



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, January 24, 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 Robert Lunt, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Gregory Sronce, Robert Schiewe, Jr., and Travis Swoope (telephonic). Absent: Commissioner Shelley Kalita. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Bob Lang, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

Chairman Brincat introduced the newest Board member, Thomas McCauley.

Chairman Brincat moved to allow Commissioner Swoope to attend the meeting telephonically due to a family funeral. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve an ownership change in Post Time Sports Bar & Grille, LLC. Pasquale Panico was approved conditioned upon satisfactory results of the criminal background check. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the racing officials submitted by Fairmount Park for 2017. Clerk of Scales Derek Sturniolo's approval is conditioned upon satisfactory results of the criminal background check. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Based on staff's review of the proposal, Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Suburban Downs, Inc. to amend Section 1313.70 (Horses in Paddock) of the IRB rules. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the current and proposed rule change. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote. Tim Carey and John Walsh testified on behalf of Suburban Downs.

BOARD REQUESTS

To reduce regulations and comply with Executive Order 2016-13, Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Board staff to amend Section 2250 of the IRB rules and repeal Parts 310, 313, 316, 317, 323, and 2251. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed rule changes. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a request by Board staff to certify the following recapture amounts to be deducted from the purse accounts in 2017: Arlington Park - \$4,433,309; Hawthorne Race Course (thoroughbred) - \$2,608,878; Hawthorne Race Course (harness) - 2,105,636; Fairmount Park (thoroughbred) - \$1,828,667; and Fairmount Park Colt Fund - \$43,757. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the provisions contained in Section 26(g)(13) of the Act. The motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote. Commissioner Schiewe voted present.

The Board discussed the IRB's proposed supplemental funding of purses. David McCaffrey appeared on behalf of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA) and Hosea Williams appeared on behalf of the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA). Mr. McCaffrey read into the record a letter on behalf of the ITHA, IHHA, and Illinois HBPA. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the proposed supplemental funding of purses. The intent of pending legislation (SB 597) was explained as a means to achieve the Board's goal.

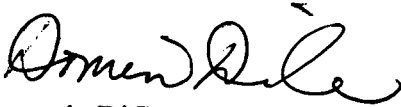
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Commissioner McCauley abstained).

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner Schiewe moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera
Executive Director