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ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 10:00 a.m.at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Kathy Byrne (telephonic), Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Pursuant to IRB rule 206.50, Chairman Berry moved to allow Commissioner Byrne to participate in the meeting telephonically. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Chairman Berry moved to amend the 2014 stakes schedule submitted by Fairmount Park to reflect the two \$100,000 Illinois bred stakes that will be run on September 9, 2014. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the amended Fairmount Park 2014 stakes schedule. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Berry moved to table to the March meeting, a request by Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. to amend the 2014 Dates Order to vacate live racing on Wednesdays in 2014. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion and second were withdrawn. Chairman Berry moved to deny Balmoral Park's request to amend the 2014 Dates Order to vacate live racing on Wednesdays. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. David McCaffrey appeared on behalf of the IHHA. Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the ITHA. John Johnston and Eliot Narotsky appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park.

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve Maywood Park's petition that consent to conduct advance deposit wagering is being unreasonably withheld by the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Commissioner Schiewe moved to deny Maywood Park's petition that consent to conduct advance deposit wagering is being unreasonably withheld by the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 3. Chairman Berry and Commissioners Monat and LaPidus voted against the motion. David McCaffrey and Tony Somone appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Jim Hannon and Mike Belmonte appeared on behalf of Maywood Park.

BOARD REQUEST

Chairman Berry moved to amend the proposed revisions to the 2014 meeting schedule by moving the date and location of the meeting from August 26, 2014 to August 14, 2014 to be held at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Commissioner Reyes moved to adopt the revisions to the 2014 meeting schedule, including the amendment. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2014 Board meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 12:20 p.m., Chairman Berry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marc Laino

Executive Director