

Minutes of Meeting of the New York
State Racing and Wagering Board
Thursday, August 2, 1979 10:00 A.M.

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Thursday, August 2, 1979 at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York.

The meeting being called on Wednesday, August 1, 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: John Van Lindt, Chairman; Bertram D. Sarafan, Member; Dr. Joseph O'Dea, Member

Also Present: John Dailey, Director of Racing and OTB; Victor Cocozziello, Counsel; Richard Corbisiero, Director of Wagering Systems; Sal Ferrara, Director of Audits, Investigations and Licensing; Dean Alfange, Director of Quarter Horse; Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations; Bernard Gofar, 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 Tuesday, July 3, 1979 10:00 A.M.
- B. For Entry Into the Minutes:
1. Capital District OTB/Delayed Broadcasts. The Board's prior approval of request by Capital District OTBC dated June 26, 1979, to televise races each evening on a 10 minutes delayed basis from Saratoga Harness into approximately eight Capital District OTB branch locations.
 2. NYCOTB/Pick-Four. The Board's prior approval of request by NYCOTBC dated July 2, 1979 to continue the Pick-Four wager at Roosevelt Raceway during its upcoming meet and to accept Pick-Four wagers on Thursdays and Saturdays to coincide with their weekly television broadcasts.

NYRA/Promotions. The Board's prior approval of request by NYRA dated July 9, 1979 to distribute coupon books which would include free Grandstand admission or \$2.00 reduced Clubhouse admission for the Saratoga meet and the Fall Belmont Meet.

4. NYRA/Marvin H. Sugarman Productions, Inc. The Board's prior approval of the request by NYRA dated July 3, 1979, to contract with Marvin H. Sugarman Productions, Inc. for the Saturday telecast of races from NYRA to begin Saturday, July 7, 1979.
5. WROTB- Pick-3 Wagering. The Board's prior approval of request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation dated June 27, 1979 to offer Pick-3 wagering as an OTB exclusive wager on races run at Batavia Downs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing Tuesday, July 31, 1979.
6. NYRA/Reduced Admission. The Board's prior approval of request by NYRA to send "Tripkits" to consumers in the Utica/Rome, Syracuse and Hudson Valley regions who return coupons contained in newspaper advertisements featuring the Saratoga Meeting, this request is dated July 17, 1979.
7. NYRA/Placing and Patrol Judges. The Board's prior approval of request by NYRA dated July 18, 1979, to utilize the employees there in listed as Placing and Patrol Judges.
8. NYCOTBC- Hambletonian. The Board's prior approval of request by NYCOTB dated July 6, 1979, to open negotiations with the management of the Du Quoin State Fair so as to permit acceptance of wagers on the Hambletonian to be run on Saturday, September 1, 1979.
9. National Steeplechase - Steward. The Board's prior approval of request by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, Inc. dated July 23, 1979, to appoint Bartholomew Sweeney, Jr. to act as steward representing the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, Inc. in all steeplechase races run at Saratoga and Belmont Park in 1979.
10. Finger Lakes - Exacta Wagering. The Board's prior approval of request by Finger Lakes dated July 25, 1979, to offer additional Exacta wagering on the 4th, 6th and 8th races.

C. For Board Approval:

1. Adoption of amendment to Rule 4100.1. The Board approved amendment to rule 4100.1 (a)(2) for filing. This rule calculates the birthday of a standardbred foal as January 1 for foals of 1981 and subsequently.
2. Proposed Rule (new) 4111.35- Authorized agents. The Board deferred decision on Proposed Harness Rule (new) 4111.35.
3. Adoption of Amendments to Rules 4122.2 & 4112.3 - Early closing events, stakes and futurities. The Board approved for filing the amendments to Harness Rules 4122.2 & 4112.3. This sets new maximum numbers of horses permitted to start in a single harness dash or heat.

4. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Renee Daigneault. The Board confirmed the decision of the judges suspending Renee Daigneault for five days and disqualifying from fourth to placing of eighth. (10th race Roosevelt Raceway, 2/24/79).
5. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Renee Daigneault (Driver). The Board confirmed the decision of the judges suspending Renee Daigneault for five days and disqualifying from first to placing of third. (6th race, Roosevelt Raceway, 3/2/79).
6. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Ben Steall (Driver). The Board confirmed the decision of the judges disqualifying from fifth to placing of sixth. (3rd race, Roosevelt Raceway, 11/24/78).
7. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Jacques Dupuis (Driver). The Board confirmed the decision of the judges suspending Jacques Dupuis for five days and disqualifying from third to placing of eighth. (8th race, Yonkers Raceway, 4/11/79).
8. Finger Lakes - Free Grandstand Admission Tickets. The Board approved request by Finger Lakes to : (1) Issue free grandstand admission tickets to their patrons on Farm Day, Sunday, August 26, 1979. (2) Distribute free grandstand admission tickets to their patrons on Futurity Day, September 23, 1979. These tickets will be valid on Saturday, September 29, or Sunday, September 30, 1979.
9. NYRA-"Saratoga Sunrise Breakfast". The Board approved request by NYRA dated July 9, 1979, to have a reduced admission promotion for its "Saratoga Sunrise Breakfast" at the 1979 Saratoga Meeting. During the Saratoga Meeting each patron in the Saratoga Sunrise Breakfast, will be presented with a coupon good for free admission to the Grandstand or \$2.00 off Clubhouse admission on the date of the breakfast.
10. Suffolk OTB- additional branch. The Board approved request by Suffolk OTB dated June 21, 1979, to amend its plan of operation to include an additional branch office, on Jericho Turnpike in Huntington, 30 miles from Belmont, 23 miles from Roosevelt and 5 miles from its nearest operating branch.
11. WROTB- additional branch. The Board denied request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation dated 9/21/78, to amend its plan of operation to include an additional branch office in Gowanda, N.Y.
12. Western Regional OTBC - additional branch. The Board deferred action on request by WROTB to amend its plan of operation to include 4 additional branches to be located in: (1) Bonady Plaza, (2) Suburban Plaza (3) 5512 Buffalo Ave. (4) William and Bailey Streets.
13. Monticello Raceway - "Fan Appreciation Night". The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway dated July 24, 1979 to hold a "Fan Appreciation Night" on August 3, 1979, whereby all patrons would receive free parking and admission.

14. Yonkers Raceway - Promotions. The Board approved request by Yonkers Raceway to conduct certain promotions as outlined in their letter of request dated July 17, 1979: (1) Connecticut Night, 8/31/79 (2) Barbers and Beauticians Night, 9/3/79 (3) Coupon Night, 9/4/79 (4) OTB Night, 9/6/79 (5) Taxi Night, 9/11/79 (6) Westchester Night, 9/14/79 (7) Old Timers Night, 9/28/79 (8) Columbus Night Celebration, 10/8/79 (9) Fan Appreciation Night, 10/10/79.
15. Rule 4002.9 (b) (1). The Board approved thoroughbred rule 4002.9 (b) (1) to permit up to 15, rather than 10, joint owners.
16. Finger Lakes/"Inflation Fighter Day". The Board approved request by Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc. dated July 24, 1979, to offer free admission to their patrons for Saturday, August 11, 1979.
17. Monticello Raceway - Change of Post Time. The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway dated July 25, 1979, to change their post time on Sunday, September 30, 1979 from 2:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
18. Proposed Rule 4217.14. The Board approved final Proposed Rule 4217.14, Triple.
19. Proposed Rule 4011.15. The Board approved final Proposed Rule 4011.15 Quinella.
20. Monticello Raceway request for rule waiver. The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway dated July 30, 1979 to waive the provisions of rule 4116.3 prohibiting track officials from entering a horse in an invitational overnight race only when it is a normal betting event, when they have a beneficial interest.
21. WROTB - Travers Stakes. The Board denied request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to accept wagers on the Travers Stakes on Saturday, August 18, within the Special Betting District, as contrary to law.
22. WROTB - Syracuse Mile. The Board advised WROTB that they were statutorily permitted to accept wagering on the Zweig Trot and Empire Pace and also outlined what other wagering might be acceptable in certain counties by statute in response to their request of July 27, 1979.
23. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Pamela S. Cardas. The Board deferred action on this matter.
24. Monticello Raceway - Reduced Admission. The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway dated July 17, 1979 to admit a group of 300 Senior Citizens from Ulster County at the reduced admission of \$1.00 on the evening of August 25, 1979.
25. NYCOTB/Roosevelt, Yonkers Agreement. The Board deferred action on request by NYCOTB, Yonkers Raceway and Roosevelt Raceway, dated July 17, 1979 to allow NYCOTB to sell an official Yonkers/Roosevelt program in OTB Parlors.