Minutes of the

New York State Racing Commission

1934

MINUTES OF THE NEW YORK STATE RACING COMMISSION Held Wednesday, May 2, 1934.

Messrs. Herbert Bayard Swope and John Hay Whitney were sworn in as members of the New York State Racing Commission, by Secretary of State, Edward J. Flynn, at his office, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, at 11:30 o'clock A. M. John Sloan, the third member, was not present; he being abroad.

Thereafter the Commission permanently organized by the election of Herbert Bayard Swope as Chairman, upon motion of Mr. Whitney. Upon his election, Mr. Swope took the chair, which had been temporarily occupied by the Secretary of State.

In discussing plans for organization, the Secretary of State informed the Commission that quarters would be provided for the Commission at the State Office Building, 80 Centre Street, and that under the budget that had been tentatively laid out, the organization of the Commission would be inclusive of the following:

- 1. Designation of a vice-chairman to act in his absence, by the chairman.
- 2. The election of a permanent steward to serve at all meetings, at a per diem or yearly stipend to be agreed upon.
- 3. The selection of a veterinarian, the latter's payment to be adjudicated with the Jockey Club, the responsibility of the veterinarian to run directly to the Racing Commission.
- 4. The appointment of a temporary secretary, who shall also be the disbursing officer.
- 5. The appointment of a stenographer and clerk at a salary not to exceed \$1,400. per year, to be chosen from the Civil Service lists, which will

be supplied by the Secretary of State.

- 6. Arrangement to be made with the Assistant Secretary of State as to the matter of disbursements and vouchers.
- 7. The appointment of inspectors who are to be the agents or detectives of the Commission, at approximately \$2,500. per year each.

A discussion was held with the Secretary of State as to the intent and purpose of the law, in which he said it was the understanding of the Governor and himself that the intent of the new statute was to confer general supervision upon the Racing Commission, which was to be definitely responsible for the conduct of racing in the State of New York.

Following the meeting, Messrs. Swope and Whitney agreed that the general policies were to be declared by the Commission and the administration thereof was to be in the hands of the staff under the chairman.

An informal discussion of candidates for steward was held, in which Mr. Whitney suggested for consideration the name of Marshall Cassidy, as being representative of the type of steward in which the Commission could feel the greatest confidence. Action was deferred upon the selection until the members have further opportunity of inquiring into the various candidates.

It was suggested by Mr. Swope that the Commission should invite the cooperation of the Narcotic Squad of the Treasury Department in Washington, and to bring about cooperation between the New York Commission and the Commissions of the various states. No formal action was decided upon and it was agreed contact should be established.

Mr. Swope further suggested that, since the acting secretary of the Commission would be in charge of disbursements and charged with other confidential matters, it would be wise to have the position filled by one in whom both Mr. Whitney and he had full trust. He suggested that, temporarily, at least, Mr. John F. Shevlin of his personal staff discharge these duties.

Mr. Whitney extended an invitation on behalf of Mr. Woodward, Chairman of the Jockey Club, to the Commission to meet with the Stewards of the Jockey Club on May 10th. The invitation was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the chair.

John J. Dhwelin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held at the office of the Chairman, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on May 8, 1934.

PRESENT:

Hon. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman Commissioner John Hay Whitney Commissioner John Sloan, by proxy of Chairman.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Racing Commission under the authority of the licensing law hereby rules that any group or association conducting special running and/or special steeplechase meetings (such as hunt or amateur meetings), to which admission is charged, outside of those races given in connection with the regularly established state or county fairs, shall be charged \$50.00 for a meeting of not more than two days in any one year.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary.

John J. Showlin

A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the office of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on May 9, 1934, at 5:00 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope presided.

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} After a discussion of the subject, it was decided by Mr. \\ Swope and Mr. Whitney that \\ \end{tabular}$

The policy of voluntary contributions by various of the racing associations be discouraged as inimical to the best interests of the sport, the racing associations themselves and to the State.

Mr. Swope recommended, Mr. Whitney seconding and approving that

A special meeting of the Racing Commission be called for Friday morning, May 10, 1934, at eleven o'clock at the office of Mr. Swope in conjunction with the owners of the various racing associations concerned, and/or their presidents, to apprise these gentlemen of the decision of the Commission.

On the direction of Mr. Swope, telegrams of invitation were sent to Mr. Joseph Widener, representing the Jockey Club and the Westchester Racing Association; Mr. James Butler, Jr., representing the Empire City Racing Association; Dr. E. P. Kilroe, representing the Metropolitan Jockey Club; Mr. John E. Cowdin, representing the Jockey Club; Mr. George H. Bull, representing the Jockey Club and Mr. John J. Cavanaugh.

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

John J. Aherlin
Acting Secretary.

A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Club House, Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., N. Y., on May 10th, 1934, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Present at the invitation of the Commission were: Mr. Joseph Widener, Mr. James Butler, Jr., Dr. E. P. Kilroe, Mr. George H. Bull and Mr. John J. Cavanaugh.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope announced that it was the decision of the Commission that the policy of voluntary contributions be deemed inimical to the best interests of racing of the State and of the Racing Associations themselves and, therefore, the Commission would not recognize such an action. A substitute plan, approved by the Commission, was agreed upon.

> The remainder of the meeting was spent in general discussion. On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

> > John J. Shewlin

A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the office of the Chairman, Herbert Bayard Swope, 730 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on May 18, 1934 at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Present at the invitation of the Commission was: Mr. Marshall Cassidy, Steward of the Commission.

Mr. Cassidy reported that he had made fifty-six inquiries and presented the result to the Commission.

Eighteen horses received unenergetic rides - issued sixteen warnings - two punishments.

Twelve riders censured for rough riding. One suspended.

Nine reverals of form investigated, of which two riders were punished. Six trainers warned regarding infringement of rule 160.

Eleven trainers warned for obvious qualifying with two year olds.

During period of May 4th to May 15th inclusive, a total of two hundred and seventeen horses broke out of Assistant Starters' hands, of which five were away slowly. Niether time the fault of the Assistant.

Dr. E. G. Catlett was summoned from the outer office and the question of his employment as Veterinarian to the State Racing Commission was discussed.

Mr. Frank J. Costello, Jr., representing Messrs. Dandurand and Cattarinich, who, he said, had leased the State Fair in Syracuse, appeared before the Commission asking for dates from June 30th to July 14th and from September 15th to September 29th. The Chairman informed him that the Commission took due notice of the fact that an application would be submitted, but that no application was before the Commission at present, because the requirements set forth by law had not been complied with, such

as attestation of incorporation, attestation of paid-in capital, leasehold, etc.

The Chairman further informed Mr. Costello that the application would be treated on its merits, when as and if received, but that unofficially, the Commission wished Mr. Costello to understand that other applications were coming in from the same locality in the State and it was not the intention of the Commission to permit competitive racing because of the injury to the sport.

The Chairman of the Commission noted that direct application had been received from a representative in Buffalo (Murray) and that Senator Dunnigan informed the Commission that Buffalo was to make an application. Further, Mr. Whitney had conversation with Mr. Schoellkopf with reference to racing in Buffalo.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned on motion duly made.

John 9. Akurlin Acting Secretary. A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Club House at Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., N. Y., on May 19, 1934, at 3:30 o'clock.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Present at the invitation of the Commission were: Mr. Joseph E. Widener and Dr. \overline{W} . G. Catlett.

The question of the appointment of Dr. Catlett as "Veterinarian" to the Commission was further discussed.

There being no further business before the Gommission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John J. Shwlin

A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Club House at the Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., N. Y., on June 6th, 1934, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Present at the invitation of the Commission was: Mr. Joseph E. Widener.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope announced in view of the creation and extended duties of the Racing Commission, various rules engendered by The Jockey Club would have to be amended and others modified.

Mr. Widener agreed and notified the Commission that the rule book would be examined and whatever rules were found to conflict with the powers of the Commission, or whatever rules must be modified to include powers of the Commission, would be speedily amended.

After a further discussion on this subject, Mr. Widener left the meeting.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$ Swope and $\mbox{Mr.}$ Whitney remained and discussed matters pertaining to the Racing Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion, duly made, the meeting was adjourned.

John J. Shevlin

Acting Secretary.

A Joint Session of The Jockey Club and the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Union Club on Park Avenue, New York City, on June 7th, 1934 at 8:15 p. m.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope and Mr. John Hay Whitney, representing the Racing Commission.

Mr. A. H. Morris, Mr. William Woodward and Mr. Algernon Daingerfield, representing The Jockey Club.

The meeting was an informal gathering to discuss the problems of racing in general and to work out methods of cooperation between The Jockey Club and the Racing Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 a. m.

Acting Secretary

John J. Shenlin

A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Club House at the Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., N. Y., on June 8th, 1934, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Also present was: Mr. Algernon Daingerfield, representing The Jockey Club.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope took notice of the presence of Mr. Daingerfield and asked if there were any hearings to be referred to the Racing Commission on appeal. Mr. Daingerfield reported that applications have been received from Stephen Giannone, Trainer, Frank Coltiletti, applying for a Trainer's license, having formerly held a Jockey's license, Philip Finamore, whose horse "Transgressor" had been found to have been administered with strychnine on April 23rd, at the Jamaica Race Track and John Coburn, whose license as Trainer had been refused.

At the discussion, it was decided that the hearings would be held at the offices of the New York State Racing Commission at 155 Worth Street, New York City on June 13th, 1934, at four o'clock.

Mr. Swope announced that at the same time, a hearing would be given to The Onondaga Racing Association on their application for a license to conduct a race meeting at Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Swope stated that the Assistant Secretary would be instructed to wire Frank Costello, the Attorney for the Syracuse interests, to present himself, together with his principals, before the Commission at that time.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

A Joint Session of The Jockey Club and the New York State Racing Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 155 Worth Street, New York City, on June 13th, 1934, at 4:00 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman, Mr. John Hay Whitney, Mr. Joseph A. Mesnig, Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. John Sloan by proxy, and Mr. John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary.

Present at the invitation of the Commission was: Senator Dunnigan.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope informed the Commission that the applicants from the Onondaga Racing Association had represented themselves to come before the Commission on the hearing for license.

Frank J. Costello and Thomas Gorman, Racing Secretary, were designated by the Onondaga Racing Association to appear during the illness of Leo Dandurand, the President of the Association. Mr. Costello and Mr. Gorman were summoned to appear before the Commission and Mr. Costello presented to the Commission the new articles of incorporation of the Onondaga Racing Association; the first papers having been improperly drawn and improperly incorporated. Mr. Mesnig approved the conditions of the new articles of incorporation. Mr. Copping, a Hearing Stenographer, was directed to take the verbatim record of the hearing, a copy of which is attached. After the hearing, Mr. Gorman and Mr. Costello were informed that the Acting Secretary would be instructed to telephone them at their Hotel to apprise them of the findings of the Commission.

After the departure of the gentlemen, it was decided that the license would be granted after the Racing Commission had seen and approved the list of officials presiding over the race meeting at Syracuse and on

the guarantee of the Onondaga interests that there would be open betting.

After due deliberation and acceptance of certain conditions by the applicant, the Racing Commission voted to grant a license to the Onondaga Racing Association, Inc., to hold a running horse meeting at the State Fair Grounds, Syracuse, N. Y., from July 4th to 14th inclusive, and from September 15th to 29th inclusive.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

A Joint Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission and three Stewards of The Jockey Club was held at the office of the Commission, 155 Worth Street, New York City, on June 13th, 1954, at 4:30 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman, Mr. John Hay Whitney, Mr. J.M. Mesnig, Mr. John Sloan, by proxy, and Mr. John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary.

Also present were: Mr. William Woodward, Mr. J. E. Davis and

Mr. A. H. Morris, representing The Jockey Club.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided. John A. Coburn appeared.

After hearing Coburn, on motion, duly seconded, John A. Coburn was granted a trainer's license for the year 1934. Frank Coltiletti appeared.

After hearing Coltiletti, on motion, duly seconded, Frank Coltiletti was granted a trainer's license. Stephen Giannone appeared.

After hearing Stephen Giannone, on motion, duly second, the action of the Stewards of The Jockey Club in refusing a trainer's license to Stephen Giannone was confirmed.

Philip Finamore, trainer of the horse "Transgressor" appeared with his attorney, The Honorable Marcellus Evans. After questioning, Mr. Finamore was dismissed and the Commission went into a closed session with the three Stewards of The Jockey Club. It was decided that the suspension imposed on Mr. Finamore would be temporarily continued and that the entries of the horse "Transgressor" and of his owner, J. E. Mann, would be refused for the time being, suspension to be lifted at subsequent meeting of The Jockey Club.

The Chairman announced that the Acting Secretary would be directed to write The Jockey Club, informing them officially for the records, the decisions made at the meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion

duly made, the meeting adjourned.

John J. Shulin

A special meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Aqueduct Track, Aqueduct, L. I., on June 16th, 1934, at 4:30 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman, Mr. John Hay Whitney, Mr. John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary and Mr. Marshall Cassidy. The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Matters of general policy were discussed.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John J. Shalin

A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the office of the Commission, 155 Worth Street, New York City, on June 25th, 1934, at 11:00 A. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman, Mr. John Hay Whitney, Mr. Marshall Cassidy, Dr. E. B. Ackerman and Mr. John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. John F. Shevlin took the minutes.

The Chair announced that the case of Ernest Sietas, whose horse "Wedding Ring" showed traces of strychnine was to be heard.

Mr. Sietas was summoned from the outer office and after the hearing, Mr. Sietas was told that the Commission would inform the Jockey Club of its findings and instruct them to notify Mr. Sietas.

In closed session, past record of Mr. Sietas was considered. It was noted that for twenty-five years, Mr. Sietas had been connected with the turf, that this was his first offense and that his reputation was of the highest. However, as it was not the intention of the Commission to exonerate first offenders, Mr. Swope directed that the Acting Secretary write the Jockey Club, informing them that in the opinion of the Commission, the suspension of Mr. Sietas might well be lifted on July 12th, 30 days after the offense.

Mr. L. Williams was then called before the Commission in connection with tests showing strychnine in horse "General A". After hearing, it was decided that no action would be taken on the case of Mr. Williams, pending further investigation. The Acting Secretary was so directed to inform the Jockey Club.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

Ih J. Shwein

A special meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the Aqueduct Race Track, Aqueduct, L. I., on July 2nd, 1934, at 2:00 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

Also present was Mr. Marshall Cassidy, Steward to the Commission. The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope prosed the name of Frank J. Bryan to act as Steward for the State Racing Commission at the meeting to be held by the Onondaga Racing Association. The Steward starting July 4th. Mr. Swope announced that Mr. Bryan's salary would be \$50.00 per day to be paid by the Onondaga Racing Association.

On motion made and duly seconded, the appointment of Frank J. Bryan to act as Steward for the Racing Commission was approved.

Mr. Swope stated that the Jockey Club had appointed E. C. Smith to act as Steward for the Jockey Club at the meeting in Syracuse, N. Y. The Commission approved the appointment of E. C. Smith.

The Chair announced the receipt from the Onondaga Racing
Association of a list of their officials from the Steward, Thomas O. Bradley.
On motion duly seconded, the list of officials of the Onondaga Racing
Association was approved.

The Chair announced in its opinion, that the definition of a Starter should be printed on the daily program. After a short discussion, the motion was approved.

The Chair announced that it had before it the appointments of William F. Shanahan and J. F. Grossman as Inspectors, for approval.

Mr. Grossman had started his duties as of June 19th and Mr. Shanahan as of June 29th. The appointments were passed without discussion.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John 9. Shevlin Acting Secretary. A special meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the home of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope at Sands Point, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y., on July 4th, 1934, at 7:00 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman and Mr. John Hay Whitney.

Mr. Whitney reported that he had just arrived from Syracuse by plane, after having inspected the plant and conditions prevailing at the Onondaga Racing Association meeting. Mr. Whitney informed the Chairman that the type of betting practiced at the meeting was the so called "share-option" system, a form of the pari-mutuel.

Mr. Whitney informed the Chairman that the racing public at Syracuse seemed to be heartily in favor of racing, though he questioned the legality of the system. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Swope discussed the legality of such a matter and noted the fact that this was a form of wagering which the representatives of the Racing Association had promised not to follow when they were granted their license on June 13th, 1934.

Mr. Swope announced that he would get in touch with Assistant Attorney-General Joseph M. Mesnig, counsel assigned to the Commission, for his opinion on the legality of such a system.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John 2. Showling Acting Secretary.

A special meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the home of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope at Sands Point, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y., July 5th, 1934, at 11:00 A. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman and Mr. John Hay Whitney.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope announced that he had drafted a telegram to Assistant Attorney-General Joseph M. Mesnig, requesting a decision on the legality of the form of betting indulged in Syracuse. It was decided that the Commission would not act against the Syracuse interests until the Attorney-General's Office had made the position clear.

The Chairman announced that he would direct the Assistant Secretary to communicate with Mr. Mark Graves, President of the State Tax Commission, advising him that the Commission thought it would be advantageous if the State Tax Commission were to assign an agent to supervise the collection of monies at the Onondaga Racing Association.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John 9. Ahmein Acting Secretary. A meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held at the home of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope at Sands Point, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y., on July 6th, 1934, at 3:30 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope announced that he had been recipient of numerous requests for a statement by the newspapers to state the position of the Commission on the question of the method of betting taking place at the Onondaga Racing Association. Mr. Swope suggested, Mr. Whitney approving, that a statement be released to the press, a copy of which is attached.

Mr. Swope announced that as stated, he would make the release through the Acting Secretary to the Commission and inform him which newspapers and news agencies were to be notified.

Mr. Whitney announced that he was forced to take a business trip to California by plane, that his absence would be of a short duration and he would inform the Commission of his return.

It was decided that Mr. Frank J. Bryan would be empowered to select a man to be present at the handling of each race.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John 2. Shouling Acting Secretary.

In connection with the official announcement of the revocation of the Ononcega license, which prohibits the second meeting scheduled for Sept. 15th to Sept. 19th inclusive.

Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman of the Commission, speaking for himself and Mr. Whitney said:

"The Commission was reluctant to take such a drastic step, but it found itself left with no alternative. Extended inquiries, the results which were presented at a three hour session held at the Commission's office, showed that the criminal statutes of the State, as well as the laws of racing, had been violated by the Onomissa Racing Association of which Mr. Leo Dandurand and Mr. Joseph Cattarinich are 3% owners."

"At the time the license was granted, counsel for the Association and Mr. Deadurand's personal representative, Mr. Thomas Gorman, gave assurances that every phase of the lass would be con-lied with and the Commission's instructions fully carried out. The day preceding the opening of the race meeting, July 3rd, Marshall Cassidy, Chief Steward of the Commission, who had been sent to Dyracuse to survey the situation, reported to the Commission that the option system was to be employed. This is a close approach to the part-mutuels, which under the present laws of the State are forbidden by statutory and constitutional ensembles.

"The Onondaga Association was serned that the system contemplated was in direct violation of the law. However, the method was begun and persisted in, until the close of Thursday, July 11th. Then, after a renewed sarning from the Commission, in addition to a notification from the District Attorney of Osondage County, the Illegal system was stopped.

*The Commission, which had sitting with it Assistant Attorney-General Joseph M. Mesnig, gave Mr. Dendurand, who slone appeared for the defendant Association, full apportunity to be heard.

"The members of the Commission reached their decision after careful deliberation. We are convinced that sith racing in New York only newly re-established, it would be countenancing a heavy blos against the sport were the minute employed by the Onondaga group to be tolerated. This is especially true in the light of the assurances given the Commission at the time the light case as issued as to the conduct of the meeting.

"Both Mr. Whitney and I desire racing extended as widely as possible throughout the State. We feel that this can best be done, shen it is conducted upon not too commercialised a plane. This does not mean that we expect the racing aggociations to be philanthropic enterprises, but it does mean that the Commission is opposed to say group which comes into the State solely for the purpose of earning dividends regardless of methods employed to that end. In addition to being opposed to complete commercialization, the Commission has set up four points to be considered in the granting of licenses for mes courses. They are: (1) real opportunity for the sport to develop: (2.) avoidance of unnecessary consentition with established tracks; (3) genuine and forthright community support for the promotion and continuence of the track; (4) the character and reputation of the sen identified with the undertaking.

"If Syracuse really meats racing, we want Syracuse to have it, but we feel sure that Syracuse and every other right-thinking community in the State sants racing only in accordance with the laws as laid down and which, only a few souths ago were assended in a sanner so favorable to the sport that it requires the utmost efforts on the part of all interested in it to discharge properly the new responsibilities."

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A Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held in the General Hearing Room, 594 - 150 Worth Street, July 20th, 1934, at 3:30 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney, Mr. John Sloan, by proxy, Mr. Joseph A. Mesnig, Assistant Attorney-General, Mr. Leo Dandurand, President of the Onondaga Racing Association, Mr. Marshall Cassidy, Steward to the New York State Racing Commission, Mr. Frank Bryan, who acted as Steward for the Racing Commission at Syracuse and Mr. John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary.

There were present by invitation of the Commission various gentlemen of the Press and Mr. John Delaney, an attorney in Syracuse.

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope presided.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, who announced a hearing was to be held to show cause why the license of the Onondaga Racing Association should not be revoked.

A copy of the hearing is herewith attached.

After the Public Hearing, the Commission went into closed conference and on the unanimous vote of Chairman Herbert Bayard Swope, Commissioner John H. Whitney and Commissioner John Sloan, by proxy, it was

RESOLVED that the license granted on June 13, 1934, to the Onondaga Racing Association, to conduct Race Meetings at the State Fair Grounds at Syracuse, New York, be hereby revoked.

Mr. Swope dictated a telegram to the Onondaga Racing Association informing them of the revocation of their license.

It was suggested that inasmuch as the Commissioners would be out of town on business over the week-end, the announcement of the revocation be made on Monday, on their return, in order that the Commissioners would be available should any question arise. The Acting Secretary was instructed to release the announcement at 3:30 P. M. on Monday, July 23rd, through the Press Box

at the Empire City Race Track in Yonkers, as well as through the News Agencies in New York City, at the same time, a copy of which is herewith attached.

The Acting Secretary presented for the approval of the Commission a news story written under instructions by the Chairman on the attendance figures for the first three race meetings in New York, i.e., Jamaica, Belmont and Aqueduct. The story was duly approved by the Commissioners and the Assistant Secretary was instructed to release a statement on Wednesday, July 25th, at 3:30 P. M., at the Press Box at the Empire City Race Track in Yonkers, as well as the New York News Agencies. A copy of the story is herewith attached

The Acting Secretary presented Credential Cards of identification for the approval of the Commissioners. The cards were approved and accepted as identification for employees of the NewYork State Racing Commission.

The Acting Secretary then introduced the Tax-Free Admission Cards to be issued by the Commissioners to those having unofficial but contributory connections with the Racing Commission. The cards were inspected, approved and accepted as admission cards for all the Race Tracks in New York State.

The Chairman directed that a resolution be drawn up acknowledging the debt of Racing to the Honorable John J. Dunnigan and appointing him HONORARY STEWARD of the New York State Racing Commission.

WHEREAS, the New York State Racing Commission is cognizant of the efforts of the Honorable John J. Dunnigan, in fostering a bill before the Legislature of the State of New York, known as Chapter 310 of the Laws of 1934, rehabilitating the sport of Racing in the State of New York

BE IT RESOLVED That the New York State Racing Commission demonstrate its appreciation and its acknowledgment of the services of Senator Dunnigan, by bestowing upon him the title of HONORARY STEWARD of the New York State Racing Commission and by issuing to him a Gold Button as signatory of his office.

Jh. J. Shwein

A joint session of the New York State Racing Commission and The Jockey Club was held at the offices of the State Racing Commission, 155 Worth Street, New York City, on July 25th, 1934 at 4:00 P. M.

Present were: Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope and Mr. John Hay Whitney.

Mr. A. H. Morris, Mr. William Woodward and Mr. Algernon Daingerfield, representing The Jockey Club.

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope presided.

Mr. John F. Shevlin took the minutes.

Mr. Swope noted the presence of Mr. Charles Cafarelli in the outer office. Mr. Cafarelli was summoned before the Commission. He was accompanied by Mr. Fred Bambara of Judge Edgar Hazleton's office. Mr. Cafarelli was questioned as to his actions at the last day of the meeting at Hialeah Park in Florida. After the hearing, the Acting Secretary was directed to wire the Florida State Racing Commission, asking them the status on their records of Charles Cafarelli. The answer was to be forwarded by the Acting Secretary to Mr. Daingerfield of the Jockey Club. It was agreed that Mr. Cafarelli was to be reinstated upon giving satisfaction to Hialeah and Mr. J. E. Widener.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting, on motion duly made, was adjourned.

John 3. Shewlin

A special meeting of the New York State Racing Commission was held on Thursday, July 26th, 1934, at 3:30 P. M., at the home of Chairman Herbert Bayard Swope at Sounds Point, Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

Present were: Chairman Herbert Bayard Swope, Mr. John Hay Whitney and Mr. John Sloan, by proxy.

The Chairman, Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chair recognized the presence of Commissioner Whitney. On motion of Commissioner Whitney, it was

RESOLVED that the price of general admission for the Fall Meeting of the Westchester Racing Association, to be held at Belmont Park on September 3rd and continuing through September 15th, be reduced to \$2.00 from the former general admission price of \$2.50.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Swope and passed.

It was agreed that for the time being the Commission would not act on the admission charge for the Club-House section.

The Chair stated that the Commission would study carefully the attendance figures, receipts and taxes payable the State at Belmont Park and if the prediction of the Commission, that the sport of Racing would be stimulated by the reduction of admission prices, was borne out, a similar reduction would be made at the gates of the Race Tracks at Jamaica, Aqueduct and Empire City.

The Acting Secretary was supplied by the Chairman with a copy of the News Release on the reduction of admission prices, as wrriten by the Chairman, and instructed to have it set up in the mimeograph machine and to mail the copies to the Press Box at the Saratoga Track, as well as to release the story to the News Agencies in New York for release Friday, July 27th, at 3:15 P. M. A copy of the News Release is herewith attached.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting on motion made, was duly adjourned.

John J. Shurei

Proceedings of a Joint Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission and three Stewards of The Jockey Club held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Saturday, August 18th, 1934, at six o'clock, P. M.

Present:

For the Commission:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

For the Stewards of The Jockey Club

Mr. Joseph E. Widener

Mr. George H. Bull

Mr. Robert A. Fairbairn

The Chairman of the State Racing Commission, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The applications of Frank Catrone and William Nertney, whose licenses had been denied by the Stewards of The Jockey Club, were presented for discussion.

Frank Catrone was summoned to appear before the Meeting.

After questioning, the appeal of Frank Catrone was denied and the decision of the Steward of The Jockey Club sustained.

William Nertney was summoned to appear before the Meeting.

After warning, a jockey license was granted to William Nertney.

An informal discussion of possible changes in the Claiming and Selling Rules was then held.

A possible amendment written by Marshall Cassidy, Steward to the StateRacing Commission, was criticised by Steward Robert A.Fairbairn of The Jockey Club.

After discussion, the Cassidy rule was waived.

Chairman Herbert Bayard Swope requested Commissioner Whitney to take the Chair and left the Meeting.

The selection of a new rule to supplant the criticised Claiming Rule, was for convenience, left for formulation and adoption by The Jockey Club.

There being no further business before the Commission, the Meeting, on motion made and seconded, was duly adjourned.

John J. Sherlin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga Racing Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Wednesday, August 22, 1934, at 6:30 o'clock P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Also present were:

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chairman announced that the Central Testing Laboratory had reported positive reaction for drugs on eight occasions.

Test No. 87 was identified as being that of a three year old gelding, Brown Jack, owned by Mr. George Widener and trained by Mr. A. J. Joyner, and the winner of the first race in Saratoga on August 1st. Analysis showed the presence of cocaine.

Mr. Swope also announced that a drug named Pilocarpine had been found in the following samples of saliva:

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The Steward, Mr. Cassidy, announced that according to his records, on the day of the offense, Brown Jack was saddled by J. T. Creevy, in the absence of A. J. Joyner, who had been ill for five days previous.

The Assistant Secretary was instructed to call Mr. Joyner from the outer office.

Mr. Joyner was questioned at length and then dismissed.

Mr. Creevy was then summoned to appear before the Commission as the licensed trainer in charge of the horse on the day of the offense.

Mr. Creevy disclaimed all knowledge of the drug.

stable boy in charge of Brown Jack and in charge of the lead pony, then appeared before the Commission.

After discussion, it was decided to continue the investigation further before taken action.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 o'clock P. M.

Jhu 3. Shulii Acting Secretary. Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Wednesday, August 22, 1934, at 7:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Also present were:

Dr. J. G. Catlett Mr. John F. Shevlin

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, the Chairman, presided.

The Minutes were taken by Mr. John F. Shevlin, the Acting Secretary.

The Chairman announced that a communication had been received from The Jockey Club pertaining to a change in Rules in the Claiming and Selling Races.

SELLING RACES

RULE 167. Strike out first three lines and the first word in the fourth line and substitute the following:

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CLAIMING RACES

*NEW RULE 170 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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* TO BECOME OPERATIVE FOR RACING TO-MORROW - AUG. 23rd, '34.

The Commission unanimously approved the new Rules and the Acting Secretary, in form, notified The Jockey Club of the finds of the Commission.

On motion, duly seconded, the Meeting adjourned.

John 9. Sharlin Acting Secretary.

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Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

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and to forward such samples to the laboratory for analysis.

There being no further business, on motion, duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.

John J. Shurling Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State
Racing Commission, held in the Board Room of The Saratoga Racing Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Friday, August 24, 1934, at 6:30 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a discussion of the apparently wide-spread use of Pilocarpine as a stimulant.

After discussion, it was decided that the Commission would communicate with the Secretary of the Treasury and ask that Honorable H. J. Anslinger, Chief of the Narcotic Bureau, be sent to Saratoga to confer with the Commission.

Dr. Catlett announced that he had received from Mr. Winfrey and Mr. Knebelkamp, samples of the medicine they claim to have given the horses and that he had forwarded the medicine to the Central Testing Laboratory in New York for analysis.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary.

John J. Sherlin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York
State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga
Racing Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Saturday, August 25,
1934, at 6:00 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chairman announced that he had received word from Washington that the Honorable H. J. Anslinger would be present to confer with the Commissioners on Monday, August 27th.

Mr. Whitney informed the Commissioners that he would be unable to be in Saratoga to greet Mr. Anslinger, as he was forced to fly to New York Sunday afternoon on business matters.

It was decided that Mr. Cassidy and Dr. Catlett should await Mr. Anslinger at the Saratoga station and accompany him to the home of Mrs. Charles M. Amory for a Breakfast Meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion duly made and seconded, the Meeting adjourned.

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Acting Secretary.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held at the home of Mrs. Charles M. Amory, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sunday, August 26, 1934, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chairman announced there would be a discussion on the prevalence of Pilocarpine in the laboratory analyses.

The Chairman stated that he had been in communication with the Assistant Secretary in New York and had received the opinion from the Medical Center, from Dr. Robert MacKellar, of the MacKellar Veterinary Hospital, from Hoare & Greig, Veterinary Materia Medica and Therapeutics, and from the Practical Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics by Howard Jay Milks, D. V. M., that Pilocarpine could be considered a stimulant, although, its use was generally otherwise, and that the efficacy of Pilocarpine as a stimulant only, was in doubt, in view of the dangerous toxic qualities of the drug.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.

John J. Shevlin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga Racing Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Monday, August 27, 1934, at 6:30 o'clock P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chairman announced that in searching reference works for Pilocarpine, it was almost impossible to discover any written allusion on the effection of the drug on horses.

The consensus of opinions among the text-books and authorities consulted, was, that the drug did have stimulating value but none could approximate the degree of stimulation.

The authorities consulted were:

VETERINARY MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS by E. WALLIS HOARE, F. R. C. V. S.

Fourth Edition

Edited and Revised by J. RUSSELL GREIG, M. R. C. V. S. 1924

VETERINARY MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS by KENELM WINSLOW Eighth Edition

PRACTICAL VETERINARY PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS by HOWARD JAY MILKS, D. V. M. 1917

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There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.

John J. Shulin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State
Racing Commission, held at the home of Mrs. Charles M. Amory, North Broadway,
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Tuesday, August 28, 1934, at 9:00 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. H. J. Anslinger

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. J. F. Shevlin

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman of the Commission, presided.

The Chairman reviewed briefly for Mr. Anslinger the conditions surrounding the request for his services from Washington, and sought his know-ledge on Pilocarpine.

Mr. Anslinger announced that he had been in communication with Mr. Muench of Philadelphia, who had immediately begun a series of tests with Pilocarpine and its effect on animals. Mr. Anslinger pledged the cooperation of the Narcotic Squad in Washington.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 o'clock.

John J. Shewlin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga Racing Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon, August 28, 1934, at 6:00 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chair read a copy of the release that would be given to the newspapers announcing the suspension, until further notice, of J. T. Creevy, as trainer in charge of the gelding Brown Jack, winner of the first race on August 1st, and whose saliva analysis showed the presence of cocaine.

(Copy of release attached)

Chairman Swope put through a long distance telephone call to Commissioner John Hay Whitney, and read to him the press release concerning the suspension of Mr. Creevy and received from Mr. Whitney his approval of the suspension.

The Assistant Secretary informed the Chairman that the George Widener Stable had left Saratoga for Belmont, so it would be impossible at that time to notify Mr. Joyner and Mr. Creevy of Mr. Creevy's suspension.

The Chairman announced that the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Shevlin, had been in communication with Mr. Kenney of the Central Testing Laboratory, New York City, who announced that Pilocarpine had been found in the blood analysis of the horse Pelham, who had dropped dead on finishing the sixth race at Saratoga on August 15, 1934.

Commissioner Sloan announced that he would leave Saratoga for New York on Tuesday, after the races, but would return on Friday, August 31st.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion, duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Dh 2. Sherlin

NEW YORK STATE RACING COMMISSION For immediate release

The New York State Racing Commission, Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman; J.H. Whitney and John Sloan, announces that a proven case of drugging has been found in the three year old, Brown Jack, which started in and won the first race on August lat at Saratoga. The colt is the property of Geo.D. Widener whose chief trainer is A.J. Joyner. On the day of the race and for five days preceding, Mr. Joyner had been ill and had not attended the races. Several hours before the race in question, J.T. Crocvy, assistant to Mr. Moyner, and himself a fully-licensed trainer, reported to the track officials and the Stewards/that he made in the record, and Mr. Crocvy received the horse in the paddock and was in charge of the saddling.

After the race the horse was put through a saliva test, and samples forwarded to the official laboratory for chemical analysis. The analysis showed the presence of examples.

The investigation that was made, and which still continues, tends to show the horse was reached without complicity of anyone connected with the stable, although inquiry along those lines is not yet over. However, regardless of direct participation, the trainer of the horse is held responsible for his charges conditions and performances. When the report showed an active presence of this drug, Mr. Joyner was at once interrogated. In his behalf it should be said that he tried to assume full responsibility for the horse, although having no know-the trainer in charge and there fore, the Commission holds him to be answerable.

Accordingly, the Commission announces that J.T. Creevy, trainer of Brown Jack, is suspended until further notice; that the horse is suspended from racing, and that any horses in the direct care of Mr. Creevy are suspended and remain so until transferred to an approved trainer.

The Commission points out that this case shows that unusual precautions must be observed by all trainers to guard against the possibility of their horses being tampered with. Mr. Jayner's high reputation for honesty and skill on the turf, with which he has been connected for fifty years, makes it fortunate for racing in general that he stands absolved, although as chief trainer an indirect responsibility runs to him which he was ready to accept but was over-ruled by the Commission.

Mr. Goo. D. Widener, the owner of the stable, who has long been prominent as an owner and broader is now abroad. The Jockey Club has been notified of the findings of the Commission. J. Hunter was the jockey.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room of The Saratoga Racing Association, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Friday, August 31, 1934, at 6:00 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Sloan

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chair announced that a general discussion on the pilocarpine situation would be held.

There being no further business, on motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary.

Jhu J. Shwein

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State

Racing Commission, held at the Amory Box at the Saratoga Race Track,

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Saturday, September 1, 1934, at 3:30 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Chairman Swope presented letters he had received from Hon. H. J. Anslinger in Washington, one of which was the laboratory report on pilocarpine.

Mr. Anslinger enclosed a copy of a letter to one of his operatives in upper New York, who said that the sale of pilocarpine in several drug stores around the neighborhood of Albany and Troy had increased considerably; but the operative could not learn the purchasers of the drug.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary.

John 3. Shealin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held at the Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., Monday, September 3, 1934, at 5:00 o'clock P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chairman announced that an application for the reinstatement of Brown Jack had been received from F. A. Carreaud, who had bought the horse from the Widener stable in good faith and who was ignorant of the charge against the horse.

On motion duly seconded, the application for the reinstatement of Brown Jack was approved and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.

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Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope's Box at the Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., Wednesday, September 5, 1934, at 3:00 o'clock P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope Mr. John Hay Whitney Mr. John Sloan

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope announced that the experimental tests taken of the saliva of Commissioner Whitney's lead pony had been analysed and had shown a positive reaction to Pilocarpine.

The remainder of the time was spent in a discussion of Pilocarpine and of the possibility of its being introduced surreptitiously into the alcohol which Dr. Catlett used as a preservative.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the Meeting was adjourned.

Acting Secretary.

Ihr J. Shorein

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in the Directors' Room at Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I. N. Y., Saturday, September 15th, 1934, at 4:00 o'clock P.M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

Present by invitation of the Commission were:

Dr. E. P. Kilroe, acting for himself, representing the Queens County Jockey Club, and for John Cowdin, representing the Metropolitan Jockey Club.
Mr. Frank Brady, representing James Butler, Jr., Empire City Racing Association.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

Mr. Swope opened the Meeting with a discussion of the admission prices at the Aqueduct, Jamaica and Empire City tracks.

Mr. Swope stated, seconded by Mr. Whitney, that the cut in prices of the general admission at Belmont Park had proven successful insofar as the increase in attendance was concerned. Mr. Whitney stated that due to the bad weather the Westchester Racing Association had not received the full benefit that it had expected and that the Fall Meeting at Belmont Park would not prove to be a financial success because of the large sums laid out in purses. However, it was generally agreed that the principle in the cut in prices was sound and the same price level was adopted for the other Metropolitan tracks, without discussion, and with the full approval of the representatives of the Racing Associations.

Mr. Cowdin notified the Commission that the method of signalling

fouls and objections prevailing at Belmont Park, would, no doubt, be continued and used at Aqueduct and Jamaica.

The Commission and representatives of the Racing Associations discussed informally the suggestion of setting the bookmakers at numbered posts or in permitting the bookmakers to erect a sign on which would be printed their names. It was decided to deliberate the matter further before taking action.

The representatives of the Racing Associations then retired from the meeting.

There being no further business, on motion duly seconded, the Meeting adjourned.

John 3. Shortin

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, in the Directors' Room at Belmont Park Race Track, Elmont, L. I., N. Y., Saturday, September 15th, 1934, at 4:30 o'clock, P.M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan Mr. John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

A reading of the Minutes was dispensed with and the Minutes passed approved.

Commissioner Sloan suggested that a stated time be set for a regular fixed meeting of the Racing Commission.

After discussion, it was decided that a regular fixed meeting of the Racing Commission be held as a Luncheon Meeting on Tuesdays at the Cloud Club, Inc., 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., at 12:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Commission decided to continue investigation before making a statement on the Pilocarpine situation.

The Chair announced that Dr. J. G. Catlett would attend with Frederick J. Kenney of the Central Testing Laboratory, Chemists to the Commission, a meeting in Washington on Monday, September 17th, called by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, to discuss with the Veterinarians and Chemists of the various Racing Commissions, the methods and problems of saliva tests.

The Chair announced that a discussion on the condition of bookmaking would be deferred and suggested that the Racing Commission meet with Mr. John Cavanagh and the various Racing Associations, during the Winter months to discuss this question.

The Chair opened the discussion on Public Announcers at Race Tracks. It was decided to deliberate on the matter further before taking action.

The Chair suggested that the Acting Secretary retire from the Meeting.

It was proposed by Commissioner John Sloan, seconded by Commissioner John Hay Whitney, that John F. Shevlin, Acting Secretary to the Racing Commission be appointed as Secretary to the Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Shevlin was summoned and informed of his appointment at a salary of \$75.00 per week.

WHEREAS, the position of Secretary to the New York State Racing Commission, is not yet filled and

WHEREAS, the Acting Secretary, John F. Shevlin, had fulfilled his duties in satisfaction to the Commission, be it

RESOLVED, that said John F. Shevlin be appointed Secretary to the New York State Racing Commission and to serve in that office during the pleasure of the Commission.

The Chair announced that the case of Charles Cafarelli was now open.

The reason the Commission, as such, took no action on the Cafarelli matter, was that two courses were open to the complainants, namely, civil suit and a complaint to the Jockey Club.

Commissioner Sloan moved that the question of news service release be opened.

After a short discussion, the Secretary was requested to consult the newspaper files on the case of Peter DeLacey versus the Jockey Club, an action of approximately twenty years ago on the same subject, and to report the summary of the situation to the Commission for further discussion at a later meeting.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the Meeting adjourned. John J. Shurlin Secretary

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held on the Roof of the Aqueduct Race Track, Aqueduct, L. I., on Saturday, September 22nd, 1934, at 1:00 P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

Present by invitation of the Commission were:

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

Dr. J. G. Catlett

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chair announced that Dr. Catlett had been in receipt of two letters from Dr. Munch of Baltimore, including the analyses of J. E. Widener's-Chance Sun and A. Schuttinger's-Fortification, both taken on September 15th. Dr. Munch returned no definite report but stated that both samples were suspicious of Pilocarpine.

The Chair announced that no report on these samples had been received from the Central Testing Laboratories.

The Chair further announced that reports of saliva sent to Charles E. Morgan, Chemist of the Florida State Racing Commission, X-174 and X-175, had been returned as suspicious of a non-identified alkaloid. The horses, both taken on September 5th, at Belmont Park, were Mrs. S. B. Mason's-Dark Devil and W. Graham's-Kievex. As yet, no report had been received from the Central Testing Laboratories, New York City.

The Chair reported that a positive reaction for caffeine had been found in Test No. 101, Miss Charlotte Dorrance's-Hatbroom, on August 8th, S. J. Holloway, trainer, and in Test No. 164, taken at Saratoga on August 31st, from S. Newhoff's-Briny Deep, H. Goldberg, trainer.

Mr. Holloway was called before the Commission and questioned. He was then dismissed from the Meeting and Mr. Goldberg summoned.

Mr. Goldberg was informed that the finding of caffeine in one of his horses was a severe reflection upon him. On his protests of innocence, he was advised by the Commission to institute investigations of his own with the possibility of discovering the guilt. Mr. Goldberg informed the Commission that he would visit the barn on Sunday afternoon, interrogate the stable hands and report his findings to Mr. Cassidy at the track on Monday. Mr. Goldberg was then dismissed and the Commission went into a closed session.

It was decided, in view of the fact that a great length of time had elapsed after the horse had been tested, and in view of the feeling of uncertainty which the Commission had about reports from the Central Testing Laboratories, that no action would be taken on the case of Mr. Henry Goldberg but that investigation would be continued.

The Chair directed that saliva tests taken on September 22nd, should be sent to the Lederle Laboratory, Inc., 511 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., for analyses.

Commissioner Whitney announced that he would consult with the Medical Center and try to persuade them to analyse some of the saliva tests.

Commissioner Sloan suggested that he turn over some samples to Alcan Hirsch, consultant chemist to the Soviet Republic.

Commissioner Sloan moved that the suspension of J. T. Creevy, imposed August 28th, in connection with the drugging of Brown Jack on August 1st, be lifted on October 1st. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion.

The Secretary was instructed by the Chair to notify Mr. Daingerfield of The Jockey Club and Mr. Creevy, of the action of the Commission.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the Meeting adjourned.

John 2. Shoolin

Secretary.

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Room A of the Cloud Club, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City, at 12:30 o'clock, Tuesday, September 25th, 1934.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Minutes of the Meetings of the New York State Racing Commission of September 15th and September 22nd, were approved and passed.

The Chairman announced that a discussion would be opened on the cases of S. J. Holloway and Henry Goldberg, in relation to finding of caffeine in the saliva tests of their horses, Hatbroom and Briny Deep, on August 8th and 31st, respectively. Action was deferred while making further investigations.

Commissioner Sloan announced that he had received a letter from Dr. Alcan Hirsch, Consultant Chemist to the Soviet Republic, saying that Dr. Hirsch would be glad to undertake the analyses of several of the saliva samples, and expressed his interest in the subject.

The Secretary was instructed to send the first samples received from Dr. Catlett to the Pease Laboratories, Inc., 39 West 38th Street, New York City, and the second shipment to Dr. Alcan Hirsch at the New Rochelle Research Laboratories, 72 Center Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

The Chairman stated that he had received a telephone communication from Hon. H. J. Anslinger, Chief of the Bureau of Narcotics, wherein Mr. Anslinger suggested the founding of two Fellowships at \$500.00 each at the Ohio State University for the purposes of research and experimentation on saliva tests.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that any such money donated by the Racing Commission should not be spent outside of New York State but should be endowed to the Cornell Medical Center for that purpose. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Assistant Attorney-General, Joseph N. Mesnig, Counsel for the Commission, for his decision as to the right of the Commission to assign such money.

The Chairman stated that the case of Lou Williams, suspended on June 8th, 1934, as a result of a saliva test showing a positive reaction to strychnine, taken of his horse General A, winner of the sixth race at Belmont Park on May 21st, 1934, would be opened.

After consideration, it was decided to lift the suspension of Lou Williams as of October 1st, 1934.

The Secretary was instructed to inform The Jockey Club of the reinstatement of J. T. Creevy, whose suspension had been lifted at the Meeting of September 22nd, and of Lou Williams, both effective October 1st, 1934.

The Secretary was further instructed to prepare a news story on these reinstatements to be released at intervals of two days with the priority of release given to the Creevy story. The news releases are as follows:

The Racing Commission announced yesterday that the suspension of J. T. Creevy, imposed August 28th, would be lifted October 1st, 1934. Mr. Creevy was the trainer in charge when cocaine was administered to the horse Brown Jack, at the Saratoga Race Track on August 1st, 1934.

The Racing Commission announced yesterday that the suspension of Lou Williams, imposed by the Commission on June 8th, the investigation on whom had been continued to the, would be lifted on October 1st, 1934. Mr. Williams was the trainer of record when strychnine was found in the saliva tests taken of General A, the winner of the sixth race at Belmont Park on May 21st, 1934.

There being no further business, on motion duly seconded, the Meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Room H of the Cloud Club, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City, at 12:30 o'clock, Tuesday, October 2nd, 1934.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and passed.

An informal discussion of the pari-mutuel method of betting was held. The Chairman announced that there was no literature published on the pari-mutuel system and that Eugene Campbell, Inspector, had been instructed to communicate with the other Racing Commissions, to get as much background as possible.

The Chairman stated that since the present existing division of administration, as among the Racing Commission, Department of State and Tax Commission, is inconvenient, the functions should be combined in one and that the Commissioners should consider whether a separate Commission, which would be completely free from political interference or the snarling red tape of the existing departmental system, should be erected.

The Chairman opened a discussion on possible amendments to the Racing Law.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was approved that the State Racing Commission list among the possible changes in Racing Law, a provision exempting the various Hunts Associations, which conduct meetings once or twice during the year, from the \$500.00 license fee which is mandatory by law. The Commission approved that the license fee charged to said Associations should not exceed \$50.00 per day.

The Chair took notice of a letter from Algernon Daingerfield, Assistant Secretary of The Jockey Club, which stated that The Jockey Club had received applications from Messrs. George W. Coburn and Steve O'Donnell, whose licenses had been refused by The Jockey Club. The Secretary was instructed to write

Mr. Daingerfield and inform him that such hearing would be held Tuesday morning, October 9th, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., at the Racing Commission offices, 155 Worth Street, New York City.

The Chair noted that the cases of Henry Goldberg and S. J. Holloway were before the Commission.

After discussion, it was decided to defer action until further inquiries were made into the new system of taking saliva tests.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

John 9. Shulin Secretary.

Proceedings of a Joint Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission and three Stewards of The Jockey Club, held at the offices of the Commission, 155 Worth Street, New York City, Tuesday, October 9th, 1934, at 11:00 A. M.

Present were:

For the Commission:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

For The Jockey Club:

Mr. George H. Bull

Mr. J. E. Davis

Mr. A. H. Morris

By invitation:

Mr. Marshall Cassidy, Steward of the Commission.

The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Chair announced that hearings were in order before the Joint Session on George W. Coburn and Steve O'Donnell.

A short discussion of the Coburn case took place and George W. Coburn was summoned from the outer office.

After questioning by the Joint Board and after warnings by Chairman Swope and J. E. Davis, George W. Coburn was granted a trainer's license.

A discussion on the case of Steve O'Donnell was held. Mr. O'Donnell was summoned from the outer office and questioned at length by the Joint Committee, after which he was excused from the hearing.

After discussion, it was decided to take no action on the O'Donnell appeal pending further investion, and that the Joint Committee would reconvene at a later date to discuss new investigations and recommendations.

The motion was made by Mr. J. E. Davis of The Jockey Club and seconded by Commissioner John Sloan.

On motion of Mr. A. H. Morris, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

John J. Sherlin

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Private Dining Room One, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, Tuesday, October 16th, 1934, at 1:00 P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

A reading of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission and three Stewards of The Jockey Club, held October 9th, was dispensed with and the Minutes stand approved.

Commissioner Sloan asked the attitude of the Commission on dog racing, which is rumored, will soon be legalized and placed under the jurisdiction of the State Racing Commission. The Chairman said that he had made rather a complete study of dog racing and its attendant problems and had in his own mind decided that dog racing would be inimical to the best interests of the State.

Mr. Swope declared that dog racing can be held profitably only a night and that nighttime racing came in direct conflict with the theatrical interests and with the interests of the small neighborhood tradesmen, the first group of which pays annually heavy taxes to the State, and the difficulty of the latter group in earning a living is complicated by being forced to compete with dog racing.

Commissioner Whitney and Commissioner Sloan concurred in this point and the Secretary was instructed to include in the Annual Report to the Secretary of State, the decision of the Racing Commission as to the legalization of dog racing.

The Secretary announced that a request for an appeal had been received from Edward Johnson, whose license as a trainer had been revoked by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Johnson's letter and to inform him that in the near future a date for a hearing would be set.

The Chair noted that apparently due to an oversight, certain phrases in Chapter 310, which should read "The Jockey Club and National Steeplechase and Hunt Association", had been allowed to stand merely as "The Jockey Club". This was particularly noticeable in Section 6-a, which gives the Commission the privilege of sitting at a meeting of the Stewards of The Jockey Club but does not mention the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association; in Section 9-b No. 1 - the right to license owners, trainers and jockeys had been delegated only to the Jockey Club; in No. 2 of the same section, there was no allowance made for a Joint Board of Appeals on the cases of revocation of licenses by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association.

The Chair also noted that the Secretary of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association had never submitted a copy of the Rules of that organization for the approval of the Commission.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Frank J. Bryan, Secretary of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association and inform him of the omission.

The Chair instructed the Secretary to place on the agenda for the next meeting the question of the external relationship of the New York State Racing Commission with other racing commissions.

Chairman Swope advised the Secretary to communicate with Mark Graves, President of the State Tax Commission, Albany, N. Y., and ask him for the services of two travelling auditors, to be paid by the Racing Commission, to conduct an audit on the books of all the Racing Associations under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission.

Commissioner Sloan proposed that the Commission should take active interest in the upkeep of the grounds of the Associations and the condition of the grandstands at the various tracks. Chairman Swope and Commissioner Whitney agreed that in case of an accident, the backwash might include the Commission in any charges made.

The Chair suggested that further discussion of this question be postponed until one of the Dirmer Meetings, at which time, Commissioner Sloan be made a committee of one, to investigate the problem.

The Chair announced that a series of Dinner Meetings should be held to make plans for the conduct of next year's meetings. As a basis for these plans, the Chair suggested that Assistant Attorney-General, Joseph M. Mesnig, and perhaps, State Senator, John J. Dunnigan, be invited to cooperate with the Commission at these meetings. The order of meetings was tentatively scheduled as follows:

Number One - John G. Cavanagh

Number Two - Captain C. E. Duhain

Number Three - A Commission dinner for the purpose of gathering all suggestions for

of gathering all suggestions for amendments to the law.

Number Four - A meeting with the Racing Associations to inform them of the judgment of the Commission on the conduct of the race meetings for the year 1935.

Consultant Chemist to the Soviet Republic, Dr. Hirsch had given his opinion that a regular system should be employed by the laboratory in the analysis of saliva tests. Dr. Hirsch further stated that if he were to be given \$100.00 for expenses and material, he could devise such a system. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that \$100.00 should be sent to Dr. Hirsch for this purpose.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Private Dining Room One, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, Tuesday, October 23rd, 1934, at 1:00 P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Minutes of the last meeting were passed and approved without reading.

The Chairman announced that the Commission held in abeyance the cases against S. J. Holloway and H. Goldberg, for the detection of caffeine in saliva tests of their horses.

Commissioner Sloan suggested that inasmuch as there was no background on the drug cases, such as, no information on how long the presence of the drug remains in the body, it would be, perhaps, unjust to take action against trainers, the saliva tests of whose horses gave a positive reaction, inasmuch as stimulants such as strychnine and brucine are found in patent medicines and could be administered for medicinal purposes.

Acting on this principally, the Chair tabled a report of positive reaction on eight horses for strychnine, namely,

DATE	TRACK	HORSE	OWNER	TRAINER
Sept. 26, 1934 Sept. 26, 1934 Sept. 27, 1934 Sept. 27, 1934 Sept. 28, 1934 Sept. 29, 1934 Oct. 1, 1934 Oct. 1, 1934	Aqueduct """ """ """ Jamaica """	Sound Money Dunbar Barry Diecaster Celiba King Saxon Poloycletis Mareve	Mrs. W. T. Anderson Joseph McCabe Maemere Farms Mrs. Marge Schimmel W. F. Jones C. H. Knebelkamp Maxwell Howard Joseph McCabe	T. D. Grimes W. Jesberger G. E. Phillips R. McKeever W. E. Jones C. H. Knebelkamp Earle Sande W. Jesberger

The Secretary was instructed to visit the Pease Laboratory, 39 West 38th Street, New York City, for clarification of the technical report tendered on these

eight horses and to get from them, if possible, an opinion as to the length of time strychnine could stay in the organs of a horse.

The Chair instructed the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Frank J.

Bryan, Secretary to the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, and Algernon

Daingerfield, Assistant Secretary to The Jockey Club, and ask them to select a

date for the hearing on Edward Johnson, trainer, and W. L. Smith, jockey, respectively.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

John 9. Sheelin Secretary. Proceedings of a Regular Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Private Dining Room One, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, at twelve o'clock noon, Friday, November 9th, 1934.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The Minutes of the last meeting were passed and approved without reading.

Chairman Swope read a letter he received from Mr. William Woodward,

President of the Jockey Club, in which Mr. Woodward invited the members of the

Commission to dine at his house, 9 East 86th Street, New York City, to discuss

problems of the plans for the racing season of 1935. After due discussion with

Commissioners Sloan and Whitney, Mr. Swope designated Thursday, November 22nd,

and instructed the Secretary to invite Assistant Attorney-General, Joseph M. Mesnig.

Mr. Swope suggested that before attending the Woodward meeting, it would be wise to have a Commission meeting in the afternoon with Mr. Mesnig present.

Accordingly, a Luncheon meeting was called for Thursday, November 22nd, at 12:30 o'clock, in Room One, Radio City Dining Room, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

To cope with changes in Legislation, etc., a meeting was called for Tuesday, November 13th, at 4:00 P. M., at Mr. Swope's office.

The Chairman instructed the Secretary to list under unfinished business to consider at the next meeting:

1- Abolition of jockeys' agents.

2- Forbid valet to approach a horse. The jockey must approach his horse unaccompanied by valet.

Commissioner Sloan announced that at a Meeting of the Stewards of the

Jockey Club, which he attended as a representative of the Commission, the application of Mary Hirsch for trainer's license, was tabled with an eye to refusal. Algernon Daingerfield, Assistant Secretary of the Jockey Club, was instructed to approach Mr. Max Hirsch, the father of Mary Hirsch, and ask him to influence his daughter to remove her application.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

John 3. Dhwlin Secretary. Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the New York State
Racing Commission, held at the office of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, R.K.O.
Building, New York City, Tuesday, November 13th, 1934, at 4:00 P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

Mr. Marshall Cassidy

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were passed and approved without reading.

Commissioner Sloan announced that he had returned from a visit to the Narragansett Race Track, where the final day of the meeting showed an attendance of 58,000. Commissioner Sloan read from a slip of paper prepared by the Secretary of the Narragansett Race Track, that \$20,000,000 had gone through the pari-mutuel machines.

Chairman Swope told the meeting that he heard on good authority that stimulation of horses in Maryland had become a scandal.

Chairman Swope suggested that before the racing season opens in New York in 1935, the Commission call a mass meeting of all the trainers, and that each of the Commissioners speak, declaring emphatically that there was to be no stimulation of horses on New York race tracks and that the Racing Commission will act severely on any trainer whose horse had been found to be doped.

A discussion of the proposed amendments was then opened. After weighing the possible benefits of such legislation, it was decided to postpone the actual approval of such legislation until the next meeting of the Commission, Thursday, November 22nd, at 12:30 P. M., in Dining Room One, Radio City Dining Room, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City.

The Secretary was instructed, on a visit to Albany the following day,

Wednesday, November 14th, to consult with Assistant Attorney-General, Joseph M. Mesnig, on the setting up of these amendments in legal form.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

John 3. Shwein Secretary.

Proceedings of a Luncheon Meeting of the New York State Racing Commission, held in Private Dining Room One, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, 65th Floor, New York City, at 12:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 22nd, 1934.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

Present by invitation of the Commission:

Hon. Joseph M. Mesnig, Assistant Attorney-General.

The Chairman, Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, called the meeting to order.

The Chair thanked Assistant Attorney-General, Joseph M. Mesnig, present at the invitation of the Commission, for his work in drawing up the proposed amendments to Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926 and Chapter 310 of the Laws of 1934.

After a discussion of three hours, the amendments were passed unanimously by the meeting. They are attached hereto.

The Chair announced that a dinner meeting would be held at the home of Mr. William Woodward, 9 East 86th Street, New York City, at 8:00 P. M., with the Presidents of the racing associations of New York State.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned. John J. Shevlin

Secretary.

Proceedings of a Luncheon Meeting of the New York State
Racing Commission, held in Private Dining Room One, 30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, Monday, December 2nd, 1934, at 12:30 P. M.

Present were:

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope

Mr. John Hay Whitney

Mr. John Sloan

Mr. John F. Shevlin

Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman of the Commission, called the meeting to order and Mr. John F. Shevlin, its Secretary, kept the minutes.

The Chair announced that it had on the Agenda for the meeting, discussion of the date when Mr. John Cavanagh, Ringmaster of the Betting Rings on New York race tracks, would be held. The Chair suggested that the Cavanagh interrogation be postponed until after the amendments to the racing laws were passed by the State Legislature.

Chairman Swope suggested that before seeing Mr. Cavanagh, the Commission should receive Tim Mara at one of its meetings, to get from him the bookmakers' views on the present situation in the betting ring.

There being no further business, on motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.

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