

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ILLINOIS RACING BOARD
MARCH 10, 2009
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room C-500 on the 5th floor, 160 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Dennis Bookshester (telephonic), Joseph Casciato, W. Jack Chamblin, Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr., Timothy Martin, Jon Metcalf, Michael Murphy, Paul Smith and Robert Winchester. Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Sinopoli called the meeting to order.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Winchester moved to approve the list of racing officials submitted by Arlington Park for 2009. Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. Outriders Shawn Brasseaux and Donald Toombs were removed from the list by Arlington Park. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request by Arlington Park for the Board to make an exception to Section (19)(a)(1) of the Act. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Arlington Park proposed to overlap Maywood Park's race card on Friday, July 3, 2009, including a 4:00 p.m. first post. Section (19)(a)(1) of the Act prohibits two tracks within 35 miles of each other from conducting live racing on the same date during the same hours. Exceptions are permitted in subsection (c) of Section 21 which states that the Board may determine and grant racing days on conflicting dates if it's in the best interests of racing. Arlington and Maywood reached an agreement on the request.

BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Smith moved that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend Section 603.180, Carbon Dioxide Tests, to eliminate the 39 TCO₂ level for horses on lasix. The TCO₂ level of 37 shall apply to all horses. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. State Veterinarian Dr. David Fitzpatrick appeared on behalf of the Board and David McCaffrey appeared on behalf of the IHHA. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Proposals to amend to Section 603.70, Furosemide, were deferred.

Commissioner Chamblin moved that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend Section 510.200, Claimed Horse Racing Elsewhere, to eliminate the distinction between upstate and downstate thoroughbred tracks and to reduce from 60 days to 45, the time a claimed thoroughbred horse has to remain in Illinois. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board initiate rulemaking to create Part 450, Horseman's Bookkeeping System Licensees. Horseman's bookkeeping is currently being done by the Horsemen's Guarantee Corporation of America. The HGCA provides thoroughbred and harness bookkeeping services at Arlington Park, Balmoral Park, Hawthorne Race Course and Maywood Park. Recent disputes between individual horsemen involving the transfer of funds clearly indicates the need for regulatory oversight. As a condition of licensing, the Board shall require internal control systems, mechanisms for audits, and the licensing of the companies employees. Commissioner Ciambone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

In the matter of Gregory Henderson, case #2008H13, Commissioner Martin moved that stewards ruling #082089 be overturned. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. Harness driver Gregory Henderson was suspended for failing to submit to a drug test. The Board approved the motion unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Ciambone, on behalf of the Board, honored Hawthorne Race Course with a proclamation in celebration of their 100 years of racing. President Tim Carey accepted on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Chairman Sinopoli congratulated Arlington Park President Roy Arnold for being elected the 34th President of the Thoroughbred Racing Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Winchester moved that the Board approve the minutes of its regular meeting on January 13, 2009. Commissioner Bookshester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Ciambone motioned for adjournment to Executive Session and Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. The Board retired to Executive Session.

The Board remained in Executive Session until approximately 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Winchester motioned that the Board go back into Open Session. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. No official actions were taken by the Board in Executive Session. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Winchester motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Ciambrone seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino
Executive Director