



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, November 15, 2018, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at Hawthorne Race Course starting at 12:00 noon. The following Board members were present at Hawthorne Race Course: Chairman Brincat and Commissioners Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Thomas McCauley, Robert Muriel, Edgar Ramirez, and Travis Swoope. Telephonic: Commissioner Arlene Mulder. Absent: Commissioners Jason Barclay, Hugh Scates, and Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera 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 Ramirez seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (7-0) by roll call vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Kathy Gilroy made comments regarding Historical Horse Racing. Ms. Gilroy also read a statement on behalf of Anita Bedell regarding the same subject.

#### **LICENSEE REQUESTS**

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve racing officials for Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for 2019. Commissioner Swoope seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve totalizator licenses for 2019 for Amtote International, Inc., United Tote Company, and Sportech Racing, LLC. Commissioner Swoope seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Swoope moved to approve advance deposit wagering licenses for 2019 for ODS Technologies, LP, Xpressbet, LLC, Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company, Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., and NYRA Bets, LLC. Commissioner McCauley seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve intertrack wagering licenses for 2019 for Arlington International Racecourse, LLC, Fairmount Park, Inc., and Suburban Downs, Inc. Commissioner Mulder seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Muriel moved to approve intertrack wagering location licenses for 2019 for Arlington International Racecourse, LLC (Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park, Orland Hills, Chicago Weed Street, McHenry, Aurora, Hoffnan Estates, Green Oaks, and North Aurora), Fairmount Park, Inc. (Alton, Springfield, and Sauget), and Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.



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(Mokena, Joliet, Glendale Heights, Bolingbrook, Prospect Heights, Chicago Corliss Avenue, Crestwood, Oakbrook Terrace, Normal, and Peoria). Commissioner Swoope seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve concessionaire licenses for 2019. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Arlington OTB Corporation servicing Arlington Trackside and the Waukegan OTB.

Salerno's Aurora, Inc. servicing the Aurora OTB.

Salerno's Hodgkins, Inc. servicing the Hodgkins

OTB. Salerno's McHenry, Inc. servicing the

McHenry OTB Stoney Point Grill, LLC servicing the Mokena OTB.

Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership at Arlington Park.

Post Time Catering, Inc. at Hawthorne Race Course and servicing the Corliss OTB.

Fairmount Park, Inc. at Fairmount Park and servicing the OTB locations in Sauget and Springfield.

Smart Valet Parking, LLC. servicing the Chicago OTB on Weed Street.

Frank GF, Inc. servicing the Villa Park OTB.

Van Lenhardt, Inc. servicing the Alton OTB.

Fine Eat, LLC servicing the OTB in Normal.

Don Carter Lanes, Inc. servicing the Rockford OTB.

Where's The Duke, Inc. servicing the Chicago OTB on Weed Street.

The Saddle Room, LLC servicing the Hoffman Estates OTB.

Players Pub & Grill, LLC servicing the Prospect Heights OTB.

LaRocco Brothers, Inc. servicing the Orland Hills OTB.

BBK Sports, LLC servicing the Bolingbrook OTB.

En Fuego OBT, LLC servicing the Oakbrook Terrace OTB.

Post Time Sports Bar & Grille, LLC servicing the Green Oaks OTB.

OBT Pony Express, LLC servicing the Oakbrook Terrace OTB.

Glass Half Full, LLC servicing the Crestwood OTB.

Entree You, LLC servicing the Crestwood and Joliet OTB's.

Turf Room Restaurant, Inc. servicing the North Aurora OTB.

Q Bar North, Inc. servicing the Glendale Heights OTB.

Peoria Forrest Hill Development Company servicing the Peoria OTB.

### BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking and submit to the Illinois rulemaking process, proposed rules governing Historical Horse Racing (HHR), Part 327.

Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 1. Commissioner Lunt voted against the motion. Michael Campbell and David McCaffrey testified on behalf of



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the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA). Tony Somone testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA). Robert Molaro testified on behalf of Fairmount Park, Inc. and Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the rulemaking process and the effect HHR will have on recapture.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve a charitable grant in the amount of \$860,319 for calendar year 2019 for the Racing Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Ken Kiehn and Paul Coronado testified on behalf of the Racing Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Commissioner Swoope moved to approve the initiation of rulemaking to amend Parts 210 and 403 and repeal Parts 411, 423, and 450 of the IRB rulebook. Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Tony Somone testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA).

Commissioner McCauley moved to approve the proposed Board meeting schedule for 2019. Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

- Tuesday, January 15 at the James R. Thompson Center (JRTC) at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 19 at the JRTC at 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 19 at an OTB to be determined
- Thursday, April 18 at Hawthorne Race Course
- Tuesday, May 21 at the JRTC at 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, June 20 at an OTB to be determined
- Thursday, July 18 at Arlington Park
- Tuesday, August 20 at the JRTC at 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 17 (Dates Hearing) at the JRTC at 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, October 15 at an OTB to be determined
- Thursday, November 21 at an OTB to be determined;
- and Tuesday, December 17 at the JRTC at 11 a.m.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve a Board Order that upholds ruling #184065, a 15-day suspension and \$500 fine, for trainer Tyler Shehan. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Swoope announced his resignation from the Board effective November 15, 2018.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Board meeting. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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### ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 p.m., Chairman Brincat 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".

Domenic DiCera  
Executive Director