



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at Hawthorne Race Course, Stickney, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jeff Brincat, Commissioners Kathy Byrne, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, Travis Swoope, and Roger Whalen. Absent: Commissioner Kalita. 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 Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

Effective December 1, 2015, the Board will begin enforcement of the threshold levels and recommended penalties for cobalt (class 3), contained in the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances.

#### LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Q Bar North, Inc. for an occupation license, for the remainder of 2015 and calendar year 2016, to operate as a concessionaire at 2240 Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights, Illinois, conditioned upon satisfactory results of Robert Taft's criminal background and tax compliance checks. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Amtote International, Inc., Sportech Racing, LLC, and United Tote Company for totalizator licenses to operate during calendar year 2016. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve a request submitted by ODS Technologies, LP, Xpressbet, LLC, Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company, and Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for advance deposit wagering licenses to operate during calendar year 2016. Regarding Hawthorne's contract with Xpressbet, the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) did not reasonably withhold consent. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0 with Commissioner Byrne voting present. Tim Carey and John Walsh appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course. Glen Berman appeared on behalf of the ITHA. Gene Chabrier appeared on behalf of Xpressbet.

#### COMMISSIONER REQUEST

Commissioner Byrne withdrew her request for approval to initiate rulemaking to amend Section 605.90 of the Illinois Administrative Code (Humane Treatment of Horses). Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the ITHA. David McCaffrey appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Richard

Duchossois appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Eric Poders also appeared. Commissioner Byrne announced her resignation from the Illinois Racing Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2015 and September 29, 2015 Board meetings. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-1 by roll call vote. Commissioner Schiewe voted against the motion.

**ADJOURMENT**

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Brincat moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sronce 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 long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Domenic DiCera  
Executive Director