



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

On Thursday November 16, 2023, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 555 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois starting at 11:00 a.m. The following Board members participated: Chairman Dan Beiser, Commissioners Eddie Arroyo, Beth Doria, Lydia Gray, Marc Laino, Alyssa Murphy, Benjamin Reyes, Patricia Saccone, and Michael Schmidt. Pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act and Illinois Racing Board Rule 206.50 Commissioner Leslie Breuer, Jr. was approved to participate remotely. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Lindsay Evans, Bob Denneen, Michael Belmonte, Vitto Okoye, and Donald Marquez also participated.

LICENSEE REQUESTS:

Commissioner Arroyo moved for approval of the following totalizator licensees for calendar year 2024:

- Amtote International, Inc
- United Tote Company
- Global Tote

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Arroyo moved for approval of the following advance deposit wagering licensees for calendar year 2024:

- ODS Technologies, DBA TVG and FanDuel Racing
- Xpressbet, also doing business as Horse Tourneys and operating the white label affiliate Daily Racing Form.
- Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company, doing business as Twin Spires and Bet America, and operating their white label affiliates Keeneland Select and DK Horse.
- Hawthorne Race Course, Inc
- NYRA Bets, also operating their white label affiliate American Wagering Inc, doing business as Caesars Racebook.
- AmWest Entertainment, LLC

Commissioner Saccone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of the following intertrack wagering licensees for calendar year 2024:

- Fairmount Park, Inc
- Hawthorne Race Course
- Suburban Downs, Inc.

Commissioner Doria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Gray moved for approval of the following intertrack wagering location (OTB) licensees for calendar year 2024:

- Fairmount Park, Inc. – locations in Springfield, Sauget, and Alton.

- Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. – locations in Mokena, Joliet, Lansing, Prospect Heights, Crestwood, Oakbrook Terrace, Evergreen Park, Hoffman Estates, McHenry, North Aurora, Rockford, and Villa Park.

Commissioner Saccone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Saccone moved for approval of the following occupation licensees to operate as concessionaires for calendar year 2024.

- Entree You, LLC servicing the Crestwood OTB
- Glass Half Full, LLC servicing the Crestwood OTB.
- Stoney Point Grill, LLC servicing the Mokena OTB.
- Pony Up OBT, LLC servicing the Oakbrook Terrace OTB.
- Salerno’s McHenry, Inc. servicing the McHenry OTB
- Frank GF, Inc doing business as Crazy Pour servicing the Villa Park OTB.
- Don Carter Lanes, Inc. servicing the Rockford OTB.
- Players Pub & Grill, LLC servicing the Prospect Heights OTB.
- The Turfroom servicing the North Aurora OTB
- Raul’s Kitchen Corp servicing Hawthorne Race Course
- Post Time Catering, Inc servicing Hawthorne Race Course
- Voska Ventures, LLC doing business as Black Eyed Susan servicing the Lansing, Evergreen Park, and Joliet OTB’s.
- The Saddle Room, LLC servicing the Hoffman Estates OTB.
- Fairmount Park, Inc. at Fairmount Park servicing Fairmount Park and the Springfield OTB.
- Van Lenhardt, Inc. servicing the Alton OTB

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

BOARD REQUESTS

Commissioner Laino moved for approval of the following Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2024.

- Thursday, January 25 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, February 22 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, March 21 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, April 18 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, May 16 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, June 20 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, July 18 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, August 15 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, September 19 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, October 10 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, November 21 at 555 West Monroe
- Thursday, December 19 at 555 West Monroe

Commissioner Saccone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote

LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval to vacate live racing at Suburban Downs on the following Saturdays: November 25th, December 2nd, December 9th, December 16th, and December 30th.. Commissioner Doria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

STAFF REQUEST

Commissioner Saccone moved for approval of the pari-mutal tax credit authorized under Section 32.1 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act. Commissioner Doria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

UPDATE ON 2024 CHARITABLE FUNDS

Pursuant to Section 31.1 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act the Board is required to award charitable grants to non-profit organizations that provide “medical and family counseling and similar services to persons who reside or work on the backstretch of Illinois racetracks”. An application was submitted for consideration by Racing Industry Charitable Foundation (RICF) and a scoring committee performed a merit-based review of the application based on the published criteria. The application review committee recommended funding this grant application. No action was taken by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Arroyo moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 board meeting. Commissioner Saccone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:07 PM., Commissioner Reyes moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Doria seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director