



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 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: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat, Commissioners Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Robert Schiewe, Jr., and Travis Swoope. Absent: Commissioners Greg Sronce and Roger Whalen. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Marc Laino, Bob Lang, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

#### BOARD ITEMS

Representatives of Balmoral Racing Club, Inc. and Maywood Park Trotting Association, Inc. presented a report on their financial status and Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. William "Duke" Johnston, Randy Olech, and Chad Gettleman appeared on behalf of Balmoral Park and Maywood Park.

Commissioner Scates moved to certify the following purse recapture amounts for 2016 pursuant to Section 26(g)(13) of the Illinois Horse Racing Act. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Glen Berman appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA).

Arlington Park	\$4,409,949
Hawthorne Race Course Thoroughbred	\$1,718,466
Hawthorne Race Course Harness	\$ 936,804
Fairmount Park Thoroughbred	\$1,794,557
Fairmount Park Colt Fund	\$ 52,634

#### LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve Dr. Thomas Little as Association Veterinarian at the Suburban Downs, Inc. harness meet at Hawthorne Race Course. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Scates moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Fairmount Park, Inc. for calendar year 2016. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve a joint request submitted by Arlington International Racecourse, LLC, Fairmount Park, Inc., and Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. to initiate rulemaking to repeal Sections 1413.130 (Carding Purse and Handicap Races) and 1413.138 (Substitute and Extra Races) of the Illinois Administrative Code. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 2. Commissioners Muriel and Schiewe voted against the motion. Tony Petrillo and Chris Polzin appeared on behalf of Arlington International Racecourse. Tim Carey appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course, and Brian Zander on behalf of Fairmount Park. Michael Campbell, Glen Berman, and Chris Block appeared on behalf of the ITHA. David Block, an Illinois thoroughbred breeder, also testified.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve Arlington International Racecourse's 2016 stall application. Commissioner Kalita seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 1 with Commissioner Lunt voting present. Commissioner Schiewe voted against the motion. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington International Racecourse. Michael Campbell and Glen Berman appeared on behalf of the ITHA.

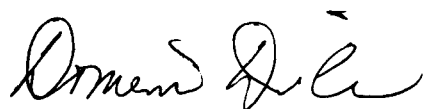
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Swoope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:15 p.m., Chairman Brincat moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Domenic DiCera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small arrow pointing to the top of the letter 'i' in "DiCera".

Domenic DiCera  
Executive Director