



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, September 18, 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 Jason Barclay, Shelley Kalita, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Edgar Ramirez, Gregory Sronce, and Travis Swoope. Telephonic: Commissioner Hugh Scates. Absent: Commissioner Robert Lunt. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Brincat moved to allow Commissioner Scates to attend the meeting telephonically pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner McCauley seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mindy Coleman, in-house counsel for the Jockeys' Guild, commented regarding Fairmount Park's emergency medical plan.

LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve a disbursement of \$40,800 for Fairmount Park, Inc. from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund authorized under Sections 26.9 and 27 (a-5) of the Illinois Horse Racing Act. Commissioner Sronce seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote.

BOARD ITEM

Chairman Brincat moved to award 2019 organization licenses and approved the following race dates schedule for 2019. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (10-0) by roll call vote. Tim Carey testified on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course and Suburban Downs. Tony Petrillo testified on behalf of Arlington Park. Brian Zander testified on behalf of Fairmount Park. David McCaffrey testified on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. Tony Somone testified on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Discussion ensued between the Commissioners and stakeholders regarding the 2019 race dates.

ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL RACECOURSE – 71 race programs

- Arlington Park is dark host January 1 through January 3; January 6 through January 10; and January 13 through March 5.
- April 29 through June 30 racing 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Racing on May 27. Dark on May 5 and May 19.
- July 1 through September 30 racing 4 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Racing on September 2 and September 18. Dark on August 29, September 5, September 8, September 15, and September 22 through September 30.

HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE – 52 race programs

- Racing on January 4, January 5, January 11, and January 12.
- March 6 through April 6 racing 2 days per week on Fridays and Saturdays. Dark on March 8 and March 9. Pursuant to an agreement between Hawthorne and Arlington, dark host purse monies, earned by Hawthorne Race Course on the following sixteen (16) non-racing days, shall be transferred to Arlington Park's purse account: March 6, March 7, March 10 through March 14, March 17 through March 21, and March 24 through March 27.
- April 7 through April 28 racing 3 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
- October 1 through November 30 racing 3 days per week Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Dark on October 3, October 4, October 5, and November 28.
- December 1 through December 31 racing 2 days per week on Fridays and Saturdays.

FAIRMOUNT PARK – 41 race programs

- April 16 through September 14 racing 2 days per week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Racing on September 2. Dark on April 20, April 27, August 31, and September 3.

SUBURBAN DOWNS AT HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE – 71 race programs

- May 3 through June 15 racing 3 nights per week on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- June 16 through July 31 racing 4 nights per week on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Dark on July 4.
- August 1 through August 31 racing 3 nights per week on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- September 1 through September 22 racing 4 nights per week on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 Board meeting. Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioners Barclay, Muriel, Ramirez, and Sronce abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Sronce moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director