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## Minutes of Meeting of the

New York State Racing and Wagering Board

April 22, 1980 10:30 A.M.

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Tuesday, April 22, 1980, 10:30 a.m. at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York, N.Y.

The meeting being called on Thursday, April 17, 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 Daile Director of Policy and Planning; Sal Ferrara, Director of Audits, Investigations and Licensing; Victor Cocozziello, Director of Wagering Systems; Sal Curiale, Counsel; Dean Alfange, Director of Quarter Horse Racing; 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. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held on March 25, 1980.
- B. For Entry Into The Minutes:
- 1. WROTB/Delayed Broadcasts. The Board's prior approval of April 1, 198 of request by WROTB for the delayed broadcast of the Finger Lakes races into WROTB branch offices for the upcoming 1980 Finger Lakes racing season. It is understood that the above mentioned live call will be broadcasted no earlier than ten (10) minutes after a race is official.
- 2. Batavia Downs/Rain Checks. The Board's prior approval of April 1, 1980 of request by Batavia Downs dated March 26, 1980 for permission to honor rain checks that were given out on Monday evening, March 10th as free admission tickets. Rain checks were issued, due the fact that the American Totalisator Co. shut down and the Batavia Downs Employees Independent Union, refused to cross the picket line.
  - Batavia Downs Promotion. The Board's prior approval of April 1, 1980 of request by Batavia Downs dated March 23, 1980 for permission to allow free admission to children on Saturday, April 5th, which is scheduled for a Matinee and Evening program for this day and they will be dark on Good Friday.

- 4. Roosevelt Raceway/Promotions (4). The Board's prior approval of April 1, 1980 of request by Roosevelt Raceway dated March 28, 1980 for the approval of the four submitted promotions as outlined in their letter of request dated March 28, 1980.
- NYRA/Promotions. The Board's prior approval of April 1, 1980 of request by NYRA dated March 25, 1980 for the approval of the following reduced admission promotion: NYRA's April edition of the Track Record newsletter (mail circulation approximately 250,000) will contain three free Grandstand admission coupons (or \$2.00 off Clubhouse) good for May 10, May 17 and May 24, 1980.
- Vernon Downs-Temporary Waiver of 30 Day Rule. The Board's prior approval of April 9, 1980 of request by Vernon Downs dated April 2, 1980 for permission to temporarily waiver the 30 day rule g4113.5 subdivision 1, regarding horses that did not have any opportunity to race between the closing and the opening of Vernon Downs. Only up to April 19, 1980.
- 7. Apprentice Allowance Thomas Albertrani. The Board's prior approva of April 14, 1980 of request by Apprentice Jockey, Thomas Albertrani dated April 11, 1980 to extend his apprentice allowance which expires on April 18, 1980 for an additional eleven (11) days for the period April 19, 1980 up to and including April 29, 1980.

## C. For Board Approval:

- Monticello Raceway 2 Promotions. The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway for permission to conduct the following two promotions 1. Women's Liberation Night- all women would have to pay the regular admission price but their dates would be admitted free of charge. 2. They will host the New York Conference of Mayors on June 10th when all members of this group will be admitted free of charge.
- 2. NYRA/Clubhouse. The Board approved request by N.Y.R.A. to redesign the second floor of the Clubhouse at Saratoga Race Track in order to provide 25 additional mutuel windows. The redesign can be accomplished prior to the 1980 Saratoga meeting, as will the planned extension of the Clubhouse awning to the paddock mutuel area. The plans for this request have been forwarded to the Board's consulting architect Lionel Levy for his comments.
- 3. <u>Saratoga Raceway Advance Day Wagering.</u> The Board deferred this request until a later date.
- 3a. Yonkers Raceway Advance Wagering. The Board deferred this matter until a later date.
- 3b. NYRA/Advance Wagering. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
- 4. Monticello Raceway Voluntary Blood Donations. The Board approvedrequest by Monticello Raceway to have a trailer from the American Red
  Cross located on the grounds of the Raceway during non-racing hours
  (daytime) in order to promote a drive for voluntary blood donations.
  Monticello will offer one free overnight pass to each blood donor,
  good for any one night during the 1980 meet.

- Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation Additional Branch. The Board approved request by CDOTB for permission to amend their plan of operation to include an additional branch office to be located on Service Road egress from Route 1-87 in the Town of Champlain, N.Y.
- NYCOTB/Pick-Four at Monticello Raceway. The Board approved request by NYCOTB to accept Pick-Four wagers as an off-track exclusive at Monticello Raceway on Wednesdays and Sundays during their upcoming meet. In accordance with the Board's direction regarding the absence of "exotic" wagering races in the Pick-Four, the NYCOTB has designated the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th as the Pick-Four races durithis meeting.
- 7. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of New London Volunteer Fire Department. The Board approved recommendation of Hearing Officer Cocozziello to suspend the bingo identification number and license for a period of six months beginning May 1, 1980 but that the execution of this suspension be suspended and that this matter be referred to the appropriate law enforcement office.
- 8. Hearing Officer Report in the Matter of Plessis Fire Department. The Board approved recommendation of Hearing Officer Cocozziello that the bingo identification number and license be suspended for a period of six months beginning May 1, 1980 but that the execution of this suspension be suspended and that the matter be referred to the appropriate law inforcement office.
- 9. NYRA/Reduced Admission. The Board approved request by the New York Racing Association, Inc. to conduct the following promotion, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Handicap; Personalized letters will be sent to patrons on NYRA's mailing list, the letters may be exchanged for free Grandstand admission (or \$2.00 off Clubhouse admission) on May 26, June 6, or June 8, 1980.
- Saratoga Raceway License Amendment. The Board approved request by Saratoga Harness to amend their license to permit them to conduct a double header on Saturday, July 5th. Post-time for the afternoon program will be 2 15 and post-time for the evening program will be 8:15.
- 11. <u>Saratoga Raceway Promotion (Senior Citizens)</u>. The Board approved request by Saratoga Harness to admit senior citizens over age 65 for \$1.00 on Tuesdays only.
- 12. WROTB/Pick-Three at Buffalo Raceway. The Board approved request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to conduct Pick-Three wagering as an off-track exclusive, on races conducted at Buffalo Raceway on Tuesdays and Fridays during the track's upcoming meet, commencing Monday, April 21, 1980.
- 13. NYCOTB/Finger Lakes. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
- Agency action for the amendments of Section 5620.5 subsections (h),
  (j) and (m) and Section 5620.14 subsections (a) and (b) of Chapter I Subchapter B, Subtitle T of Title 9 NYCRR. The Board approved the proposed amendments as they appeared in the March 19, 1980 issue

of the New York State Register.

- 15. WROTB/Pick-3 and Quinella Pools Buffalo Raceway. The Board approved request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to accept quinella wagers on the 2nd, 5th and 7th races at Buffalo Raceway, as an off-track exclusive.
- 16. WROTB/Buffalo Raceway Delayed Broadcasts. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
- Amendments of s 4011.15(m), 4011.20(g) new, 4122.39(i), 4122.42(1) and 4217.13 (i) and 4217.10(1). The Board approved the proposed amendments as they appeared in the March 5, 1980 issue of the New York State Register, to become effective as of May 1, 1980.