

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

January 30, 1979

10:30 A.M.

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Tuesday, January 30, 1979 at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York

The meeting being called on Friday, January 26, 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 Cocozziello, 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.

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1. Minutes. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held on January 12, 1979.
- B. For Board Approval:
1. NYCOTB - Gulfstream Park/Pan American Handicap. The Board approved the request of NYCOTB to accept wagers on: 1. The Gulfstream Park Handicap, to be run at Gulfstream Park, Hallandale, Florida, on Saturday, February 17, 1979. 2. The Pan American Handicap, to be run at Gulfstream Park, Hallandale, Florida, on Saturday, March 3, 1979. NYCOTB would act as agent for other OTB regions.
  2. Finger Lakes - New Guard House and Color Video System. The Board approved, conditioned on the approval of its consulting architect, the request of Finger Lakes Racetrack, 1. to build a new guard house, located on the site of the existing one. 2. to install a color video system. Copies of the plans for the guard house have been forwarded to the Board's consulting architect, Lionel Levy.

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3. Proposed Rule - Section 5211.6 and 5211.7 Subdivision (c). The Board deferred decision on Proposed Rules- Section 5211.6 and 5211.7 Subdivision (c).
  4. Buffalo Raceway - 1979 Racing Schedule. The Board approved the request of Buffalo Raceway to amend its 1979 Racing Schedule as follows:
    1. Add as racing days - from Sunday, December 2, 1979 thru Monday, December 31, 1979, Dark Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18 and 25, Mondays, December 24th and 31st.
    2. Add as Dark Days - Wednesday, February 7, 1979, Wednesday, February 14, 1979, Wednesday, February 21, 1979.
  5. Vincent Nocella/Trainer. The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Cocozziello that Mr. Nocella's suspension be reduced to 20 days in lieu of an appeal for violation of Rules 4042.2 and 4012.11, relating to use of drugs and Trainers Responsibility. This violation occurred in the 4th race at Aqueduct on December 3, 1978. The suspension will be served at the discretion of the Stewards.
  6. Stipulation of Discontinuance. The Board approved the Stipulation of Discontinuance, as submitted by the Attorney General of an action by Finger Lakes Racetrack against the Board.
  7. Hearing Officer Report in the matter of Lindenwood Recreation, Inc. The Board reviewed the matter, including the hearing officer report and decided, contrary to the recommendation of the hearing officer, that the decision of the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs should be confirmed as there was a reasonable basis for such decision.
  8. \$42 Key Box Wager. The Board ordered the discontinuance of the \$42 Key Box Wager, and directed that all the tracks be so advised.

C. For Board Information and Discussion:

1. The Board took notice of the publication of Agency Action relating to Establishing a Fund to Promote and Supervise Equine Research.
2. The Board took notice of the publication of Proposed Agency Action relating to Determining Ownership of All Thoroughbred Horses Racing under the Board's Jurisdiction.

The Board directed that letters of appreciation be sent to:

1. John Van Laak, Chief Budget Examiner, on his retirement from State Services.
2. Kenneth Noe- NYRA Steward, who resigned to become President of Calder Racetrack.
3. The Board also directed that each Track in the State, observe "one minute of silence: on Saturday, February 3, 1979, in honor of Nelson A. Rockefeller, the former Governor of New York State.



State of New York  
Racing and Wagering Board

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MEMORANDUM

January 30, 1979

TO: All Stewards and Presiding Judges  
FROM: John Van Lindt, Executive Director *JVL*  
RE: MINUTE OF SILENCE

At its meeting of January 30, 1979, the Racing and Wagering Board directed that you contact management concerning the death of Nelson A. Rockefeller. The Board requested that you ask management to observe a minute of silence after the third race on Saturday, February 3, 1979 in honor of the former Governor.

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