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MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD MEETING  
OF FEBRUARY 22, 1995

A Meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, at the Board office located at 120 Broadway, New York, 10271.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Richard F. Corbisiero, Chairman  
Joseph P. Neglia, Member  
Bennett Liebman, Member  
Victor A. Cocozziello, Research Associate  
Robert Feuerstein, Counsel  
Gale Berg, Assistant Counsel  
Felix Hester, Assistant Counsel  
Jim Gallagher, Chief of Racing Operations  
Eileen Clarke-Brady, Assistant Chief of OTB Operations  
Arthur Schechter, Director of Audits  
Theodore Garrison, Director of Wagering  
Edmund Leary, Assistant Chief of Audits & Investigations  
Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board

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**FEBRUARY 22, 1995**  
**FOR THE N.Y.S. RACING & WAGERING BOARD**

**B. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

1. **VERNON DOWNS/PROMOTION**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by Vernon Downs for a promotional request as outlined in their letter dated January 20, 1995.

2. **CDROTBC/APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION TO INCLUDE CORTLAND COUNTY**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend their plan of operation to include Cortland County as a participating county in the Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

3. **CDROTBC/TO AMEND ITS PLAN OF OPERATION TO REFLECT THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HARRY E. BELLARDINI AS DIRECTOR OF CORTLAND COUNTY**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend their Plan of Operation to appoint Mr. Harry E. Bellardinil as Director of Cortland County subject to a satisfactory report on his fingerprints.

4. **SARATOGA HARNESS/ACCEPTANCE OF SIMULCAST FROM GARDEN STATE PARK**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by Saratoga Harness to accept simulcast wagers on Garden State Park on Wednesday to Saturday basis beginning Friday, January 27, 1995.

5. **NYRA/AMENDMENT TO ROSTER OF RACING OFFICIALS**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by the New York Racing Association to amend its

1995 roster of racing officials, as follows: Delete: Bruce M. Lombardi, Racing Secretary and Handicapper and Add: Michael S. Lakow, Acting Racing Secretary and Handicapper.

6. **VERNON DOWNS/TRIFECTA CARDS**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by Vernon Downs to conduct all Trifecta Cards on Saturdays and Sundays during the months of February and March.

7. **NYRA/ADDENDUM TO ROSTER OF RACING OFFICIALS**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by the New York Racing Association the amendment to the 1995 Roster of Racing Officials as outlined in their letter dated February 3, 1995, pursuant to Board Rule 4005.1.

8. **NYRA/AGREEMENTS WITH NASSAU AND SUFFOLK ROTBC FOR NYRA SIMULCASTS INTO PRIVATE RESIDENCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 1003 (I) OF THE RACING, PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND BREEDING LAW**

For entry into the minutes, the Chairman's prior approval of a request by the New York Racing Association pursuant to agreements with Nassau and Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporations and the Racing Network, Inc., to simulcast into private residences in Nassau and Suffolk Counties via Cablevision, in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 1003 (1) of the Racing Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law and Board rule 4004.5.

**C. ITEMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

1. **NYRA/COUPLING OF ENTRIES IN ALLOWANCE, HANDICAP AND STAKE RACES**

The Board approved the request by the New York Racing Association and New York Horsemen Benevolent Protective Association and other interested parties, to relax the operation of Board Rule 4025.1(d) (**Limitations on Entries**), provides: "All horses trained by the same trainer must be coupled and run as an entry."

2. **SUMMARY SUSPENSION/THOROUGHBRED TRAINER RAUL SANCHEZ**

The Board approved Counsel's recommendation to summarily suspend Raul Sanchez immediately upon a finding by the Board that the public safety and welfare imperatively require this immediate action.

#### **D. FOR BOARD DETERMINATION**

1. **FLRA/1995 ROSTER OF RACING OFFICIALS**

The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association, the roster of racing officials for the 1995 racing season, pursuant to Board rule 4005.1.

2. **HEARING OFFICER REPORT/IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE O. DARDEN**

The Board approved, member Liebman, dissenting the Hearing Officers' recommendation to remove Mr. Darden as a director of the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

3. **APPLICATION FOR RECONSIDERATION/MATTER OF MARK BECKWITH**

The Board denied the application on behalf of Mark Beckwith to reconsider the penalty imposed pursuant to the Findings and Order dated December 7, 1994.

4. **HEARING OFFICER REPORT/IN THE MATTER OF CARLOS DOMINGUEZ**

The Board approved the Hearing Officers' recommendation that the 10-day suspension of Mr. Dominguez be confirmed.

5. **HEARING OFFICER REPORT/IN THE MATTER OF THE DISQUALIFICATION OF OAKLEA DANOVA**

The Board approved the Hearing Officers recommendation that the disqualification of OAKLEA DANOVA be confirmed.