



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, August 27, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at Arlington Park Racetrack at 11:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jeff Brincat, Commissioners Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present. Absent: Commissioners Byrne (telephonic) and Swoope.

BOARD ITEMS

A unanimous roll call vote was taken to allow Commission Byrne to attend the meeting telephically. Commissioner Byrne's votes were not counted because her absence was not a listed absence under section 7 of the Open Meetings Act. At the request of Commissioner Byrne, this vote is under review by the Public Access Counselor.

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. presented a report on their financial status and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Randy Olech, William "Duke" Johnston, William McKenna, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Sronce moved to permit Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. to vacate live racing on Thursdays and Fridays beginning October 8, 2015 and continuing throughout the remainder of 2015. Commissioner Kalita seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 4 (had Commissioner Byrne's voted counted, the motion would have failed 5-5). Commissioners Muriel, Scates, Schiewe, and Whalen voted against the motion. William Johnston and Randy Olech appeared on behalf of Maywood Park. Dave McCaffrey and Tony Somone appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association.

Commissioner Sronce moved to permit Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. to move live racing on Sundays to Fridays starting October 9, 2015 and continuing throughout the remainder of 2015. Commissioner Kalita seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Fairmount Park for a disbursement in the amount of \$59,500 from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund, pursuant to Section 26.9 of the Act, for quarter horse races. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve a request by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. to switch live racing from Thursdays to Tuesdays for their 2015 fall meet. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve the 2016 fall stakes schedule for Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. Commissioner Muriel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

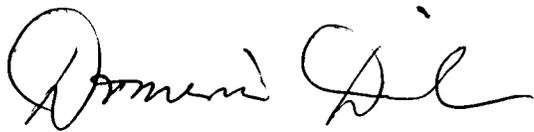
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 12:45 p.m., Commissioner Sronce moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Domenic DiCera
Executive Director