

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

March 25, 1980 10:30 a.m.

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 1980, 10:30 a.m. at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York, N.Y.

The meeting being called on Thursday, March 20, 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: Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Executive Director  
John Dailey, Director of Policy and Planning;  
Sal Ferrara, Director of Audits, Investigator  
and Licensing; Victor Coccozziello, Director of  
Wagering Systems; Sal Curiale, Counsel;  
Dean Alfange, Director of Quarter Horse; Jacob  
Iberger, Chief of Racing Operations; Bernard  
Golar, Assistant Commissioner and Director of  
OTB Regulations; Kenneth Beh, Director of  
Public Relations; Domonic Coppotelli, Director  
of Bingo; David Vaughan, Assistant Counsel;  
Ted Garrison, Assistant Counsel; Dr. Norman  
Lewis, State Chief Veterinarian and Thomas C.  
Davide, Secretary to the Board

A. Minutes.

1. Minutes. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held February 21, 1980.

B. For Entry Into the Minutes.

1. NYRA/Promotions. The Board's prior approval of February 21, 1980 of request by NYRA dated February 6, 1980 to conduct the following promotion which includes a reduced admission feature. NYRA will mail a coupon booklet to patrons on its mailing list, as well as a select group of magazine subscribers in conjunction with its Spring program. The coupon book will contain coupons good for one free Grandstand admission on each of the following dates: March 9, 16, 23, 29, April 13, 19, 20 and 26, 1980. Each mailing will be accompanied by a computer-generated personalized letter with a Free Daily Double wager coupon valid for April 19, 1980.

2. NYRA/Promotions. The Board's prior approval of March 11, 1980 of request by NYRA dated March 1, 1980 to conduct the following

two promotions: 1. On March 15, 1980 NYRA will conduct a Steve Cauthen Day Promotion which will include a "photo finish" drawing, the winners to be photographed with Steve Cauthen. 2. During the period March 15 through April 20, 1980, NYRA will produce its "New York Invitational Handicapper's Challenge V". The winner will receive one pound Troy of .999 of fine gold, while runner-ups will receive lesser prizes. In the instance of the two above referenced contests, no purchase is necessary and entry blanks will be available outside the gates at Aqueduct. Free admission will be awarded to the 85 finalists.

3. Batavia Downs/Eleven Races. The Board's prior approval of March 11, 1980 of request by Batavia Downs dated March 11, 1980 to program eleven races on Friday and Saturday nights, effective with Friday, March 14, 1980.
4. Batavia Downs - Leap Year Promotion. The Board's prior approval of February 26, 1980 of request by Batavia Downs dated February 21, 1980 for the approval of the following promotion: They will use the Leap Year theme and would involve having the women in their area invite the man of their choice to go to the races at Batavia Downs on that night. The woman will have to pay her admission but the man of her choice would be admitted free.
5. NYCOTB/Gulfstream Park. The Board's prior approval of February 26, 1980 of request by NYCOTB dated February 14, 1980 to provide delayed audio broadcasts of the races from Gulfstream Park on "dark" Tuesdays and on any other days when racing might be cancelled at Aqueduct from March 6, 1980 and continuing through May 3, 1980.

C. For Board Approval:

1. Saratoga Raceway - Advance Day Wagering. The Board deferred action on this matter pending a Special Meeting to be held between March 31, 1980 and April 4, 1980.
2. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - Ruben Hernandez. 7th race Aqueduct, January 26, 1980 - ~~Violation of rules 4022.12 and 4035.2~~ for "careless" or "foul" riding. The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer O'Dea to confirm the 7 day suspension.
3. NYRA/Clubhouse. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
4. Hudson Valley National Bank Branch at Yonkers Raceway. The Board denied request by Yonkers Raceway to locate a branch of the Hudson Valley National Bank on the premises of the raceway.
5. Yonkers Raceway - Special Policemen. The Board approved the submitted list of Special Policemen to serve at Yonkers Raceway, under the Authority of Section 8012a of the Pari-Mutuel Law, for the year 1980.

6. Emergency Rule 4002.9- Grounds for refusal, suspension, revocation. The Board previously approved a proposed amendment to this rule at the Special Meeting on February 20, 1980. The Board approved the language changes in the amendment and found that it should be implemented pursuant to provisions for emergency filing.
7. Harry M. Zweig Memorial Trot #8. The Board approved request by the Harness Horse Breeders of N.Y.S. dated February 13, 1980 for the approval of the submitted conditions for the Dr. Harry M. Zweig Memorial Trot #8.
8. Disposition of John Barchi 1976 and 1978 Suspension Appeals. On March 25, 1980, the Board approved the submitted disposition of John Barchi 1976 and 1978 suspension appeals.
9. Finger Lakes/Joint Promotion- Finger Lakes and Rochester Red Wings. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes Race Track for the approval of the submitted proposal which Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc. is desirous of entering into with the Rochester Red Wings, a Triple A baseball club.
10. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - Charles Bacon (Driver). 7th race, Buffalo Raceway, 12/8/79- Interference, the Board approved recommendation of Hearing Officer Rooks to confirm disqualification from 1st to placing of 8th; and to confirm 5 day suspension of license.
11. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - Joe Rich, Jr. 8th race, October 18, 1979, Batavia Downs - Interference. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
12. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - Richard Blaun (Driver). 7th race, July 9, 1979, Buffalo Raceway - Sitting down in front of field - causing confusion. The Board approved recommendation of Hearing Officer Rooks to confirm 5 day suspension of license.
13. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - Donald Dancer (Driver). 4th race, October 27, 1979, Roosevelt Raceway, Interference - Hooking of wheels-bearing in. The Board approved recommendation of Hearing Officer Rooks to confirm 5 day suspension of license; to annul disqualification and re-instate to 2nd place finish.
14. Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. - Request for Additional Daily Double. The Board was not able to approve request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to establish an OTB exclusive late daily double pool on races six (6) and (7) conducted at Finger Lakes Race Track throughout the track's upcoming 1980 racing season, due to the fact that Finger Lakes did not concur with the request.
15. Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation - Delayed Broadcasts. The Board deferred action on this matter pending the endorsement of Finger Lakes Race Track. WROTB requested the delayed broadcast of the Finger Lakes races into WROTB branch offices for the upcoming 1980 racing season.

16. Finger Lakes/Promotions - 1980. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes Race Track for the approval of the submitted list of promotions for the 1980 season.
17. Repeal of Part 5000 of 9 NYCRR. The Board approved the repeal of Part 5000 of 9 NYCRR as has been suggested by the Senate-Assembly Administrative Regulations Review Commission.
18. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of - "Blazin C" (Appeal of W.F. Schmitt). 5th race, January 18, 1980- Aqueduct- raced with a weight allowance to which he was not entitled. The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Sarafan to confirm the decision of the judges.
19. Finger Lakes/1980 Racing Official Roster. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes Race Track for the approval of the submitted list of racing officials and their assignments, for the 1980 race meetings at Finger Lakes. The following three people were approved pending a background check: Mr. Louis P. Cassarino, Mr. George E. Duprey and Mr. Michael K. Sample.

D. For Board Information and Discussion:

1. Memo of S. Curiale, 3/18/80 re: Veterinarian and Farriers Rule - Noted
2. Letter of J. Van Lindt, 2/20/80 re: Retirement of C. Rainey- Noted
3. Letter of S. Gross, 2/26/80 re: Correspondence from the State of Florida, Department of Business Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and the management of both Hialeah Park and Gulfstream Park. Noted
4. Letter of C. Moffett, 2/26/80 re: Elimination of Special Pools-Noted
5. Memo of J. Iberger, 2/21/80 re: Association Steward - Finger Lakes Race Track - Noted
6. New York State Register, 3/5/80 re: Proposed Agency Action Quinella, Exacta, Trifecta and Triple Wagering at Thoroughbred, Harness and Quarter Horse Race Tracks- Noted
7. Letter of S. Curiale, 3/13/80 re: "Correctional Night"- Noted
8. Letter of J. Gannon, 2/8/80 re: New Directors representing the counties of Chautauqua, Monroe and Wayne - Noted
9. Memo of S. Cipot, 3/14/80 re: Fines and Suspensions Racing Divisions. February 1980 - Noted