



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at Hawthorne Race Course, 3501 S. Laramie Ave., Cicero, Illinois starting at 5:00 p.m. The following Board members were present at Hawthorne Race Course: Chairman Jeff Brincat and Commissioners Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Thomas McCauley, Robert Muriel, Edgar Ramirez, Robert Schiewe, Jr., and Travis Swoope. Telephonic: Commissioner Arlene Mulder. Absent: Commissioners Hugh Scates and Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, Bob Lang, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Brincat moved to allow Commissioner Mulder to attend the meeting telephonically pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Schiewe joined the meeting at Hawthorne Race Course.

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Fairmount Park, Inc. for calendar year 2018. Commissioner Muriel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for calendar year 2018. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

BOARD REQUESTS

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Section 603.60 of the Illinois Racing Board rules by referencing version 13.4 of the ARCI medication guidelines. Also amend Section 603.75 by updating the thresholds for caffeine and theobromine pursuant to the ARCI Environmental Substances Schedule. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Michael Campbell and David McCaffrey testified on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Tony Somone testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association.

Commissioner McCauley moved to certify the following purse recapture amounts authorized under Section 26(g)(13) of the Act:

Arlington Park	\$ 4,440,400
Hawthorne Race Course Thoroughbred	\$ 2,978,824
Hawthorne Race Course Harness	\$ 1,822,451
Fairmount Park Thoroughbred	\$ 1,837,424
Fairmount Park Colt Fund	\$ 34,226

Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the provision in the Act that requires the Illinois General Assembly to "appropriate sufficient funds from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Agriculture for payment into the thoroughbred and standardbred horse racing purse accounts at

Illinois pari-mutuel tracks. The amount paid to each purse account shall be the amount certified by the Illinois Racing Board in January to be transferred from each account to each eligible racing facility in accordance with the provisions of this Section.” The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Michael Campbell and David McCaffrey testified on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. Tony Somone testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen’s Association.

Representatives from Fairmount Park, Inc., Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., Suburban Downs, Inc. and PariMAX made a presentation regarding Historic Horse Racing. Brian Zander and William Berry testified on behalf of Fairmount Park. Tim Carey, Michael Murray, and Robert Molaro testified on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course and Suburban Downs. David Payton and Cabot Haggin testified on behalf of PariMAX. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Michael Campbell and David McCaffrey testified on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association. Tony Somone testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen’s Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioners Lunt and Ramirez abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 p.m., Commissioner Schiewe moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director