



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members were present at the JRTC: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat, Commissioners Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Robert Schiewe, Jr., and Travis Swoope. Telephonic: Commissioner Hugh Scates. Absent: Commissioner Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Bob Lang, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Brincat moved to allow Commissioner Scates to attend the meeting telephonically due to a work related issue. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) on a roll call vote.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Schiewe moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC for calendar year 2017. However, Shelbi Hill's approval is conditioned upon a requirement that she excuse herself from the judge's stand when her father, trainer Wayne Catalano or husband, jockey Channing Hill, have a horse in a race, which the Stewards will document in the Steward's minutes. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) on a roll call vote.

Commissioner Scates joined the meeting telephonically.

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for calendar year 2017. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) on a roll call vote.

BOARD REQUEST

Commissioner Schiewe moved to table a request submitted by Board staff for approval of the allocation of the supplemental funding of purses. Commissioner Muriel seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the formula used for the supplemental funding of purses. The motion failed 2-7 on a roll call vote. Chairman Brincat and Commissioners Kalita, Lunt, McCauley, Mulder, Scates, and Swoope voted against the motion.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve Board staff's recommendation to allocate \$500,000 in the following amounts to the organization licensee's purse account: Arlington International Racecourse, LLC - \$259,662; Fairmount Park, Inc. - \$37,475; Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. - \$82,457; and Suburban Downs, Inc. - \$120,406. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the objectives of the proposed allocation and the provisions contained in Section 27(g) of the Act. The motion passed 8-1 on a roll call vote. Commissioner Schiewe voted against the motion.

Tony Petrillo and Chris Polzin testified on behalf of Arlington International Racecourse, Tim Carey on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course and Brian Zander on behalf of Fairmount Park. John Haran and Dan Sullivan testified on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation. Pete Scalcione testified on behalf of the Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and Marty Engel on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. Michael Campbell, Dave McCaffrey, and Bill Bogot testified on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

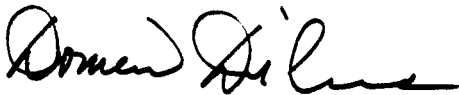
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 Board meeting. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioner Kalita abstained.

ADJOURMENT

At 12:20 p.m., Commissioner Mulder moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Brincat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director