Minutes of the

New York State Racing Commission

1970

A regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, January 8, 1970, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forencon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary, Alex M. Robb, Director of Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau and Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist.

On motion duly made, seconded the Minutes of the Meeting held on December 11, 1969, were approved.

The Commission ratified its approval of the below 1970 racing dates requested by The New York Racing Association.

Aqueduct Spring Meeting Tuesday, March 10 to Saturday, May 23	65 days
Belmont Spring Meeting Monday, May 25 to Saturday, June 27	30 days
Aqueduct Summer Meeting Monday, June 29 to Saturday, August 1	30 days
Saratoga Summer Meeting Monday, August 3 to Saturday, August 29	24 days
Belmont Fall Meeting Monday, August 31 to Saturday, October 17	42 days
Aqueduct Final Meeting Monday, October 19 to Monday, December 7	43 days 234 days

In letter dated December 22, 1969, the Finger Lakes Racing Association requested the following admission prices for their 1970 racing season.

	General Admission	Clubhouse Admission	Clubhouse Exchange
Price	\$.7592	\$ 1.5384	\$.7692
State Tax County Tax	.1154 .1154	.2308 .2308	.1154 .1154
Total	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00
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Price State Tax County Tax Total	Clubhouse Special \$.9616 .1442 .1442 \$ 1.25	Grandstand Reserved Seats \$.7692 .1154 .1154 \$ 1.00	Clubhouse Reserved Seats \$.7692 .7692 .1154 \$ 1.00
Price State Tax County Tax Total	Boxes (3 seats) \$180.00 27.00 27.00 \$234.00	Boxes (5 seats) \$300.00 45.00 45.00 \$300.00	Boxes (6 s eats) \$420.00 54.00 54.00 \$468.00
Price State Tax County Tax Total	Boxes (7 seats) \$420.00 63.00 63.00 \$546.00	Daily Box Seats \$ 1.00 .15 .15 \$ 1.30	

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, February 11, 1970 at 1 P.M.

PRESENT:

Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist; Gerard A. Burke, Steward and Alex M. Robb, Director of Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

On motion duly made, seconded, the Minutes of the Meeting held on January 8, 1970, were approved.

The Commission appointed the following seasonal staff to commence their duties on Tuesday, March 10, 1970, and to terminate not later than December 15, 1970, or at the pleasure of the Commission and the Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to make such additional appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies:

		Per Diem Rate	Per Diem Expenses	Employmen/
Assistant to Steward	Thomas Ricci	\$57.23	\$2.00	3/10=12/7
Sup. of Drug Tests	James Brewer	95.85	-	3/10=12/7
Inspector	J.M. Hagerty	29.80	2.00	3/10=12/7
	Aldo Sagrati	29.8 0	2.00	3/10=12/7
	Howard Gotterup	29.80	3.00	3 /10=12/7
	Thomas Willoe	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Edward Kummer	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Robert P. Mozer	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	*Joseph Wagner	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Peter Gandini	29.80	2.00	3/10=12/7
	Eugene Donaldson	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Frank De Lucia	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Ted Guzikowski	29.80	2.00	3/10=12/7
	George Blunt	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Raymond Delano	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Charles Barsa	29.80		3/10=12/7
	Thomas Reitano	29.80	3.00	3/10=12/7
	Albert P. Schmide		2.00	3/10=12/7

*Mr. Wagner to Finger Lakes 5/17 thru 10/15.

Francis P. Dunne is hereby appointed Steward of the State Racing Commission to begin March 10th and to terminate not later than December 15, 1970.

The Commission approved the appointment of Mr. Calvin S. Rainey to represent The Jockey Club as Steward for the 1970 racing season at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga, and Walter J. Mara as Steward, at Finger Lakes. Request was made in letter dated January 16, 1970.

The Commission approved the appointment of Mr. John E. Cooper to represent The National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, as Steward for the 1970 racing season. The Hunt Association made their request in letter dated January 13, 1970.

The Commission has received a letter from The New York Racing Association Inc. dated January 19, 1970, listing the names of persons having to do with the actual conduct of racing for the 1970 racing season and also a list of persons who might be temporarily assigned to such positions during the 1970 season as follows:

Steward appointed by The NYRA......Earl S. Potter Director of Horsemen's Relations......John T. Morrissey Ass't. Racing Secretary & Handicapper.......Nathaniel J. Hyland Director Admissions......David H. Carnahan Racing Sec't & Handicapper for Steeplechasing.... Carlyle Cameron Starter.....George B. Cassidy Clerk of the Scales......Frederick W. Meinz Ass't Clerk of the Scales......James J. Zimmerman Patrol Judges......Warren C. MehrtensJohn E. O'HaraFrederick J. Reynolds,

Persons listed who might be temporarily assigned to serve as substitutes in minor capacities:

Lucas Dupps
William F. Garges
Nathaniel J. Hyland
Robert F. kelley, Jr.
Clifford D. McCartney
John T. Morrissey (including Starter)
Frank D. Ritz
Robert A. Smithers
Francis Thacker
James J. Zimmerman

Persons: listed to serve temporarily in the position of Stewards, if required.

Gerard A. Burke
Nathaniel J. Hyland
Warren C. Mehrtens
John T. Morrissey
Patrick W. O ' Brien
Thomas E. Trotter

The Commission approved the said officials, and the Chairman was authorized to notify The New York Racing Officials Inc., accordingly.

The Commission approved the following post times for The New York Racing Association Inc.,'s, 1970 racing season as requested in their letter of January 21, 1970, and the Chairman was authorized to notify The New York Racing Association Inc.

March 10 to May 23rd Aqueduct

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May 25 to June 27th Belmont Park 1:30 P.M.

June 29 to August 1st Aqueduct 1:30 P.M.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Gerard A. Burke, Steward, Francis P. Dunne, Steward and Alex M. Robb, Director of Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 1970 were approved.

Discussion of Vilet E. Jones as Inspector at Finger Lakes Track was held.

Discussion of "Quinella" betting at the Finger Lakes Race Track was held.

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

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted

Secretary Saccar

A monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City on Thursday, April 9, 1970, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary, John S. Clark, Counsel, Gerard A. Burke, Steward, Francis P. Dunne, Steward, and Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the Meeting held on March 12, 1970 were approved.

A proposal to permit the Exacta form of betting at tracks under Commission supervision was approved. Mr. John Clark, Counsel, was requested to draft appropriate Rules.

There was a general discussion concerning the most recent convention of The National Association of State Racing Commissioners.

The Chairman, noting that the March 21, 1970 issue of The Blood Horse had reported certain remarks of the Chief Chemist at the convention concerning detection of steroids in urine samples in New York, asked Mr. Peterson to comment further thereon. Mr. Peterson advised that he had stated that it was not possible to determine accurately the time of administration of a drug by means of quantitative estimation of the amount of that drug found in an official sample; that it was usually possible to quantitatively assess the amount of drug recovered from urine during analysis; but that biological variations within the individual animals would make any determination of the time of administration inaccurate. On the question of steroid detection, Mr. Peterson reported that he had stated that some steroids could be detected and some could not, especially when small doses are give; and that caution should be exercised in reporting steroid findings and taking action thereon because specific identification of many is difficult and care must be taken not to confuse them with the naturally occurring hormones.

Approval was given for the seasonal staff at the Finger Lakes Race Track for the 1970 racing season.

Gerard A. Burke Martha Oberlies Norman Lewis, DVM Joseph Wagner F.E. Laimbeer Mary Masick R.J. Hampson Harold Connolly Richard O'Brien Robert Reynolds	Steward Asst. to Steward Sup of Drug Tests Asst. Sup " " Inspector-Office Inspector-Office Inspector-Clubhouse Inspector-Lead-in Inspector-Lead-in	5/18 - 10/14 5/14 - 10/17 5/20 - 10/14 5/17 - 10/15 5/14 - 10/14 5/14 - 10/14 5/14 - 10/14 5/20 - 10/14 5/20 - 10/14
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H.S. Cuttriss	Inspector-Technician	5/20 - 10/14

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W. MacIntyre Irvin Baird Inspector-Technician Inspector-Technician 5/20 - 10/14 5/20 - 10/14

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

Suspensions during the preceding month were reviewed.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City on Thursday, May 14, 1970 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT:

Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present; Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel, Gerard A. Burke, Steward, Francis P. Dunne, Steward, Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau, and Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the Meeting held on April 9, 1970, were approved.

On motion duly made and seconded the Commission adopted a new Rule relating to Exacta betting to be known as Rule 12.20 as follows:

Rule 12.20, Exacta. (a) The object of the Exacta is to select in order the first and second place finisher in the designated Exacta race. The Exacta pool shall be held entirely separate from all other pools and is in no way a part of the daily double, or win, place or show pools.

- (b) Races in which Exacta betting shall be conducted shall be approved by the Commission.
- (c) If a horse is scratched or excused from racing no further tickets shall be sold designating such horse and all tickets previously sold designating such horse shall be refunded and the money dedcuted from the gross pool.
- (d) Dead heat. (1) In the event of a dead heat for win the net pool shall be distributed to each combination of winners separately as in a win pool dead heat, e.g., in a dead heat of two horses there are two winning combinations, in a dead heat of three horses there are six winning combinations.
- (2) In the event of a dead heat for second the net pool shall be divided as in a win pool dead heat among holders of tickets combining the winner with each second place horse.
- (e) Coupled entries and fields are prohibited in Exacta races.
- (f) If no ticket is sold on the winning combination of an Exacta pool, the net pool shall be distributed equally between holders of tickets selecting the

winning horse to finish first and/or holders of tickets selecting the second horse to finish second.

On motion duly made and seconded the Commission adopted a new Rule relating to Quinella betting to be known as Rule 12.16, as follows:

Rule 12.16 Commission approval. Races in which Quinella betting shall be conducted shall be approved by the Commission.

The Commission approved a request of The New York Racing Association, Inc., made by letter dated May 13, 1970, to modify its agreement with the CBS Television Network relating to telecasts of the Belmont Stakes in 1970 and 1971, whereby a right of first refusal in CBS for the period after 1971 shall be eliminated.

The Commission approved a request of The New York Racing Association, Inc., made by letter dated April 14, 1970, to renovate the backstretch cafeteria at the Saratoga Race Track, Saratoga Springs, New York.

The Commission approved a request of The New York Racing Association, Inc., made by letter dated April 14, 1970, to erect Interior Odds Boards in the Grandstand of Aqueduct Race Track, Jamaica, New York.

The Commission approved Arthur E. Langmayer and Luke H. O'Brien as substitute Stewards at the 1970 meetings of the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc.

The Commission approved the appointment of Collett Griffin to replace Frank Grand, Jr., as Assistant to the Racing Secretary, and Charles Kelly as Patrol Judge at the Finger Lakes Race Track for the 1970 racing season.

 $\,$ A discussion of the proposed directors of the Finger Lakes Racing Association , Inc., followed.

The Commission approved the request of the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc., made by letter dated April 24, 1970, for permission to erect a "fire guard" barn at the Finger Lakes Race Track, Canandaigua, New York.

The suspensions at NYRA tracks during the period since the last meeting were reviewed.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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.

A regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City on Thursday, June 11, 1970 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman

Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Alex M. Robb; Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 1970, were approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commission formally approved the appointment of Paul Mellon as a Trustee of The New York Racing Association Inc.

The Chairman advised that The New York Racing Association Inc. had agreed to follow the Commission's suggestion that Exacta tickets be sold at \$2. rather than \$3. as has been contemplated.

The Commission approved the appointment of Mr. Norman D. Richardson as an Inspector attached to the Testing Enclosure at NYRA tracks, effective Thursday, June 4, 1970.

There followed a discussion of the new controlled medication rule adopted by Nebraska.

The suspensions at NYRA and FLRA tracks during the period since the last meeting were reviewed.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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.

No Commission meeting was held in July, 1970.

A regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Saratoga Race Track, Saratoga Springs, New York, on Tuesday, August 18, 1970 at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman

Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau; and Harry M. Peterson, Chief Chemist.

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 1970 were approved.

The Commission recorded its approval of a 2:00 P.M. Post Time for the 1970 Saratoga Meeting and formally approved a 1:30 P.M. Post Time for the Belmont Park Fall Meeting; as requested by The New York Racing Association Inc., under date of July 27, 1970.

The Commission approved a change of Post Time for the Finger Lakes Racing Association from 2:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M., effective Monday, August 31st, in accord with the request of that Association under date of July 29, 1970.

The suspensions at NYRA and FLRA tracks during the period since the last meeting were reviewed.

The Commission approved the application of Apprentice Jockey Samuel Maple, who was injured at Aqueduct Race Course on March 10, 1970 for an extension of thirty-nine days, effective August 24th to October 1, 1970, inclusive.

The Commission approved the application of Apprentice Jockey Carl Cunningham, who entered the Armed Forces on July 8, 1968 and was discharged on July 7, 1970, for an extension of fifteen months and five days, effective October 12, 1969 to January 15, 1971, inclusive.

There followed a discussion of comparative wagering since the inception of the Exacta form of betting.

The Commission discussed the arrangments made to process fingerprints in light of the discontinuance of such processing for the Commission by the FBI.

The matter of jockey fees and the request of the Jockey's Guild for increases were discussed.

The Chairman informed the Commissioners of the names of proposed officers and directors of the Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc., to be designated upon the termination of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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.

No Commission meeting was held in September 1970.

A regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, October 8, 1970, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau and Harry M. Peterson, Chief Chemist.

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 1970 were approved.

The Commission confirmed authorization granted to The New York Racing Association Inc., to conduct Exacta wagering in the fourth, sixth and eighth races, effective October 5, 1970.

The Commission approved the appointment of Nathaniel J. Hyland as Steward for The New York Racing Association Inc., at its meetings, replacing the late Earl S. Potter.

The Commission approved the request of The New York Racing Association Inc. to have Post Time at 1:30 P.M. for the period October 19th through and including October 24th, and to have Post Time at 12:30 P.M. for the period October 26th through December 7th. Its request for a Post Time of 11:00 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, was also approved.

The Commission approved the appointment by The New York Racing Association Inc., of Clifford D. McCartney as Assistant Racing Secretary and Assistant Handicapper, and John Shevlin as Assistant Handicapper and Assistant Racing Secretary for the balance of the 1970 season.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the apprenticeship of JOCKEY Robert Woodhouse was extended four racing days, to and including October 14, 1970.

The Commission approved the request of The New York Racing Association, Inc. for an amendment of its franchise to conduct pari-mutuel wagering to conform to the 1970 amendments to the Pari-Mutuel Revenue Law.

The request of The National Association of State Racing Commissioners for information concerning New York's legislation for use in connection with its public relations program was discussed.

The Chairman reported on the status of the request of The Jockeys' Guild for increases in riders fees. He recalled that at the August meeting of the Commission the matter had been discussed and that the Commission had strongly supported the request. The Chairman stated that he had repeatedly made known the sentiments of the Commission to the Trustees of The New York

Racing Association Inc., and had urged prompt action on the request. He advised that at the meeting of the Trustees he had pointed out that the higher fees are in effect in every other racing State and are paid by those racing in New York when they ship out; and that although purses had increased from \$12,000,000.00 annually in 1961 to \$21,000,000.00 in 1969, there had been no increase in jockey fees during that period.

The Commission reviewed suspensions imposed during the period since the last Commission meeting.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

A regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City on Thursday, November 12, 1970, at ten o'clock in the forencon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman

Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau; Harry M. Peterson, Chief Chemist; and Gerard A. Burke, Steward.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 1970 were approved.

The Commission approved the request of Steward Francis P. Dunne, for permission to act as a Steward at The Fairgrounds Race Course, New Orleans, Louisiana for the period between the end of the 1970 N.Y.R.A. racing season and the commencement of its 1971 season.

The Commission approved the request of the Finger Lakes Racing Association, Inc., for 1971 meeting dates as follows:

Spring Meeting	May 5 - June 30	49 racing days
Summer Meeting	July 1 - August 31	53 racing days
Autumn Meeting	September 1 - October 13	37 racing days
		139 racing days

A discussion concerning racing officials at Finger Lakes Race Course ensued. The Chairman observed that Dr. Joseph O'Dea, who has acted as the Association Steward at Finger Lakes, is not only a practicing veterinarian, but also a prominent breeder. He noted that during the past racing season Dr. O'Dea absented himself from the Stewards' stand on numerable occasions because horses bred by him were racing. The Chairman stated that in his opinion this appearance of conflict of interest should be avoided and that, in his opinion, unless Dr. O'Dea abandoned his breeding activities he should not be approved as a Steward for the next season.

The other Commissioners concurred in the Chairman's views.

The Commission reviewed suspensions imposed during the period since the last Commission meeting.

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.

A regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on due notice at the Commission office, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City on Thursday, December 10, 1970, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman

Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner William L. Pfeiffer, Commissioner

Also present: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; John S. Clark, Counsel; Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau; Harry M. Peterson, Chief Chemist and Gerard A. Burke, Steward. On motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 1970, were approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the following dates for the 1971 racing season of The New York Racing Association Inc.:

Aqueduct, Spring Meeting Monday, March 8 to Saturday, May 22	66 days
Belmont, Spring Meeting Monday, May 24 to Saturday, June 26	30 days
Aqueduct, Summer Meeting Monday, June 28 to Saturday, July 31	30 days
Saratoga, Summer Meeting Monday, August 2 to Saturday, August 28	24 days
Belmont, Fall Meeting Monday, August 30 to Saturday, October 16	42 days
Aqueduct, Final Meeting Monday, October 18, to Saturday, December 4	42 days

The Commission approved the request of The New York Racing Association Inc., dated November 30, 1970 for a Permit to renovate building U-28 at Belmont Park, Elmont, New York to provide facilities for female backstretch workers.

The Commission approved the request of the Finger Lakes Racing Association dated November 30, 1970 for a permit to construct two barns which will provide additional stall space.

The Commission approved request of the Finger Lakes Racing Association for one dormitory to be of the exact same type of construction as the original plans submitted to us in 1960-61, with 20 rooms and shower and toilet facilities to accommodate 40 persons.

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

Suspensions during the preceding month were reviewed.
Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.
There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,