

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
DECEMBER 9, 2008
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

On Tuesday, December 9, 2008, a Regular Meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room 040 on the 9th floor of the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Dennis Bookshester, Joseph Casciato, Jack Chamblin, Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr., Jon Metcalf, Michael Murphy and Robert Winchester. Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita and Mickey Ezzo were also present. Commissioners Tim Martin and Paul Smith were absent.

Chairman Sinopoli called the meeting to order.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

David Jabaay and Frederick Linz, harness horse owners, appealed the Stewards rulings fining them \$750 each for violating IRB rule 510.200(a). Their horse "Officer Joe" raced at Indiana Downs on August 16, 2008 after being claimed at Hawthorne Race Course on July 12, 2008. IRB rule 510.200(a) states that claimed horses in the Chicagoland area shall not race at any racetrack for 60 days except at another racetrack located in the Chicagoland area unless express written consent is obtained from the Racing Secretary at the racetrack where the horse was claimed.

Commissioner Winchester moved that the Stewards rulings for Mr. Jabaay and Mr. Linz be upheld. Commissioner Chamblin seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve the 2009 stakes schedule submitted by Arlington Park. Commissioner Chamblin seconded the motion. President Frank Kirby and Executive Director Greg Szymiski appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Tony Petrillo, representing Arlington Park and Jim Miller, representing Hawthorne Race Course also appeared. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. The schedule includes the Grade I Arlington Million (\$1 million purse), the Grade I Beverly D (\$750,000 purse) and the Grade I Secretariat Stakes (\$400,000 purse) to be run on August 8, 2009.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the 2009 stakes schedule submitted by Hawthorne Race Course. Commissioner Bookshester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. The schedule includes the Grade II Illinois Derby (\$500,000 purse) to be run on April 4, 2009 and the Grade II Hawthorne Gold Cup (\$500,000 purse) to be run on October 3, 2009.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request submitted by Hawthorne Race Course to vacate live racing on January 5, 2009 and race live on January 7, 2009. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Casciato moved to approve the list of racing officials submitted by Hawthorne Race Course for 2009. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Chamblin moved to approve the list of racing officials submitted by Balmoral Park for 2009. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve the list of racing officials submitted by Maywood Park for 2009. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Chamblin moved to approve the following intertrack wagering licenses for 2009: Arlington Park, Balmoral Park, Fairmount Park, Hawthorne Race Course, Maywood Park and Quad City Downs. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Winchester moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location (OTB) licenses for 2009: Arlington Park – Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park and Chicago Weed Street; Balmoral Park – Normal, Peoria, Champaign and Chicago Corliss; Fairmount Park – Springfield, Alton, Carbondale and Sauget; Hawthorne Race Course – Elk Grove Village, Oak Brook, Chicago LaSalle Street, Peru, Crestwood and Joliet; Maywood Park – Aurora, North Aurora, Niles, Chicago Jackson Street and Mokena; and Quad City Downs – Rockford, McHenry, South Elgin, South Beloit and Lockport. Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Casciato moved to approve the following concessionaire licenses for 2009: Arlington OTB Corporation, Coast To Coast Food Service, Salerno Pincente Ristorante II, Stoney Point Grill, Levy Premium Food Service, Quad City Downs, Post Time Catering, Furnace Room Tobacco, Fairmount Park, InterTrack Partners, Peoria Forrest Hill Corporation, Prefer Valet Parking Services, Tads Sports Bar & Grill, Reprise Corporation, The Foundry, Van Lenhardt, Lucky's Bar & Grill, Ringside, Jupiter's At The Crossing, The Turf Room, Fat Sam's Bar & Grill, Salerno Pincente Ristorante, All Seasons Golf and LaSalle Club OTB.

Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. Jim Stumpf appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Section 32.1 of the Horse Racing Act authorizes the Board to certify in writing prior to December 31st, the real estate taxes paid in that year for each racetrack and the amount of the pari-mutuel tax credit that each organization licensee, intertrack wagering licensee, and intertrack wagering location licensee is entitled to in the succeeding calendar year.

Commissioner Ciambone moved that the following pari-mutuel tax credits be certified by the Board: Arlington Park - \$2,501,810.01; Balmoral Park - \$123,579.48; Fairmount Park - \$77,402.82; Hawthorne Race Course - \$712,383.49; and Maywood Park - \$310,246.95. Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve the following Board meeting schedule for 2009: January 13, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15 (Dates Hearing), October 13, November 10 and December 8. All meetings will start at 9:00 a.m. with the exception of January, November and December which will start at 9:30 a.m. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Ciambone moved that the Board approve the minutes of its regular meeting on November 12, 2008. Commissioner Bookshester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Chamblin motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Farley seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino
Executive Director