Bank Branch at Yonkers Raceway. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
6. NYRA/Clubhouse. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.

7. Vernon Downs/Promotions. The Board approved request by Vernon Downs to conduct the following promotions during the early portion of its 1980, harness season: OPENING PROMOTION- Opening Night, Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10, free admission to the track on Friday, April 11, 1980. SENIOR CITIZENS - Half-price admission every Wednesday night. GREAT GAS GIVEAWAY- Beginning May 5 and culminate on June 27, 1980, 36 prizes will be given away worth a total of \$5,000. 28th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Friday, June 27, free admission redeemable free admission tickets will be given away. Further details of these promotions are outlined in their letter of request dated January 31, 1980.
8. Saratoga Raceway - Waiver of 30 Day Rule. The Board approved request by Saratoga Raceway for permission to waive the 30 day rule §4113.5 subdivision 1, regarding horses who have started in 1980 during their winter meet and whom under their present rule would have to qualify because they have not raced within the last 30 days.
9. Saratoga Raceway - Advance Day Wagering. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
10. Pinkerton Contract. The Board approved the submitted proposed contract between Pinkerton's and the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, for the period January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980.
11. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - Ruben Hernandez. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
12. The New York Racing Association, Inc./Officials. The Board approved request by the New York Racing Association, Inc. to have the Board approve listed persons as Officials for 1980 at the New York Racing Association, Inc. - Category 1 - all previous approved Category 2 - new appointments, Category 3 - all previous approved.
13. NYRA/Marvin H. Sugarman Productions. The Board approved request by the New York Racing Association, Inc. for the approval of the agreement between the New York Racing Association, Inc. and Marvin H. Sugarman Productions regarding the Saturday NYRA OTB show.
14. Monticello/Promotions. The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway to conduct the following promotions: 1. Senior Citizens Admission price \$1.00 every Tuesday and Thursday. 2. Handicap- Top Capper contest every Tuesday; 3. Driver's

Sweepstakes every Sunday-Winner receives free admission;  
4. "Salute to Labor" - Free admission to all Labor Unions  
on opening day; 5. Approximately 8 Radio Nights - Radio  
contest, winner receives free admission; 6. June 27th  
Fan Appreciation Night - It is their 23rd Anniversary -  
Free Admission and Free General Parking; 7. Old Timers  
Night- Monday, August 11, 1980, Admission Price \$1.00;  
8. Fan Appreciation Night - Thursday, August 28, 1980-  
Free Admission and General Parking; 9. After Labor Day  
and every Tuesday thereafter through closing week Buck  
Night, every Tuesday evening.

15. Proposed Emergency Rule 4002.9 - Grounds for refusal,  
suspension, revocation. The Board approved the submitted  
copy of a proposed amendment to our rule 4002.9. The  
additional language may be necessary in order to  
facilitate a suspension of a licensee indicted for  
race fixing.