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## **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD**

# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois starting at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present at the JRTC: Chairman Brincat and Commissioners Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Edgar Ramirez, Robert Schiewe, Jr., and Travis Swoope. Absent: Commissioners Robert Lunt, Shelley Kalita, Hugh Scates, and Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

### PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Kathy Gilroy discussed Historical Horse Racing. Eric Poders discussed Historical Horse Racing.

### LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve Dennis M. Taylor as Director of Security at Suburban Downs, Inc. Commissioner Swoope seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Swoope moved to approve a request submitted by Suburban Downs, Inc. to vacate live racing on Monday, July 2, 2018. Commissioner Mulder seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the 2018 concessionaire license of Arlington OTB Corporation to include Arlington Trackside at 2200 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote. Tony Petrillo testified on behalf of Arlington OTB Corporation.

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve the formation of a Historical Horse Racing (HHR) Committee to discuss issues and prepare rules for the implementation of HHR. Board members will be appointed at the discretion of the Chairman. The committee may provide an update at the July Board meeting. Commissioner Schiewe seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of appointing a committee. The legality of HHR and the formulation of rules were also discussed. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote. Tim Carey and Robert Molaro testified on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. and Suburban Downs, Inc. Brian Zander and William Berry testified on behalf of Fairmount Park, Inc.

## **BOARD REQUESTS**

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Section 502.500 and Part 422 of the IRB rules. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Muriel presented his report and moved to affirm the Stewards ruling and issue a \$2,000 fine to Francisco Giles (\$500 for the 2014 application and \$1,500 for the 2017 application). Commissioner Schiewe seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve conditions recommended by Board staff to address Fairmount Park's simulcast funds pursuant to Section 26(g)(7)-(10). Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the status of Senate Bill 3387. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote. Brian Zander, William Berry, and Richard Guidice testified on behalf of Fairmount Park, Inc.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Board meeting. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Chairman Brincat and Commissioner McCauley abstained from voting.

#### **ADJOURMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Mulder moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Domenic DiCera

Executive Director