



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 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., Travis Swoope, and Roger Whalen. Absent: Commissioner Greg Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, Bob Lang, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

#### BOARD ITEMS

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

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve a charitable grant in the amount of \$750,000 to the Racing Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc. (RICF) authorized under Section 31.1 of the Horse Racing Act. The grant is subject to stipulations outlined in the grant agreement. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Ken Kiehn and Peggy Goetsch appeared on behalf of RICF.

Commissioner Swoope moved to approve the certification of the following pari-mutuel tax credits authorized under Section 32.1 of the Horse Racing Act: Arlington Park, \$2,336,023.69; Fairmount Park, \$81,774.34; and Hawthorne Race Course, \$625,280.11. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Section 603.60 (Permitted Use of Foreign Substances and Threshold Levels) of the Illinois Administrative Code. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The proposed rulemaking adds secondary threshold levels for three NSAIDs, flunixin, ketoprofen, and phenylbutazone. The proposed rulemaking also includes the addition of threshold levels for five therapeutic medications, cetirizine, guaifenesin, ranitidine, cimetidine, and methylprednisolone. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Steve Brubaker appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA).

#### LICENSEE REQUESTS

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for calendar year 2016. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Suburban Downs, Inc. (SDI) for calendar year 2016. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve a request submitted by SDI to vacate two live race programs, January 6 and 7, 2016, conditioned upon mutual agreement of SDI and the IHHA. SDI agreed to card 18 additional races

during their January/February meet. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Tim Carey appeared on behalf of SDI. Steve Brubaker appeared on behalf of the IHHA.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the following intertrack wagering licenses for calendar year 2016. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Arlington International Racecourse, LLC  
Balmoral Racing Club, Inc.  
Fairmount Park, Inc.  
Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.  
Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc.  
Quad City Downs, Inc.  
Suburban Downs, Inc.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location (OTB) licenses for calendar year 2016, subject to the provisions in paragraph 50 of the 2016 Dates Order. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Brian Zander appeared on behalf of Fairmount Park. Tim Carey and John Walsh appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. William Johnston, Randy Olech, and Nathan Rugg appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

Arlington Park – locations in Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park, Orland Hills, and on Weed Street in Chicago.  
Balmoral Park – locations in Crestwood, Champaign, and Normal.  
Fairmount Park – locations in Springfield, Sauget, and Alton.  
Hawthorne Race Course – locations in Mokena, Joliet, Glendale Heights, Bolingbrook, Prospect Heights, and on Corliss Avenue in Chicago.  
Maywood Park – locations in North Aurora, Lockport, Nilens, Oak Brook Terrace, Hoffman Estates, and Elk Grove Village.  
Quad City Downs – locations in South Elgin, Rockford, Aurora, and McHenry.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the following concessionaire licenses for calendar year 2016. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Arlington OTB Corporation servicing the Waukegan OTB.  
Coast to Coast Food Service at Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.  
Illinois Off-Track Betting servicing the OTB locations in Crestwood, Nilens, and Oak Brook Terrace.  
The Foundry servicing the Aurora OTB.  
Furnace Room Tobacco servicing the Aurora OTB.  
Stoney Point Grill servicing the Mokena OTB.  
Levy Premium Foodservice at Arlington Park.  
Post Time Catering at Hawthorne Race Course and the OTB locations in Joliet and Corliss.  
Fairmount Park, Inc. at Fairmount Park and the OTB locations in Sauget and Springfield.  
Prefer Valet Parking servicing the Weed Street OTB.  
Salerno's Hodgkins, Inc. servicing the Hodgkins OTB.  
Frank GF servicing the Villa Park OTB.  
Van Lenhardt servicing the Alton OTB.  
All Seasons Golf Learning Center servicing the OTB in Normal.  
Reprise Corporation servicing the McHenry OTB.  
Jupiter's at the Crossing servicing the Champaign OTB.  
Feebz3 servicing the Lockport OTB.  
The Turf Room servicing the North Aurora OTB.

Don Carter Lanes servicing the Rockford OTB.  
Stanley's Family Sports Grill servicing the South Elgin OTB.  
Where's The Duke servicing the Weed Street OTB.  
The Saddle Room servicing the Hoffman Estates OTB.  
Players Pub & Grill servicing the Prospect Heights OTB.  
LaRocco Bros. servicing the Orland Hills OTB.  
BBK Sports, LLC servicing the Bolingbrook OTB.  
Mike Ditka's Arlington Heights, LLC servicing Arlington Trackside.  
At The Post, LLC servicing the Elk Grove Village OTB.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the following Board meeting schedule for 2016. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Tuesday, January 26 at the James R. Thompson Center (JRTC)  
Tuesday, February 23 at the JRTC  
Tuesday, March 22 at the JRTC  
Tuesday, April 26 at the JRTC  
Tuesday, May 24 at Fairmount Park  
Tuesday, June 28 at the JRTC  
Thursday, July 28 at Arlington Park  
Tuesday, August 30 at the JRTC  
Tuesday, September 27 (Dates Hearing) at the JRTC  
Wednesday, October 19 at the Hawthorne Race Course  
Tuesday, November 15 at the JRTC  
Tuesday, December 13 at the JRTC

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Brincat moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Kalita abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:30 p.m., Chairman Brincat moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera  
Executive Director