

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1983

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on September 29, 1983, at 10:30 a.m. at the Board office, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York 10047.

The meeting being called on September 27, 1983, 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 SARAFAN, Member
JOSEPH O'DEA, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Executive
Director
John Dailey, Director of Policy
and Planning
Victor A. Cocozziello, Director
of Wagering Systems
David Vaughan, Assistant Counsel
Jacob Iberger, Chief of Racing
Operations
Kenneth Beh, Director of Public
Relations
Ted Garrison, Assistant Counsel
Robert Feuerstein, Assistant
Counsel
Danny Goldberg, Chief of Licensing
Nancy Rudolph, Chief of OTB Regulations
Eileen Clarke, OTB Operations
Coordinator
Ed Leary, Assistant Director of
Investigations and Audits
Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to
the Board
and
Steve Silverman and Kate Chieco,
Observes from Columbia School of Journalism

A.

MINUTES:

1. Approve the minutes of Board meeting held on August 4, 1983.

B.

FOR ENTRY INTO THE MINUTES:

1. WESTERN REGION OTB - BATAVIA. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 3, 1983 of request by Western Region Off-Track Betting Corporation for approval of Pick-3 wagering at Batavia.
2. VERNON DOWNS - LICENSE AMENDMENT AND PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 4, 1983 of request by Vernon Downs to amend its track license application respecting type of wagering, program price and program manages and to conduct promotions in conjunction with racing at the two tracks as outlined in their letter of July 29, 1983.
3. NEW YORK CITY OTB - YONKERS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 5, 1983 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation to broadcast live audio calls from Yonkers Raceway into four of its branches.
4. WESTERN REGION OTB - SYRACUSE MILE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 11, 1983 of request by Western Region Off-Track Betting Corporation to accept exclusive off-track wagering on the Syracuse Mile.
5. VERNON DOWNS - PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 16, 1983 of request by Vernon Downs to conduct the following promotions: WOUR Radio Night, August 17, 1983; Vernon Mini Fair, August 28, 1983 and September Sale, September 7 through September 30, 1983.
6. NYRA - GRACE CAPITAL INCORPORATED AGREEMENT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 16, 1983 of request by New York Racing Association to provide Grace Capital Incorporated with the stretch call and official race results of its races for publication on Grace's dedicated telephone channel. (Partial approval for results only were given at the Board meeting of August 4, 1983.).

7. YONKERS RACEWAY - SHIFTING THE LATE DAILY DOUBLE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 17, 1983 of request by Yonkers Raceway to move the late daily double from the eighth and ninth races to the ninth and tenth races on August 20, 1983.
8. SYRACUSE MILE - SENIOR CITIZENS PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 18, 1983 of request by Syracuse Mile to admit senior citizens (65 years and over with I.D. card or other proof of age) for free.
9. NASSAU/SUFFOLK OTB - YONKERS RACEWAY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 18 1983 of request by Nassau Region Off-Track Betting Corporation and Suffolk Region Off-Track Betting Corporation to broadcast live audio calls from Yonkers Raceway into select OTB branches through November 5, 1983 .
10. SARATOGA RACEWAY - RADIO PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 29, 1983 of request by Saratoga Raceway to extend the ten Radio Night Promotions that were previously approved by offering three additional Radio Night Promotions for their current Meet. They also request to continue their Weekend Package promotion which expired on June 30, 1983, to continue through November 19, 1983.
11. FINGER LAKES - RADIO PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 29, 1983 of request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to allow Rochester, New York radio station W.R.T.K. and Canandaigua, New York radio station W.F.L.C. to broadcast live, the New York Breeders' Futurity which will be held on September 23, 1983.
12. YONKERS RACEWAY - WHITE ROCK PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 29, 1983 of request by Yonkers Raceway to distribute free clubhouse admission tickets through White Rock Beverage Distributors for Friday Night, September 2, 1983.
13. NYRA - FREE ADMISSION PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 31, 1983 of request by New York Racing Association to offer free Grandstand admission on September 4, September 25, and October 16, 1983.

14. YONKERS RACEWAY - DELAYED STRETCH CALL. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of August 19, 1983 of request by Yonkers Raceway in conjunction with Batkin and Company, Incorporated to approve a contract, which was submitted, for delayed telephone stretch calls and race results.
15. APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE - MARJORIE CLAYTON. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of September 8, 1983 of request by Jockey Marjorie Clayton for a four (4) day extension of her apprentice allowance, which is due to expire on September 16, 1983. Ms. Clayton was injured during a race at the Meadowlands on October 11, 1982 and was certified to resume riding on October 16, 1982. Her new apprentice allowance would expire on September 20, 1983.
16. BATAVIA DOWNS - PARI-MUTUEL CHANGES. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of September 6, 1983 of request by Batavia Downs to revise their wagering schedule as outlined in their letter of September 2, 1983.
17. NYRA - ESPN AGREEMENT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of September 7, 1983 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, Inc. for the cable telecast of the 1983 Marlboro Cup.
18. SARATOGA RACEWAY - SENIOR CITIZENS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of September 1, 1983 of request by Saratoga Raceway to allow senior citizens, 60 years of age and older, free grandstand admission to their Labor Day matinee program, September 5, 1983.
19. NEW YORK CITY OTB - TRIPLE WAGERING ON LOUISIANA DOWNS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of September 16, 1983 of request by the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation on behalf of all OTB Corporations to accept triple wagering on the Louisiana Downs Super Derby IV on September 17, 1983 with less the ten entries overnight as set forth in its letter of September 15, 1983.
20. NEW YORK CITY OTB - LOUISIANA DOWNS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of September 14, 1983 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation on behalf of all OTB Corporations to accept wagering on the Louisiana Downs Super Derby IV on September 17, 1983.
21. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP RULES. For entry into the minutes the Board's prior affirmation that the effective date for the Multiple Ownership Rules has been changed from September 15, 1983 to October 15, 1983.

C.

FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

1. NYRA - DARBY DOWNS. The Board approved the request by the New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Darby Downs to simulcast the Marlboro Cup race under the terms and conditions that the Board has approved in the past.
2. NYRA - SIMULCAST AGREEMENT. The Board approved the request by the New York Racing Association for approval of simulcast agreements with Randall Racing Club, Inc.; Cranwood Racing Club, Inc.; Bay Meadows Racing Asso.; Hollywood Park Operating Company and Ogden Suffolk Downs, Inc.
3. CATSKILL OTB - HIGHLAND FALLS. The Board approved the request by Catskill Region Off-Track Betting Corporation to open a branch in the Orange County town of Highlands at Highland Falls, New York.
4. MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP RULES. SEE ITEM B-12.
5. REVISION OF HARNESS RULE 4122.17. The Board approved the revision which conforms the harness rule to the thoroughbred rule 4010.1(i) to provide for payment where there is no wagering on a position.
6. NEW YORK CITY OTB - LAUREL RACE COURSE. The Board approved the request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation to provide delayed audio broadcasts of the race calls from Laurel Race Course on "dark" Tuesdays and on any other days when racing might be cancelled at NYRA from September 20, 1983 through December 9, 1983. This approval was subject to endorsement.
7. HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF CATSKILL REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION. The Board accepted the Hearing Officer's report but directed that Catskill's request amending it's plan of operation so as to provide live audio calls from Yonkers Raceway into its branches through November 5, 1983 be approved on those days only when Monticello is not operating and be denied on those days when Monticello is running.
8. NEW YORK CITY OTB - SIX ADDITIONAL BRANCHES. The Board approved the request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation to expand the use of Yonkers' Raceway audio call of its races into to six (6) additional branches.
9. MICHAEL VENEZIA. The Board approved the request by Michael Venezia for a reduction of his suspension. Mr. Venezia will be eligible to begin riding on October 1, 1983.

10. SARATOGA RACEWAY - "KING OF THE HILL". The Board approved the request by Saratoga Raceway to hold their annual Fall "King of the Hill" handicapping promotion to begin on September 21, and continue each and every Wednesday through November 16, 1983.
11. GENESEE VALLEY HUNT, INC. - ONE DAY HUNT. The Board approved the request by Genesee Valley Hunt, Inc. to conduct a one day hunt meeting (October 22, 1983) without pari-mutuel wagering. The Board also appointed William Welch as State Steward for the Genesee Valley Hunt Club.
12. FINGER LAKES - WESTERN PROMOTION. The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to repeat a promotion whereby 25,000 free admission tickets will be distributed through Western Regional OTB parlors, to be held on October 8, 1983.
13. SUFFOLK OTB - GILBERT STERN. The Board approved the request by Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation for the appointment of Gilbert Stern as one of its Board of Directors. Approval by the Board was subject to a background check.
14. SARATOGA RACEWAY - WAIVE RULE. The Board approved the request by Saratoga Raceway to waive its current policy with regard to the re-call rule at it applies to breaking horses.
15. FINGER LAKES - ANTHONY CHAMBLIN. The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to appoint Mr. Anthony Chamblin as its new President and General Manager. Approval by the Board was subject to a background check.

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FOR BOARD NOTICE AND INFORMATION:

1. NYS REGISTER - August 24, 1983, re: Ownership Rule Changes - NOTED.
2. Letter of L. Doobin to Chairman Van Lindt, dated July 13, 1983, re: Monticello Winter Meet - NOTED.
3. Memo of N. Rudolph to T. Davide, dated August 26, 1983, re: Suffolk Regional OTB - Smith Grove - NOTED.
4. Memo of J. Iberger to R. Corbisiero, dated, August 16, 1983, re: Vernon Downs - Capital Construction 1% - NOTED.