



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, March 27, 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: Commissioners Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Edgar Ramirez, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., Gregory Sronce, and Travis Swoope. Absent: Chairman Jeff Brincat and Commissioners Shelley Kalita and Thomas McCauley. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, Bob Lang, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Brincat appointed Commissioner Sronce to chair the meeting.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve a request submitted by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC for an intertrack wagering location license at 650 Randall Crossing Lane, North Aurora, Illinois. Commissioner Mulder seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Scates moved to approve a request submitted by The Turf Room, LLC for an occupation license to operate as a concessionaire at 650 Randall Crossing Lane, North Aurora, Illinois. Commissioner Muriel seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Swoope moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC for calendar year 2018. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve a request submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for an intertrack wagering location license at 3225 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois. Commissioner Muriel seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve a request submitted by Peoria Forrest Hill Development Company for an occupation license to operate as a concessionaire at 3225 N. Dries Lane, Peoria, Illinois. Commissioner Swoope seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve a request submitted by Fine Eatz, LLC for an occupation license to operate as a concessionaire at 1304 Cross Creek Drive, Normal, Illinois. Commissioner Swoope seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

OTHER REQUEST

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve a request submitted by the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association to initiate rulemaking to amend Section 1313.70 of the Illinois Racing Board rules. Subsection (a) currently states that non-lasix standardbred horses must be in the paddock between 4 hours and 6 hours before scheduled

post time. The approved change would reduce the reporting time to 3 hours. Approved changes to subsection (b) are pursuant to Executive Order 2016-13. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Hosea Williams testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association.

BOARD REQUEST

Chairman Sronce motioned to move into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a request submitted by Commissioners Lunt, Muriel, and Scheiwe (agenda item #8) for Board staff to submit a request to the Illinois Attorney General's Office, to prepare and file, an amicus curie brief in the Illinois Horsemen v. Mendoza case. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding closed session and precedent issues. Chairman Sronce withdrew his motion and Commissioner Ramirez withdrew his second.

Chairman Sronce moved to re-arrange the agenda by moving public comments ahead of agenda item #8. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding procedural matters pertaining to agenda item #8. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 1. Commissioner Muriel voted against the motion.

Public comments were provided by Kathy Gilroy on Historical Horse Racing. William Bogot, Joseph Collins, Michael Campbell, and Dixie Harr testified in support of agenda item #8 on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association, Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation, and the Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

Chairman Sronce motioned to move into closed session to discuss agenda item #8 pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the legal basis and procedures. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 2. Commissioners Muriel and Schiewe voted against the motion.

Commissioners and staff moved into closed session. The public exited the meeting.

Chairman Sronce motioned to end closed session and return to the open meeting. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Sronce motioned to take a short recess before continuing the open meeting. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sronce.

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve a request for Board staff to submit a request to the Illinois Attorney General's Office to prepare and file an amicus curie brief in the Illinois Horsemen's v. Mendoza case. Commissioner Muriel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Board should file an amicus curie brief, including testimony from plaintiff's attorney. The motion failed by a vote of 3 to 5. Commissioners Lunt, Mulder, Ramirez, Sronce, and Swoope voted against the motion. William Bogot and Joseph Collins testified on behalf of the ITHA, IHHA, ITBOF, and Illinois HBPA.

Commissioner Ramirez left the meeting at the JRTC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Sronce moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Chairman Sronce abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:30 p.m., Chairman Sronce moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Mulder 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 large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Domenic DiCera
Executive Director