

**Minutes of the  
New York State Racing Commission**

**1955**

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, January 12, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that an assessment be and the same hereby is stated against each licensed racing association for the cost of providing supervisory functions at their respective race meetings and the expense of preventing the use of improper devices and the administration of drugs or stimulants, in the amount of six hundred dollars per day in addition to the license fees prescribed by Chapter four hundred forty of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-six as amended.

The Chairman presented letters from the Metropolitan Jockey Club dated December 28, 1954 and January 11, 1955, enclosing plans for the installation of a dry sprinkler system, and for the construction of two different types of dormitories at Jamaica Race Course. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve, the plans for the installation of a dry sprinkler system for Barn 13 as shown on blueprint prepared by J. L. Murphy, Inc. - Sprinkler Division, and that said plan be and the same hereby is also approved for installation in all other barns on the premises of Metropolitan Jockey Club at Jamaica Race Course in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, together with such extensions of water mains, electrical work and alterations to the barns, as may be required, to provide for the functioning of the sprinkler system, all as outlined in letters of Metropolitan Jockey Club dated December 28, 1954, and January 11, 1955, and said blueprint; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Commission, a permit to said Metropolitan Jockey Club for the installation of such sprinkler system as described above.

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve, the plans for the construction of two different types of dormitories on the premises of Metropolitan Jockey Club at Jamaica Race Course in the Borough of Queens, City of New York, as shown on plans thereof accompanying letter of said Metropolitan Jockey Club dated January 11, 1955; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Commission, a permit to said Metropolitan Jockey Club for the erection of these structures as described in said prints.

The Commission discussed the advisability of requesting legislation for the licensing of veterinarians. On the advice of Mr. Powers, Counsel to the Commission, it was decided not to press a proposed bill to amend the law but instead to amend Rule 94A of the Rules and Regulations.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Rule 94A be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding after the second paragraph the following, viz.:

"Upon notification to any licensed racing association by the Commission of the failure of any such veterinarian to make any report or to furnish any information to the Commission as hereinabove required, or of the falsification of any such report or information, such licensed association shall forthwith bar such veterinarian from all parts of the premises owned or leased by it; and such veterinarian shall not be readmitted to any part of said premises except upon the written approval of the Commission."

Mr. James Butler, President of Empire City Racing Association and Mr. Cyrus S. Jullien, President of Queens County Jockey Club, appeared before the Commission at their own request, to participate in a discussion on the subject of racing dates for 1955, for which Mr. Butler stated, Empire City Racing Association would apply.

As the result of the discussion, the Commission determined that the Chairman should call a special and public meeting for Wednesday, January 19, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the Commission, to consider the applications of Metropolitan Jockey Club, Queens County Jockey Club, Saratoga Association, Westchester Racing Association, United Hunts Racing Association, and also an application which is to be filed by Mr. Butler on behalf of Empire City Racing Association, for racing dates in 1955. In this connection the Commission also approved proposed telegrams of notification to the presidents of the racing associations above named, and a press release, with respect to the calling of such special and public meeting.

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

  
Secretary

Minutes of a Special and Public Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, January 19, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

- Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman
- Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner
- Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The meeting opened at a public hearing on the applications for racing dates in 1955. There were present at the hearing Mr. James Butler, President of Empire City Racing Association, accompanied by his counsel, John G. Jackson, Esq.; Mr. John A. Morris, President of Metropolitan Jockey Club and Mr. Luke H. O'Brien, Treasurer-General Manager; Mr. Cyrus S. Jullien, President of Queens County Jockey Club, accompanied by Edward L. Kilroe, Secretary and General Manager and Platt K. Wiggins, Esq., his counsel; Mr. F. S. von Stade, President of The Saratoga Association; Mr. George D. Widener, President of Westchester Racing Association and Mr. Alex M. Robb, Secretary and Treasurer. There was also a considerable representation of the press and the wire services.

On invitation of the Chairman, Messrs. Jackson and Butler presented arguments for the allowance of 18 racing days to Empire City Racing Association to be conducted under a lease which it was assured would be granted to it by Queens County Jockey Club for the use of the Aqueduct Race Course.

Messrs. Widener, on behalf of Belmont Park Race Course, Morris, on behalf of Jamaica Race Track, and von Stade, on behalf of The Saratoga Association, appeared and spoke briefly in opposition to the granting of the application of Empire City Racing Association.

Mr. Jullien, on behalf of Aqueduct, stated in detail the status of a proposed lease which might be granted by Queens County Jockey Club to Empire City Racing Association. No other person having accepted the invitation of the Chairman to present his views, the meeting adjourned to an executive session in the Chairman's office.

At the executive session, the subject matter of the application of Empire City Racing Association was considered at length and in detail.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the following applications for racing dates in 1955 be and the same hereby are granted: (1) Metropolitan Jockey Club at Jamaica, from Friday, April 1 to Saturday, April 23 (20 days) and from Saturday, October 22 to Tuesday, November 15 (21 days), a total of 41 days.

(2) Queens County Jockey Club at Aqueduct, from Monday, June 13 to Saturday, July 9 (24 days) and from Monday, August 29 to Tuesday, September 20 (20 days), a total of 44 days.

(3) The Saratoga Association at Jamaica, from Monday, July 11 to Saturday, July 30 (18 days) and at Saratoga Springs, from Monday, August 1 to Saturday, August 27 (24 days), a total of 42 days.

(4) United Hunts Racing Association at Belmont Park, Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21, 2 days.

(5) Westchester Racing Association at Belmont Park, from Monday, April 25 to Saturday, June 11 (42 days) and from Wednesday, September 21 to Wednesday, October 19 (25 days), a total of 67 days.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the designation of Mr. Marshall Cassidy as Steward to represent The Jockey Club at all race meetings in the State of New York for the year 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following new rule was adopted:--

"243-A. No nominations shall be accepted for a sweepstakes or other race from any person whose license, has been ~~revoked~~ and who has not been subsequently licensed by the Commission; nor during the period of suspension from any person whose license has been suspended; nor from any person who is otherwise disqualified."

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



Secretary

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the New York State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, February 9, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

Present:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

Due to the fact that Commissioners Langley and Swirbul were absent from New York, the Chairman adjourned the meeting without date.



Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, March 9, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

Upon motion of the Chairman, the Commission approved his action in appointing Francis P. Dunne as Director of Licensing for the 1955 season to date from January 17 to March 31, inclusive, at \$75.00 per day plus such additions thereto as may be made by law.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the designation of Mr. Harold O. Vosburgh as Steward representing the several licensed racing associations for the 1955 season.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved Mr. Fred H. Parks as Steward and Mr. John E. Cooper as Racing Secretary and Handicapper to represent the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association at the meetings of the Westchester Racing Association; the Queens County Jockey Club; The Saratoga Association and the United Hunts Racing Association for 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission duly approved the following list of seasonal employees for the season commencing April 1 and ending November 15, 1955, subject to further action by the Commission.

Francis P. Dunne, Steward	
Dr. Jordan G. Woodcock, Supervisor of Drug Tests	
George W. Thompson, Asst. to Supervisor of Drug Tests	
Charles E. Allcock, .... Inspector	
Lawrence J. McMahon .....	"
David F. Malone .....	"
William Brennan .....	"
Raymond A. Breton .....	"
William Gates .....	"
Thomas E. McKnight .....	"
Frederick L. Kennedy ...	"
Howard J. Gotterup .....	"
John Shelepets .....	"
John H. Viox .....	"
Thomas Willoe .....	"
William Dean .....	"
James J. Kiernan .....	"

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by Metropolitan Jockey Club for its 1955 season at Jamaica Race Course, as set forth in letter of Mr. Luke H. O'Brien, Treasurer and General Manager, dated January 25, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by Westchester Racing Association for its 1955 season at Belmont Park Race Course, as set forth in letter of Mr. Harold S. Ploss, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, dated March 3, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the application of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association for permission to hold a one-day meeting at Purchase, New York, May 28, 1955, and the Chairman was authorized to execute and deliver licenses in due form for the conduct of such meeting and for pari-mutuel betting thereat. The Commission determined that the Association should pay a fee of \$35.00 for supervisory services.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the following rule be and the same hereby is adopted:

"301A. All horses are expected to give their best efforts in races in which they run, and any instructions or advice to jockeys to ride or handle their mounts otherwise than for the purpose of winning are forbidden and will subject all persons giving or following such instructions or advice to disciplinary action by the Stewards and the Commission."

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to renewal applications for occupational licenses of owners and trainers and also approved six original applications by owners and denied five original applications for owners' licenses.

The Commission considered The Jockey Club Plan for the rehabilitation of the New York race tracks.

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

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, March 24, 1955 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
Mr. L.A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Chairman reported that the Rules Committee of the Senate and the Rules Committee of the Assembly would hold a joint meeting in the Assembly Chamber at Albany, on Friday, March 25, at 1:00 P.M. to consider action to be taken by them with respect to two bills introduced in each house of the Legislature to implement the so-called Jockey Club plan for the rehabilitation of the New York race tracks.

After prolonged discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Commission should state the position of the Commission respecting these bills, including the Commission's recommendations for amendments.

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

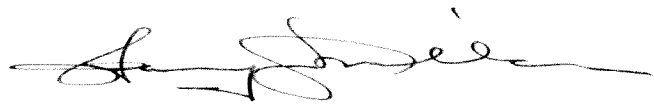
  
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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, April 13, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

In view of the inability of the other Commissioners to be present, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, April 14, 1955, at the same time and place.



Secretary

Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, on Thursday, April 14, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The matter of the Annual Convention of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners to be held at Baltimore, Maryland, April 24-28 was considered and Secretary Millar was authorized by the Commission to attend the Convention in its behalf and to vote on all matters coming before the Convention as the representative of the Commission.

Steward Dunne presented a proposed definition of an "Optional Claiming Race." After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that Rule 167 now reading as follows:

"A 'Claiming Race' is one in which every horse running therein may be claimed in conformity to the rules."

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"167(a) A 'Claiming Race' is one in which every horse running therein may be claimed in conformity to the rules.

(b) An 'Optional Claiming Race' is a race restricted to horses entered to be claimed for a stated claiming price and to those which have started previously for that claiming price or less. In the case of horses entered to be claimed in such a race, the race will be considered, for the purposes of these rules, a claiming race."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the action of the Chairman in appointing certain seasonal employees to serve at the pleasure of the Commission from April 1, 1955, be and the same hereby is in all respects approved, the said appointments being as follows:

Samuel Ziegler, Assistant to the Steward	John A. Hendricks, Inspector
Harry S. Neuman, Inspector	Edmund A. Caulfield, "
Hyman Solomon, Inspector	John Donohue, "

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the Commission approved the list of officials for the 1955 meeting of the Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, Inc., on May 28th, as follows:

Stewards

John McNamee Sullivan, representing Hunts Committee of National Steeplechase & Hunt Association

Richard I. Robinson, representing Adjacent Hunts Racing Association

John E. Cooper, Racing Secretary and Handicapper

Placing Judges

Frederic H. Bontecou	Chester J. LaRoche
John E. Cooper	Daniel M. McKeon
Richmond Meyer	Carlo M. Paterno

Patrol Judges

Beaufort E. Buchanan	F. J. Holleran
Franklin G. Chapin, Jr.	R. D. Mellick, Jr.
Harry T. Gibson	R. L. Parish, Jr.
Thomas Glynn	A. Porter Waterman
Henry L. Heming	R. H. Waterman

Harold A. Plumb, Starter  
 Lawrence Abbundi, Clerk of Scales  
 Frederic H. Bontecou, Paddock Judge  
 Thomas M. Waller, Timer  
 Rodney H. Waterman, Clerk of Course

Physicians

Dr. Howard P. Serrell  
 Dr. John W. Gerster

Dr. W. F. Vail, Veterinarian

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and other similar facilities, by Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, Inc., for its meeting on May 28th, as follows:

General Admission	\$ 2.00
Clubhouse Admission	4.50
Membership Subscription	15.00
Clubhouse Exchange	2.50
Box Seats	7.92
Box Seat Exchange	3.42
General Admission, Complimentary taxable	.35

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission does hereby fix the sum of \$35.00 as the fee for providing supervisory functions at the race meeting of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, Inc., May 28, 1955.

RESOLVED, that Robert B. Young be, and he hereby is appointed Official Steward of the Racing Commission for the one-day hunt meeting of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, Inc., May 28, 1955, to serve without compensation.

RESOLVED, that Dr. Jordan G. Woodcock and George W. Thompson, be and the same hereby are designated to attend the meeting of Adjacent Hunts Racing Association, Inc., May 28, 1955, for the purpose of taking saliva and urine specimens for analysis by the Laboratory.

The matter of Rule 94A with respect to reports by veterinarians was considered at length, and the Commission authorized the repeal of that Rule in its entirety and the substitution therefor, at least on a temporary basis, of the following amended Rule, viz.:

"94A. No owner or trainer or their representative, shall employ a veterinarian who is not duly licensed as such by the Department of Education of the State of New York. Licensed associations shall use all reasonable efforts to prevent non-licensed veterinarians from practicing on their premises.

Every such veterinarian who shall prescribe or use any medication or treatment which contains a drug or drugs which he has reason to believe are of such character as would affect the racing condition of a horse in a race, shall

at the time of such prescribing or use deliver to the trainer of the horse under treatment a written statement setting forth the name of the horse and of the owner and the name of the said drug or drugs so prescribed or used.

The trainer shall forthwith file said written statement with the Steward of the Commission."

In view of the fact that the Legislature had passed three bills to implement the so-called Jockey Club Plan for the Rehabilitation of the New York thoroughbred tracks, the Commission considered certain amendments to its rules. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, that Rule 5 now reading as follows:

"Association" or "Racing Association" shall be deemed to mean any corporation authorized by Sections 7503 and 7505 of the Unconsolidated Laws, whether or not duly licensed by the Commission."

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"Association or "Racing Association" shall be deemed to mean any corporation authorized by Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926, as amended, whether or not duly licensed by the Commission."

RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of Rule 44 now reading as follows:

"An application for the approval of the filing of a certificate of incorporation pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926, as amended, shall be made by a petition signed and verified by all the incorporators, which petition shall state the following, viz:"

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"An application for the approval of the filing of a certificate of incorporation pursuant to Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926, as amended, shall be made by a petition signed and verified by all the incorporators, which petition shall state the following, viz:"

RESOLVED, that Rule 45 now reading as follows:

"An application for the approval of the filing of a certificate of amendment of a certificate of incorporation or the filing of a certificate of merger pursuant to Chapter 545 of the Laws of 1951, shall be in such form, contain such information and be executed in such manner as from time to time may be prescribed by the Commission."

be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"An application for the approval of the filing of a certificate of amendment of a certificate of incorporation or the filing of a certificate of merger pursuant to Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926, as amended, shall be in such form, contain such information and be executed in such manner as from time to time may be prescribed by the Commission."

Commissioner Langley made a statement with respect to his position relative to the bills to implement the Jockey Club Plan and the necessary procedure thereunder before the Commission for its approval of the filing of a certificate of incorporation.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

The Commission considered at some length the application of Anthony Grillo for a jockey's license.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the application of Anthony Grillo for a jockey's license for the year commencing April 1, 1955, be and the same hereby is denied because of his failure to meet the standards specified by Section 7512 of the Unconsolidated Laws (McKinney's edition).

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the Commission approve and it does hereby approve for use at race meetings under its jurisdiction, the Crowley-Jones Camera Corporation projector for showing photo-finish photographs described in letter of Mr. Edwin J. Simpson, President of the Corporation, dated March 31, 1955 and brown print thereof entitled: "Chute For Projection - Crowley-Jones Cam. Corp."

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



Secretary.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, May 11, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. L.A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved William Knapp, designated by The Jockey Club, for assignment temporarily to an official position at the licensed race courses, but not to the position of Steward.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by The Saratoga Association for its 1955 race meetings in Zones 1 and 2, as set forth in letter of Mr. Vincent McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, dated April 12, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following new rule was adopted:

78A. No telephone shall be installed in the stable area except upon the order of the licensed association conducting the meeting and the written approval of the Chairman of the Commission. The receiver and transmitter of any such telephone shall be installed within a box and the same shall be kept securely locked from fifteen minutes before post time of the first race until fifteen minutes after the finish of the last race. No use of such equipment shall be made during such time except upon express approval of the Steward of the Commission.

The licensed association conducting the meeting shall be responsible for the enforcement of this rule. Violation of this rule shall subject the offending person to the removal of the telephone and to action by the Commission.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

The Chairman read to the meeting the opinions rendered in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, in the matter of Fink v. Cole, and it was decided that the Commission would be guided with respect to further action by the advices of Assistant Attorney General Hirshowitz and the Commission's Counsel, John P. Powers.

Commissioner Langley stated his views with respect to The Jockey Club Plan and a general discussion followed.

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



Secretary.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, May 26, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. L.A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved John Breen, designated by The Jockey Club for assignment temporarily to an official position at the licensed race courses, but not to the position of Steward.

The Chairman presented a letter from Queens County Jockey Club dated May 20, stating that it would like to join in a plan suggested by the General Manager of the "New York Summer Festival" by making cut-rate tickets available to Aqueduct race track for the "packages" which the Festival intends to place at the disposition of those coming to New York for the occasion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the suggestion contained in the said letter with the proviso, as required by law, that the minimum charge shall be not less than one dollar and a half for general admission inclusive of taxes.

The Commission considered the matter of an appeal to the Court of Appeals from the Order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, in the matter of Fink v. Cole, and the Chairman was authorized to write a letter to the Assistant Attorney General in Charge, stating that the Commission desires that such an appeal should be taken.

The Commission considered at great length the matter of The Jockey Club Plan and directed that a letter be sent by the Chairman to Mr. William W. Dulles, expressing the sense of this meeting, such letter to be dated this day.

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

*Harry J. Millar*

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, June 8, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

The Chairman stated that Rule 76 provides that licensed racing associations may permit radio broadcasts and video telecasts of racing programs upon the written approval of the Commission and upon such terms as the Commission may impose. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted as expressing the "terms" mentioned in the rule, viz.:

"No announcer or announcers shall mention or broadcast the amount of any pool or pools or any wagering odds or prospective wagering odds or pay-off figures in respect to such feature race or any other race, until the result of such race is declared official. Nor shall the totalizator board or any part thereof be shown until after the result of such race is declared official."

The Chairman also presented the text of a proposed press release in the event that a petition should be presented on behalf of a proposed corporation named THE GREATER NEW YORK ASSOCIATION, INC., for the Commission's approval under Section 1a of Chapter 812 of the Laws of 1955. The said text was approved and copies will be submitted for consideration to Mr. Marshall Cassidy, the prospective Secretary General of the proposed corporation and to Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel for the Commission.

The requirements of the Commission in connection with any application under Section 1a of Chapter 812 of the Laws of 1955 were considered at length.

The Commission again considered the matter of the expense vouchers filed by the staff for disbursements in connection with their work at the licensed race tracks since April 1st.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

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



Secretary.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, July 13, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

In view of the inability of the other Commissioners to be present, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, July 14, 1955, at the same time and place.

  
Secretary.

Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, July 14, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that Rule 267(g) now reading as follows:

"In all handicaps which close more than 72 hours prior to the race, except claiming handicaps, the top weight shall not be less than 126 lbs.",

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"In all handicaps which close more than 72 hours prior to the race the top weight shall not be less than 126 lbs., except that in handicaps for fillies and mares the top weight shall not be less than 126 lbs. less the sex allowance at the time the race is run."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the proposed contract in letter form dated June 16, 1955 between American Broadcasting Company and Queens County Jockey Club, for the televising of the feature race at Aqueduct Race Track on Saturdays, September 3, 10 and 17, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the proposed contract in letter form dated June 16, 1955, between American Broadcasting Company and The Saratoga Association, for televising of the feature race at Jamaica Race Track on Saturdays, July 16, 23 and 30, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the proposed contract in letter form dated June 16, 1955 between American Broadcasting Company and Westchester Racing Association, for the televising of the feature race at Belmont Race Track on Saturdays, September 24, October 1, 8 and 15, 1955.

The Commission approved the inclusion in the budget for the year ending March 31, 1957, of a request for a "Track Investigator" at \$20.00 per day with an allowance for automobile mileage to cover the period from April 1 to November 30.

The Commission discussed matters in connection with The Greater New York Association, Inc.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

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

  
Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission, held at the office of the Commission, No. 745 Fifth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on the 28th day of July, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary  
 Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward  
 Mr. Lawrence J. McMahon, Inspector, License Bureau

The Chairman stated that three persons holding occupational licenses from the Commission had been arrested and charged with violations of the law with respect to narcotics; that such arrests had resulted from investigations by the Nassau County police assisted by agents of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Inc., acting for the Commission; and that notices had been sent to each of such persons on July 20, by telegram and by mail, at their addresses as shown by their applications for such licenses, requiring them to show cause this day at ten o'clock in the forenoon why their said licenses should not be revoked.

The Chairman further stated that he had been informed by Mr. O'Grady of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Inc. and by Steward Dunne, that the law enforcement authorities of Nassau County, and particularly Mr. Pinnell, Chief of Detectives and Detective Sergeant Spahr who is in immediate charge of the matter, had requested the Commission to postpone action to revoke the said licenses for the purpose of facilitating further investigation and particularly to enable them to avail themselves of the testimony of two of the licensees with respect to intended proceedings before the Grand Jury of Nassau County against the other licensee for the possession and sale of narcotics.

The Secretary having called the three cited licensees by name and no response being made, the Commission, on motion duly made and seconded, declared the hearings indefinitely postponed. Steward Dunne and Inspector McMahon were directed to keep the Commission informed respecting further proceedings against these licensees in Nassau County.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved an amendment to a contract dated June 16, 1953 between Westchester Racing Association and American Broadcasting Company which would give to the parties thereto the right to cancel said contract at any time on one week's prior written notice.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved a contract dated July 29, 1955 between The Saratoga Association and WPTR Station, -- Patroon Broadcasting Company, for the non-exclusive broadcasting privilege of the feature race on each week day and the secondary feature race on each Saturday of the meeting at Saratoga Springs.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved a contract dated July 29, 1955, between The Saratoga Association and General Electric Company for the non-exclusive televising privilege of the films of the daily races from Mondays to Fridays inclusive of the meeting at Saratoga Springs.

Commissioner Langley reported he had a talk with Messrs. Tompkins and Dulles about plans for the new race track in which he made it plain to them that, as far as he was concerned, at the time they made application for the purchase of

the stocks of the various tracks he would want to know in a very definite way what the plans were for improvements to the other tracks, and where, when and how much, and also attestation that there would be sufficient money to carry through the improvements. He emphasized that he was only speaking for himself, but he felt that he should report the meeting to the Commission.

(The preceding paragraph was dictated by Commissioner Langley and is set forth in his letter to Chairman Cole dated August 8, 1955).

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

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



Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at its office at Saratoga Race Course, Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on Wednesday, August 10, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

- Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman
- Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary

In view of the fact that there was nothing special scheduled for this meeting, no formal notice of the meeting was given.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, September 14, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Secretary reported that due notice of the meeting had been given to all Commissioners.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the proposed contract, in letter form, dated August 15, 1955, between American Broadcasting Company and Metropolitan Jockey Club, for the televising of the feature race at Jamaica race track on Saturdays, October 22 and 29 and November 5 and 12, 1955.

The Commission approved the copy of the executed lease agreement between Westchester Racing Association and United Hunts Racing Association for the use of the Belmont race track on October 20 and 21, 1955.

In view of the fact that Section 7607, Unconsolidated Laws, prohibits betting by Commissioners or members of the staff of the State Harness Racing Commission, the Commission thought it proper to adopt a rule establishing that principle with respect to its own organization. Accordingly, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following new rule was adopted:

- 19A. No Commissioner, Secretary, or other member of the staff of the Commission or employee, shall bet upon the outcome of any race conducted at a track at which pari-mutuel betting is conducted by any licensee of the Commission, and no licensed Association shall permit any person who is actually and apparently under twenty-one years of age to bet at a race meeting conducted by it.

In view of the fact that the title of Senior Auditor John J. O'Brien had been changed to Racing Examiner, and at the request of Mr. O'Brien, on motion duly made and seconded, Rule 20 was amended by striking out the words "Senior Auditor" and substituting "Racing Examiner."

The Commission decided that it would take a table for the annual dinner of the Jockeys' Guild, Inc., on September 24, 1955, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The Secretary was requested to make the necessary arrangements at the expense of the individual Commissioners.

The Commission decided that it would take a table for the American Legion dinner on October 8 at the Astor Roof, New York City, at which Steward Dunne is to be the guest of honor. The Secretary was requested to make the necessary arrangements at the expense of the individual Commissioners.

The Commission considered the holding of a public hearing in the event of an application being filed involving the ultimate construction of a race track at or near Canandaigua, Ontario County, N. Y.

The Commission considered at great length the applications to be made by The Greater New York Association, Inc., preliminary copies of which have been furnished to the Commission for consideration, and it was agreed that if the said applications, in final form, are filed with the Commission on Friday, September 16, the Commission will hold a public hearing with respect to such applications on Tuesday, September 27, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon at its office in the Borough of Manhattan.

The Commission considered the application of Nelson J. Waterbury for an owner's license and authorized the Secretary to advise Mr. Waterbury in writing that the Commission would hear him on Wednesday, September 28, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Commission considered the application of Burton D. Chait for an owner's license. It was pointed out by Counsel that the application was defective in that it was made on a renewal application form, whereas, in view of the fact that Mr. Chait's previous owner's license had been revoked by the Commission, it believes that his application should be made on an original owner's application form. The application and check were delivered to Steward Dunne to be returned to Mr. Chait.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to renewal applications.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Roger Stevens and Mr. Lanagan, representing the owners of the Squibb Building, had called to see him and had pointed out that they were desirous of recovering possession of the premises occupied by the Commission; that other space in the building would be offered and if that were not acceptable the Commission would be afforded time to arrange for the leasing of premises outside of the building; that an inspection was made of the premises offered, situated on the eighth floor in the building, by the Chairman and the Secretary and the same were found completely inadequate to accommodate the Commission staff and were otherwise most undesirable. It was decided that no action should be taken by the Commission with respect to Mr. Stevens' visit until an official communication had been received from the Department of Standards and Purchase.

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

  
Secretary



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday, the 27th day of September, 1955, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on due notice.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
 Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner  
 Mr. L. A. Swirbul, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

This special executive meeting followed immediately after a public hearing called with respect to the applications filed with the Commission Friday, September 16, by The Greater New York Association, Inc.

After a discussion of the matter, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve and it does hereby approve:

- (1) application of The Greater New York Association, Inc. under Section 7-a of Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926, as amended, for approval of the acquisition of all assets and the assumption of all liabilities of Westchester Racing Association, Queens County Jockey Club, Metropolitan Jockey Club and The Saratoga Association for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses, duly verified the 16th day of September 1955.
- (2) application of The Greater New York Association, Inc. for franchise to conduct race meetings for running races and/or steeplechases, duly verified the 16th day of September 1955.
- (3) application of The Greater New York Association, Inc. for franchise to conduct pari-mutuel betting at enfranchised race meetings duly verified the 16th day of September 1955, including the statement filed as Exhibit A to said application pursuant to Section 20 of the Pari-Mutuel Revenue Law.
- (4) application of The Greater New York Association, Inc. under Section 9-a of the Pari-Mutuel Revenue Law for certification of funds for debt service, duly verified the 16th day of September 1955.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners and the Chairman duly execute and deliver to The Greater New York Association, Inc. a certificate of approval of the acquisition by said Association of all assets and the assumption of all liabilities of Westchester Racing Association, Queens County Jockey Club, Metropolitan Jockey Club and The Saratoga Association for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses, as set forth in said application therefor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners and the Chairman duly execute and deliver to The Greater New York Association, Inc. a franchise to conduct race meetings for running races and/or steeplechases, as set forth in said application therefor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners and the Chairman duly execute

and deliver to The Greater New York Association, Inc. a franchise to conduct pari-mutuel betting at enfranchised race meetings, as set forth in said application therefor; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioners and the Chairman duly execute and deliver to The Greater New York Association, Inc. its certification of funds for debt service, as set forth in said application therefor.

In view of the receipt from Westchester Racing Association and Metropolitan Jockey Club of letters surrendering their respective licenses for racing and pari-mutuel betting for the remainder of the year 1955, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Westchester Racing Association by letter from its president dated September 21, 1955, has duly renounced and surrendered the racing license and the pari-mutuel betting license granted to it by this Commission, respectively dated February 1, 1955, and has consented to the cancellation and revocation of each of said licenses by this Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commission hereby cancels and revokes each of said licenses, such cancellation and revocation to take effect immediately upon the opening of business on the day following that on which The Greater New York Association, Inc., shall acquire all of the assets of Westchester Racing Association in accordance with the order of this Commission.

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Jockey Club by letter from its president dated September 21, 1955, has duly renounced and surrendered the racing license and the pari-mutuel betting license granted to it by this Commission, respectively dated February 1, 1955, and has consented to the cancellation and revocation of each of said licenses by this Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby cancels and revokes each of said licenses, such cancellation and revocation to take effect immediately upon the opening of business on the day following that on which The Greater New York Association, Inc., shall acquire all of the assets of Metropolitan Jockey Club in accordance with the order of this Commission.

Following the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, the Commissioners duly executed the four documents above described and authorized the Chairman to deliver the same to William W. Dulles, Esq., counsel for the Applicant.

The Chairman was also authorized to file copies of each of these documents with the President of the Department of Taxation and Finance for the information of the Pari-Mutuel Revenue Unit of that department.

The Chairman was further authorized to advise the presidents of Westchester Racing Association and Metropolitan Jockey Club that the Commission had accepted the surrender of their respective licenses upon the terms and conditions expressed in the letters of surrender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the prices to be charged for admissions and all other similar facilities by United Hunts Racing Association for its 1955 race meeting at Belmont Park on October 20 and 21, as set forth in schedule attached to letter of Miss W. Helen Eden, Assistant Secretary, dated September 16, 1955.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, Rule 278 was amended by striking out therefrom the two paragraphs numbered "(1) and (2)" and inserting in place thereof the following:

- (1) Five pounds until he has ridden 100 winners.
- (2) Two pounds additional until he has ridden 100 winners, if riding for his contract holder.
- (3) Five pounds will continue while riding for his contract holder until the expiration of one year after he rides his first winner, in the event that he rides 100 winners before that year expires.
- (4) Two pounds only while riding for his contract holder after he has ridden 100 winners and after expiration of one year after riding first winner, for remainder of contract.

The above allowances for the contract holder will apply when the apprentice is riding horses which are actually owned by the holder of the apprentice contract and will not apply when the apprentice is riding horses trained by the contract holder, but owned by someone else. The contract holder is defined as the holder of the apprentice contract at the time the apprentice rode his first winner.

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



Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, September 28, 1955, at 12:15 P.M. on due notice.

## PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

This special executive meeting followed immediately after a public hearing called with respect to an application for an owner's license by Nelson J. Waterbury.

The Chairman stated that a request had been received from counsel for The Greater New York Association, Inc., for the Commission's approval to the filing in the office of the Secretary of State of a certificate pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman be and he hereby is authorized and directed to execute a consent and/or certificate in such form as to him may seem proper to permit the filing in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York by The Greater New York Association, Inc., of a certificate pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926.

The Commission also considered a pending application by Mr. Josef Spinelli for an owner's license and authorized Steward Dunne to issue the same.

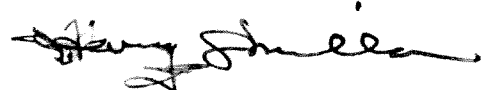
Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission, in accordance with Rule 80, approved the following officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing conducted by The Greater New York Association, Inc., for the remainder of the 1955 racing season:

Harold O. Vosburgh	Steward
Frank E. Kilroe	General Racing Secretary and Handicapper
Julius Reeder	Assistant Racing Secretary
Fred H. Parks	Assistant Handicapper
George B. Cassidy	Starter
Joseph Kyle	Placing Judge
Calvin Rainey	Clerk of the Scales
Wm. A. Murphy, Jr.	Assistant Clerk of the Scales
Myron D. Davis	Paddock and Patrol Judge
Walter J. Mara	Assistant Paddock and Patrol Judge
Austin McLaughlin	Patrol Judge
John O'Hara	Timer
Dr. J. G. Catlett	Examining and Track Veterinarians
Dr. Manuel A. Gilman	" " "
Dr. Herbert Cox	" " "
Dr. E. Grano	" " "

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission, in accordance with Rule 80, approved the following temporary officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing conducted by The Greater New York Association, Inc., for the remainder of the 1955 racing season:

Clifford McCartney	Racing Secretary's Office
Clarence Minner	" " "
Thomas Trotter	" " "
Dr. J. G. Catlett	Horse Identification Dept.
Dr. Manuel Gilman	" " "
Dr. Herbert Cox	" " "
Frederick Meinz	" " "
Gerard A. Burke	" " "
William O'Connor	" " "
Howard Storms	" " "
John Breen	" " "
N. J. Hyland	" " "
Warren Mehrtens	" " "
Donald Peregoy	" " "
Frank Ritz	Assistant Starter
James Dailey	Outrider
Lucas Dupps	Outrider
John F. Kennedy	The Jockey Club
William Knapp	Timer's Flagman

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

  
Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, October 13, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, on due notice to all Commissioners.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Chairman stated that the Special Meeting was called for the reason that the date for the regular monthly meeting occurred on Columbus Day, a legal holiday when the office was closed.

The Secretary presented a letter dated September 30 from John W. Hanes, President of the Board of Trustees of The Greater New York Association Inc., advising the Commission that Mr. Whitney Stone had presented his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees and that the same was duly accepted September 28. In his letter Mr. Hanes offered for the approval of the Commission the name of Mr. John W. Galbreath as a Trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Stone.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved Mr. John W. Galbreath to be a Trustee of The Greater New York Association Inc. to succeed Mr. Whitney Stone, resigned.

The Secretary presented a letter dated October 11 from Miss W. Helen Eden, Assistant Secretary of the United Hunts Racing Association requesting the Commission's approval of officials designated to serve at the Association's two-day meeting at Belmont Park on October 20 and 21, 1955.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the following list of officials for the 1955 meeting of the United Hunts Association at Belmont Park Race Track on October 20 and 21.

Stewards

Francis P. Dunne, representing State Racing Commission  
Marshall Cassidy, representing The Jockey Club  
Fred H. Parks, representing National Steeplechase and Hunt Association  
Harold O. Vosburgh, representing United Hunts Racing Association  
F. S. von Stade, Invited Member of The Jockey Club and National Steeplechase and Hunt Association

Frank E. Kilroe	Racing Secretary and Handicapper
Julius G. Reeder	Assistant Racing Secretary
Fred H. Parks	Assistant Handicapper
John E. Cooper	Racing Secretary and Handicapper for Steeplechases
George B. Cassidy	Starter
Joseph E. Kyle	Judge
Howard Storms	"
Fred W. Meinz	"

Calvin Rainey  
 William A. Murphy, Jr.  
 Myron D. Davis  
 Walter J. Mara  
 Austin McLaughlin  
 Warren Mehrtens  
 John E. O'Hara  
 Dr. Manuel A. Gilman  
 Fred L. Capossela  
 Dr. John J. Kilgallen  
 Dr. Philip Tuths  
 Dr. J. G. Woodcock

Clerk of Scales  
 Assistant Clerk of Scales  
 Paddock and Patrol Judge  
 Patrol and Ass't. Paddock Judge  
 Patrol Judge  
 Patrol Judge  
 Timer  
 Examining Veterinarian  
 Announcer  
 Physician  
 "  
 Supervisor of Drug Tests for State Racing  
 Commission

Mr. Francis P. Dunne presented a letter dated October 12 requesting the permission of the Commission to serve as Racing Secretary at Tropical Park Race Course, Florida, from November 28, 1955 until January 15, 1956, both dates inclusive.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the request of Mr. Dunne to serve as Racing Secretary at Tropical Park Race Course from November 28, 1955 to January 15, 1956.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

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



Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, November 9, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

Due to the illness of Commissioner Langley and the fact that Commissioner Swirbul was required to be in Washington, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman to Thursday, November 10, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon. Notices were accordingly sent to the two Commissioners of such adjournment and also as a call for a Special Meeting.



Secretary



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, November 10, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on due notice.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary, and Mr. Francis P. Dunne, Steward.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Rule 41 now reading as follows:

"Boys never having ridden in a race may be allowed to ride twice, if approved by the Stewards, before applying for a license; but licenses shall not be granted to boys who have never ridden in a race."

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"Boys never having ridden in a race may be allowed to ride twice before applying for a license, if approved by the Steward of the Commission; but licenses shall not be granted to boys who have never ridden in a race."

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission denied the application of Nelson J. Waterbury for an owner's license; it also considered its Findings and Determination in this matter and directed the Secretary to certify and promulgate the same.

There was a general discussion with respect to the plans of The Greater New York Association Inc., for improving the Aqueduct race track.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

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



Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held on due notice at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, November 23, 1955, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present was Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Rule 12 now reading as follows:

"Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held at the office of the Commission in the City of New York on the second Wednesday of each month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Special meetings may be had at any time at the office of the Commission on the call of the Chairman or of any two Commissioners, and meetings may be held at any time and place when all Commissioners are present.

The Secretary shall give not less than three (3) days notice in writing, or by telegram to each Commissioner of any meeting, regular or special, and shall make and keep full minutes of all transactions thereat."

be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held at the office of the Commission in the City of New York on the second Wednesday of each month, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon. Special meetings may be had at any time at the office of the Commission on the call of the Chairman or of any two Commissioners, and meetings may be held at any time and place when all Commissioners are present.

The Secretary shall give not less than three (3) days notice in writing or by telegram to each Commissioner of any meeting, regular or special, and shall make and keep full minutes of all transactions thereat."

The Commission considered a letter from Mr. Sol Rutchick, as President of the New York Division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association dated November 9, advising the Commission that his Division recommended a change in the disqualification rule to permit horses adjudged guilty of fouling to be set back at the discretion of the Stewards. It was agreed that upon the return of racing personnel to New York in the early Spring, a public hearing would be held at which owners, trainers, jockeys, representatives of the press and the public would be invited to express their views, and the Chairman was authorized to communicate this fact to Mr. Rutchick.

The Chairman presented a letter from Mr. Sol Rutchick dated November 15, in which he urged the interest of Mr. Burton Chait whose license as an owner had heretofore been revoked by the Commission. The Chairman was authorized to answer Mr. Rutchick's letter in form agreed upon.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

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

Handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy J. ...".  
Secretary

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the State Racing Commission held on due notice at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, December 14, 1955, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present were: Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary and Mr. John P. Powers, Counsel.

The Chairman presented a letter from The Greater New York Association Inc., dated December 1, 1955, enclosing plans for the erection of a stable building and a bunkhouse on the premises of the Association at Saratoga Springs, New York. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission approve, and it does hereby approve, the plans for the erection of a stable building and a bunkhouse on the premises of The Greater New York Association Inc., at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., as shown and described on the plans thereof prepared by C. F. Wertime, Inc., and dated November 22, 1955; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Commission be and he hereby is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Commission, a permit to said The Greater New York Association Inc., for the erection of said structures as the same are shown and described on the said plans accompanying said application.

A proposed schedule of dates for racing in 1956 submitted by The Greater New York Association Inc., by letter of President Tompkins dated December 14, 1955, was considered.

In view of the fact that the proposed schedule terminated at Saratoga Springs on September 1, the Commission determined that it would take no further action thereon, and that the Chairman should point out to President Tompkins the desirability of commencing the rehabilitation program at the Aqueduct track.

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



Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the State Racing Commission held on due notice at the office of the Commission, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Friday, December 30, 1955, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ashley T. Cole, Chairman  
Mr. William C. Langley, Commissioner

Also present was Mr. Harry J. Millar, Secretary.

The Commission considered an application dated December 14 from The Greater New York Association Inc., for the approval of a schedule of racing dates for 1956 commencing Monday, April 2 at Jamaica and terminating Saturday, September 1 at Saratoga Springs.

Under date of December 14 the Commission had advised the GNYA that it would not be willing to give this schedule its consideration at that time and that if and when a complete schedule was available the Commission would be glad to consider the matter.

In the meantime Commissioners Cole and Langley had discussed the subject matter at considerable length with President Tompkins and Secretary-General Cassidy, and were convinced that the GNYA could not give the Commission the full schedule for 1956 until a determination had been reached as to construction either at Aqueduct or Belmont Park and such a determination would not be possible before April 1.

Under the circumstances and because of the desirability to proceed with the printing of tickets and with the preparation, printing and distribution of the condition books for stakes races and so that horsemen could plan for their Spring and Summer seasons in New York, the Commission determined to approve the partial schedule submitted under date of December 14.

Accordingly, on motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves and grants the following racing dates commencing Monday, April 2 and ending Saturday, September 1, 1956:

Jamaica Race Track - Monday, April 2nd  
through Saturday, May 12th - 36 days

Belmont Park Race Track - Monday, May 14th  
through Saturday, July 7th - 48 days

Jamaica Race Track - Monday, July 9th  
through Saturday, August 4th - 24 days

Saratoga Race Track - Monday, August 6th  
through Saturday, September 1st - 24 days

The Commission considered briefly a petition filed with it by one Peter Salmore "for the revision and correction of Article XV, Rule 124 promulgated by the New York State Racing Commission pursuant to Chapter 440 of the Laws of 1926, as amended." The petition was referred to Chief Auditor O'Brien for analysis and to Counsel Powers for his opinion.

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