MINUTES

NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD

MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2003

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. at the Racing & Wagering Board ☐s Albany Office located at 1 Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, New York.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

In Attendance Were:

Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., Chairman

Cheryl Buley, Member

Edward Martin, Executive Director

Sheila Osterhout, Secretary to the Board

Robert Feuerstein, General Counsel

James Kellogg, Audits & Investigations

Joseph Lynch, Chief of Racing Operations

Also in Attendance Were:

Dianne Landor, NYSR&WB

Stacy Clifford, NYSR&WB

Heather Bennett, The Bennett Firm, Inc.

David Burfield, YouBet.com

Robert Hemsworth, Capital OTB

Bill Crowell, Hinman Straub

Joe Mahoney, Daily News

Tom Precious, Buffalo News/Blood Horse

Sapna Srivastava, Legislative Gazette

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD: None

A. The Board approved the minutes of the Board meeting held on September 18, 2003.

B. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED OR DEFERRED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

1. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2003

For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the Fall harness meeting at Colonial downs in Virginia.

This out-of-state harness simulcast signal may be utilized whenever permitted under the current Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the Fall Keeneland Race Course in Kentucky effective Friday, October 3rd.

This simulcast may be utilized whenever in compliance with the current Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 26, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signal from the Oak Tree at Santa Anita scheduled from September 28th through November 9, 2003.

This approval excludes the Breeders Cup World Thoroughbred Championship Day of October 25th for which a separate Breeders Cup contract is required.

- * For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the Oak Tree meet at Santa Anita. This approval includes the eight World Thoroughbred Championships (Breeders Cup) races along with the four other stakes races offered from Santa Anita on Saturday, October 25th.
- * For entry into the minutes, on October 14, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Northville Downs in Michigan during the remainder of its 2003 race meeting.

2. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST TO AMEND PLAN OF OPERATION \square RACING DATES

For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend its plan of operation enabling additional racing dates in late October and early November. The additional race dates are October 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and November 1st with a new first post time of 12:20 p.m. each day.

The Board also approved the cancellation of the previously approved racing date of Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving day.

3. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2003

For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the Fall 2003 simulcasts from Northville Downs in Michigan, beginning Monday, October 20th.

This harness simulcast can be utilized whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signal from the Oak Tree at Santa Anita race meeting scheduled from September 28th through November 9th, 2003. This approval also includes the Breeders Cup World Thoroughbred Championship day of October 25th.

Also approved are the imports of racing from Sky Australia procured through the Woodbine Entertainment Group and Wyvern International, Ltd. and the harness racing from Colonial Downs in Virginia.

- * For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import from the thoroughbred racetrack known as Turf Paradise in Arizona, effective immediately.
- * For entry into the minutes, on October 8, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the thoroughbred racetrack known as Remington Park in Oklahoma.

This simulcast may be imported and utilized whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

4. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2003

For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Nassau Regional OTB to amend is simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the racetracks known as Kentucky Downs in Kentucky and from Lone Star Park in Texas. This approval is effective immediately and can continue whenever in compliance with the Racing Law through the end of 2003. This approval further extends to the Suffolk Regional OTB.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 26, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB to amend its plan of operation enabling the import of the Cal Expo harness simulcast signal during its Fall 2003 race meeting.

This approval is valid throughout the remaining year 2003 race meeting for Cal Expo. This approval further extends to the Suffolk Regional OTB.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 26, 2003, approval is granted for the request by Nassau OTB to amend its plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Northville Downs, a harness racetrack in Michigan.

This approval is effective whenever permitted by the Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Nassau Regional OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the continued import of thoroughbred simulcast from the Oak Tree race meeting conducted at Santa Anita Park in California through November 9, 2003.

This approval is effective immediately and can continue when in compliance with the Racing Law through the end of the 2003 Santa Anita (Oak Tree) race meeting. This approval further extends to the Suffolk Regional OTB.

* For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Nassau Regional OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky during its entire Fall 2003 meeting. This approval further extends to the Suffolk Regional OTB.

The Board further approved the simulcast from Pompano Park in Florida through December 31, 2003 only, to coincide with the expiration date of the federally required horsemen \Box s letter of consent for this simulcast. To continue on this contract through May 1, 2004, a new valid letter from the Pompano Park representative horsemen \Box s association must be filed with the Board. This approval also extends to Suffolk OTB.

Also approved through December 31, 2003 is the simulcast from Sunland Park in New Mexico. Although the Sunland Park meeting runs past December 31, 2003, both the New Mexico Racing Commission letter and the letter of permission for this simulcast to take place from the New Mexico□s Horsemen□s Association expire on December 31, 2003. To continue into 2004, new letters of permission that are current and valid must be filed with the Board. This approval for Sunland Park extends to all other New York State Regional OTBs.

* For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Nassau Regional OTB, dated October 2, 2003, to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcast from Longchamps in France through Arlington Park for the

premier thoroughbred stakes race, the Prix de $I\square$ Arc de Triomphe Stakes (The Arc) and its accompanying five other Group One races on Sunday, October 5^{th} .

This approval also applies to Suffolk Regional OTB. These simulcasts may be imported and utilized for wagering whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on October 8, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Nassau Regional OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the year 2003 thoroughbred race meeting conducted by the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority at the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

As specified in the federally required horsemens□ permission letter, this approval is granted through October 11th only. To continue past Saturday, October 11th, a new letter of permission from the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemens□ Association must be filed with the Board.

This approval extends to the Capital, Catskill, Suffolk and Western Regional OTBs as well. The Meadowlands simulcasts may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

5. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2003

For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Fairplex Park in California through its final 2003 race program scheduled to be presented on September 28th.

Also approved is the import of simulcasts from Keeneland Racecourse in Kentucky beginning on October 3rd and continuing through its final program scheduled for October 25, 2003.

These simulcasts may be utilized whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 23, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the Pompano Park simulcast signal whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

Although the contract is written and agreed to through June 30, 2004, the federally required permission letter from the Florida Standardbred Breeders□ and Owners Association currently expires on December 31, 2003. Therefore, Board approval extends through December 31, 2003 only.

To continue with the Pompano Park simulcast after that date, a new Florida Standardbred Breeders□ and Owners Association permission letter covering the period January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004 is required.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 26, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling simulcasting from the Oak Tree at Santa Anita scheduled from September 28th through November 9, 2003.

This approval excludes the Breeders Cup World Thoroughbred Championship Day of October 25th for which a separate Breeders Cup contract is required.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Batavia Downs, an in-state harness track and from Turf Paradise in Arizona.

Also approved are The Prix de $I\square$ Arc de Triomphe Stakes and associated races on Sunday, October 5^{th} through Arlington Park and emanating from Longchamps Racecourse in France.

* For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the Oak Tree meet at Santa Anita and the eight World Thoroughbred Championships (Breeders□ Cup) races along with the four other stakes races offered from Santa Anita on Saturday, October 25th.

6. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2003

For entry into the minutes, on September 18, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Lebanon Raceway harness meeting in Ohio and continuing through December 31, 2003.

Also approved is the agreement to export the Yonkers Raceway simulcasts to a new customer in Texas, Retama Park, effective immediately.

The simulcasts of the above named racing programs will be utilized as permitted under the Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on September 26, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the harness simulcast signals from Pompano Park in Florida and the Red Mile in Lexington, Kentucky. Also approved are the thoroughbred racetracks owned by Penn National that includes Pocono Downs, Penn National and The Charles Town Races.

The Pompano Park agreement is through June 30, 2004, however the representative horsemen □s group at Pompano Park has issued the federally required letter for this simulcast to take place through December 31, 2003 only. Therefore, a new horsemens □ letter of permission must be filed with the Board to continue with Pompano Park simulcasts in 2004.

7. CAPITAL OTB CLOSING OF E-Z BET LOCATION - GREENWICH

For entry into the minutes, on September 23, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB for the closing of the Washington County off-track betting and E-Z Bet facility located within the Thyme Out Tavern in Greenwich.

This approval is effective immediately.

8. CATSKILL OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST OAK TREE

For entry into the minutes, on September 26, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Catskill Regional OTB to amend is plan of operation enabling the continued import of simulcasts from the Oak Tree race meeting conducted at Santa Anita Park in California scheduled from September 28th through November 9, 2003.

This approval is effective immediately and can continue when in compliance with the Racing Law through the end of the 2003 Santa Anita (Oak Tree) race meeting.

9. WESTERN OTB/BATAVIA DOWNS REQUEST TO OFFER PROMOTION

For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Batavia Downs to amend its plan of operation enabling a "superfecta betting sprees" promotion as outlined in the submitted application and conducted under the submitted rules.

10. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO CHANGE POST TIME - 10/25/03

For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes to amend its plan of operation in regard to the first post time on World Thoroughbred Championship Day (Breeders Cup Day).

The Board approved the first post time for Breeders Cup Day 2003 to be 12:15 p.m. for the Finger Lakes live racing program.

11. NYRA REQUEST TO OFFER PROMOTION

For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, approval was granted for the request by NYRA to conduct the Fall 2003 Aqueduct Race Track "Sudden Death" internet handicapping contest.

This contest will continue throughout the year 2003 Fall Aqueduct Race Track race meeting which begins on October 29th through November 30th, with the condition of a ten dollar (\$10.00) entry fee per contestant and all paid entry fees returned to the winners as outlined in the rules.

12. CATSKILL OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS

For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Catskill Regional OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of thoroughbred simulcasts from Remington Park in Oklahoma and from the Woodlands in Kansas.

This approval is effective immediately and for the remainder of the year 2003 race meetings. These simulcasts can continue whenever in compliance with the Racing Law.

* For entry into the minutes, on October 8, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Catskill Regional OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from the harness racetracks known as Harrington Raceway in Delaware and Northville Downs in Michigan.

These approvals are effective immediately and can continue whenever in compliance with the Racing Law through the end of 2003.

13. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS

For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the request by Capital District Regional OTB to amend its simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of thoroughbred races from Longchamps Race Course in France through Arlington Park on Sunday, October 5, 2003.

This import from Longchamps includes The Prix de I□Arc de Triomphe Stakes (The Arc) among the six-featured stakes races offered.

C. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE BOARD

1. IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL DAVILA

For entry into the minutes, on September 22, 2003, the Board approved the summary suspension of thoroughbred jockey Michael Davila upon the finding that the public safety and welfare imperatively require this emergency action. On September 13, 2003 he submitted a urine sample for testing which produced a test result positive for amphetamines in violation of Board Rule 4042.5(c) and a term of conditions for reinstatement signed by him on June 7, 2003.

2. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST FOR DEMOLITION WORK IN PADDOCK

For entry into the minutes, on September 30, 2003, the Board approved the request by Monticello Raceway to demolish five barns pursuant to Section 322 of the New York State Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law. These five barns had been condemned by the Village of Monticello on the "Order to Remedy Violation" dated August 29, 2003. This approval is specific to the barns in question.

3. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF VLT DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION

For entry into the minutes, on October 3, 2003, approval was granted for the requests by Saratoga Harness for limited construction related to the proposed Video Lottery Terminal facilities, pursuant to Section 322 of the NYS Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

The construction approved is described in the request letters submitted by Saratoga Harness dated September 26 and September 29, 2003 respectively, together with the New York State Office of General Services construction permits for limited construction only. Further approval of this Board will be required prior to any other alteration/construction phase of the VLT project.

4. FINGER LAKES REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF VLT RELATED DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION

For entry into the minutes, on October 10, 2003, the Board approved the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association, dated October 7, 2003, for Hazardous Waste Abatement and Demolition Removal for the proposed Video Lottery Terminal operations at Finger Lakes Racetrack pursuant to Section 239 of the New York State Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

The abatement and demolition approved is described in an October 10, 2003 letter from Terry C. Burton, Assistant General Counsel for Delaware North and the construction permit dated October 6, 2003 issued by the Office of General Services. Additional approval of this Board will be required prior to any other construction related to this project.

D. ITEMS TO BE APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE BOARD

1. IN THE MATTER OF THE DISQUALIFICATION OF "CASH REGISTER" ON 7/27/03 (SAM BURGIO)

The Board approved Hearing Officer Baller□s recommendation that the decision of the judges at Buffalo Raceway to disqualify the horse CASH REGISTER for interference in violation of Board Rule 4117.4(a) and place the horse from second to eighth place in the fifth race of July 27, 2002, be affirmed.

1. IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM CLARK, JR.

The Board approved Hearing Officer Baller s recommendation that the refusal to issue a license to harness trainer-driver William Clark, Jr., based upon the finding that Mr. Clark s experience, character and fitness are such that his participation in pari-mutuel racing would be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, or with the best interests of racing based upon criminal conduct, be upheld.

3. IN THE MATTER OF JERRY CONRAD

The Board approved Hearing Officer Baller□s recommendation that the thoroughbred assistant starter and groom license of Jerry Conrad be revoked following the report of a positive test for the drug cocaine, which resulted from a sample collected from the licensee on July 5, 2003 at Finger Lakes Racetrack, in violation of Section 213(2) of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law and Board Rule 4042.5(c).

4. IN THE MATTER OF JOSE DAVILA

The Board adopted Hearing Officer Baller□s recommendation that the decision of the State Steward at Finger Lakes to suspend Mr. Davila□s license for causing interference during two separate incidents, while riding SCARLET□S MAGICK in the eighth race on June 16, 2003, in violation of Board Rule 4035.2, be upheld. The Board modified the 10-day suspension (recommended to be 20days by the hearing officer) to a suspension of 15 days based upon the two separate incidents involved.

5. IN THE MATTER OF RENE MARTINEZ & JUAN LEON

The Board approved Hearing Officer Baller s recommendation that the thoroughbred licenses of Rene Martinez and Juan Leon be revoked based on a finding that the character and fitness of each are such that their continued participation in pari-mutuel racing would be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, or with the best interests of racing generally in that each of the respondents is ineligible to work in the United States.

6. IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL POZEFSKY

The Board approved Hearing Officer Baller□s recommendation that the decision of the judges at Saratoga Raceway to declare the horse KILLINGTON□S PRINCE a non-starter in the first race at Saratoga Raceway on May 30, 2003 be affirmed as a judgment call that is not subject to appeal under Board Rules and precedents.

7. IN THE MATTER OF OBED SANCHEZ

The Board approved Hearing Officer Baller□s recommendation that the thoroughbred exercise rider license of Obed Sanchez be revoked due to violation of Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 213(2) and Board Rule 4002.9 based on a finding that he had failed to comply with the terms of his "Voluntary Agreement" to conditions in relation to his continued participation in racing.

8. RULE PROPOSAL □ THOROUGHBRED TRIFECTA RULE □ 4011.22(i)

The Board amended thoroughbred Rule 4011.22(i) governing the required number of betting entries for the conduct of trifecta wagering in thoroughbred racing by adopting the text of a rule amendment by emergency rulemaking

and proposing the identical text by standard rulemaking. The Board determined that paragraph (i) of Rule 4011.22 be amended to provide for the conduct of trifecta wagering on stakes races, handicap races and allowance races, provided there are at least five betting entries. The intent is to exclude claiming races, maiden special weight races and any type of race that does not satisfy the common and traditional use in New York of the terms stakes, handicap and allowance races. The Board steward would be authorized to require that there be at least six betting interests if, in his discretion, this is necessary to protect the wagering public.

The permanent rule provision provides that no trifecta wagering shall be conducted unless there are at least six betting entries. There is an existing temporary rule provision, adopted by the Board on August 1, 2003 by emergency rulemaking, effective through October 29, 2003. That provision provides for the conduct of trifecta wagering on Graded Stakes races, provided there are at least five betting entries

Due to the potential loss of trifecta wagering pools in types of races other than Graded Stakes races, with the corresponding loss of monies to the State, municipalities, tracks, horsemen and breeding funds.

The amendment will become effective for ninety (90) days, upon filing with the Department of State.

9. NYRA REQUEST TO SEND SIGNAL TO SUNY MORRISVILLE

The Board approved the request by NYRA to send its simulcast signal for use in conjunction with the Equine Program at the Morrisville College, a SUNY school located in Morrisville, New York.

This promotion permits the provision of decoders for the encrypted video feed and associated activities with its live racing presentation from NYRA. As outlined in the request letter, "this would be provided for educational purposes only and no pari-mutuel wagering would occur."

10. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONAIRE - BRIDGEPORT

The Board approved the appointment of Steven Paul DiVeronica as the concessionaire at the Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation ☐s Bridgeport branch located at Route 31 in Bridgeport, New York.

The approval is conditioned upon the satisfactory return of Mr. DiVeronica \square s federal submission of prints to the Board.

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. GAMES OF CHANCE \square BINGO REGISTRATION NUMBERS \square SEPTEMBER \square 10/03-06-F

	List of Games of Chance and Bingo Registration Numbers authorized/denied by the Charitable Gaming Unit between September 10, 2003 □ October 7, 2003.
2. GAMES O	F CHANCE □ BELL JAR TICKETS □ SEPTEMBER □ 10/03-07-E
	List of bell jar ticket authorized/denied by the Charitable Gaming Unit between
	September 10, 2003 □ October 7, 2003.
3. LICENSIN 10/03-04-E	NG □ CURRENT RACING LICENSING COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 2003 -
	The current racing licensing counts as of October 8, 2003 are as follows: total receipts 11376 and total licenses 9450.
4. INDIAN (GAMING - LICENSING STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2003 \square
09/03-29-E	
	Licensing statistics for September 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003. Also included are the certifications for Turning Stone, Akwesasne and Seneca Niagara.
5. FIVE	YEAR RULE REVIEW □ REVIEW OF RULES ADOPTED IN 1998 □
10/03	-03-E
refer	Rule Review Notice, which sets forth that the Board determined that the enced rules should be continued without modification, was published in tate Register on October 1, 2003.
6. NYRA	A AQUEDUCT RACE TRACKOPENING GRANDSTAND AREA
10/03-08-E	
	The opening of the Aqueduct Race Track, scheduled for October 29 th , will not be affected by the demolition started within the grandstand area in preparation for the installation of video lottery terminals.

most of the third floor.

There will however be certain areas of the grandstand that will be closed to the public. These areas include all of the second floor and

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.