

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
ILLINOIS RACING BOARD  
MAY 12, 2009  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

On Tuesday, May 12, 2009, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:00 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Dennis Bookshester, Joseph Casciato, W. Jack Chamblin (telephonic), Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr. (telephonic), Timothy Martin, Jon Metcalf, Michael Murphy (telephonic), Paul Smith and Robert Winchester (telephonic). Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Sinopoli called the meeting to order and announced a hearing will be scheduled for June 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to receive evidence and testimony pursuant to the Court's remand in the administrative review case of Suburban Downs, Inc./Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association v. Illinois Racing Board, regarding the conditions contained in paragraph number 25 in the 2009 Dates Order.

**ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUEST**

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Arlington Park. Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. Approved were Outriders Furrel Good and Carlos Gonzalez, Jockey's Room Custodian Leo Gonzalez, Synthetic Track Superintendent Richard Malagon, and Turf Course Superintendent Gabriel Ruiz. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Winchester moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Fairmount Park. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. Approved were Steve Schwartz, Clerk of Scales, and Amber Rakes, Outrider. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the 2009 stakes schedule submitted by Fairmount Park. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Fairmount Park will conduct six stakes races on August 25, 2009, each carrying a purse of \$50,000. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

The request submitted by Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. to transfer live racing on Tuesdays from Balmoral Park to Maywood Park was withdrawn by the applicant.

Chairman Sinopoli moved to approve a request submitted by Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. for an intertrack wagering location (OTB) license at 5295 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Commissioner Casciato seconded the motion. Balmoral Park proposes a joint venture with Yavitski, LLC to develop the vacant property located in the Prairie Stone Business Park, immediately north of the Northwest Tollway and one mile west of Illinois Route 59, adjacent to the Sears Centre. Scheduled to open in February 2010, The Saddle Room will be a 10,960 square foot restaurant and bar with two dining rooms, lounge, wine bar and outdoor patio. Balmoral Park proposes to lease 2,500 square feet for pari-mutuel wagering. Tim Carey, Hawthorne Race Course, William "Duke" Johnston, Balmoral Park, Bob Bilocerkowycz, Intertrack Partners, and Greg Szymiski, Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association addressed the Board. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

### **OCCUPATION LICENSEE REQUEST**

Commissioner Chamblin moved to approve a request submitted by Yavitski, LLC (doing business as The Saddle Room) for an occupation license to operate as a concessionaire at the intertrack wagering location at 5295 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Yavitski, LLC is a partnership consisting of three individuals, John Grabowki, Parker Grabowski, and Ian Yavitz. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

### **BOARD ITEMS**

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend Section 603.180, Carbon Dioxide Tests, to amend the split sample procedure and penalty structure. Commissioner Ciambone seconded the motion. State Veterinarians Dr. David Fitzpatrick and Dr. Joseph Lokanc appeared on behalf of the Board to answer questions and discuss the details of the proposed changes. Tony Somone, Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, and Greg Szymiski, Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, appeared in support of the motion. The Board approved the motion by a roll call vote, 8-2. Commissioners Metcalf and Smith opposed the motion.

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board initiate rulemaking to amend Section 603.70, Furosemide, to adopt the ARCI model rule. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. State Veterinarians Dr. David Fitzpatrick and Dr. Joseph Lokanc once again appeared on behalf of the Board to answer questions and discuss the details of the proposed changes. Tony Somone, Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, and Greg Szymiski, Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, appeared in support of the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

The request submitted by Board staff to initiate rulemaking to adopt the ARCI model rule regarding standardbred whipping was withdrawn and a hearing will be scheduled to seek input on the model rule.

Commissioner Ciambone moved that the Board initiate rulemaking to adopt the ARCI model rule regarding thoroughbred riding crops. Commissioner Chamblin seconded the motion. State

Steward Eddie Arroyo appeared on behalf of the Board to answer questions. Roy Arnold, Arlington Park, and Greg Szymiski, Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, addressed the Board. Crop specifications include a maximum weight of eight ounces, maximum length of 30 inches, and the topmost seven inches covered by a shock absorbing material. The model rule also gives guidance to jockeys on the appropriate use of the crop. The Jockey's Guild supports the model rule. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioners Ciambrone and Smith, on behalf of the Board, honored harness driver Dave Magee with a proclamation for being only the sixth driver in harness racing history to win 11,000 races.

Chairman Sinopoli congratulated Arlington Park's Richard Duchossois for receiving the William H. May Award from the Association of Racing Commissioners International. The award recognizes meritorious service to racing by an individual or group.

Commissioner Martin congratulated Arlington Park and Hawthorne Race Course for the marketing and promotions done on Derby Day.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Sinopoli moved that the Board approve the minutes of its regular meeting on March 10, 2009. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:20 a.m., Chairman Sinopoli motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino  
Executive Director