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## **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD**

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, November 15, 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 at the JRTC: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat, Commissioners Shelley Kalita, Robert Lunt, Arlene Mulder, Robert Muriel, Hugh Scates, Gregory Sronce, and Robert Schiewe, Jr. Absent: Commissioner Travis Swoope. Staff members Domenic DiCera, Mike Pieczonka, Bob Lang, Marc Laino, and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

# LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve occupation licenses for 2017, to operate a totalizator system, for Amtote International, Inc., Sportech Racing, LLC, and United Tote Company. Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Ken Mackenzie testified on behalf of Sportech Racing.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve advance deposit wagering licenses (ADW) for 2017 for: ODS Technologies, LP

Xpressbet, LLC

Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company

Newco Ventures North America, LLC; and

Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.

Lien Games Racing, LLC - conditioned upon an agreement with Arlington Park through 2017. On or before July 1, 2017, Arlington Park shall notify the Board in writing of the status of its agreement with Lien Games Racing. Failure to extend the current agreement through December 31, 2017 shall result in the revocation of the ADW license at the end of the current agreement.

Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote conditioned upon the submission of surety bonds.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve intertrack wagering licenses (ITW) for 2017 for Arlington International Racecourse, LLC, Fairmount Park, Inc., and Suburban Downs, Inc. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote conditioned upon the submission of surety bonds.

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve intertrack wagering location licenses (OTB) for 2017 for: Arlington International Racecourse, LLC – locations in Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park, Orland Hills, Weed Street in Chicago, Rockford, McHenry, Aurora, Hoffman Estates, and Green Oaks.

Fairmount Park, Inc. – locations in Springfield, Sauget, and Alton.

Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. – locations in Mokena, Joliet, Glendale Heights, Bolingbrook, Prospect Heights,

Corliss Avenue in Chicago, Crestwood, Oakbrook Terrace, and Normal.

Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote conditioned upon the submission of surety bonds.

Chairman Brincat moved to approve concessionaire for 2017 for:

Arlington OTB Corporation servicing the Waukegan OTB.

The Foundry, LLC servicing the Aurora OTB.

Furnace Room Tobacco, Inc. servicing the Aurora OTB.

Stoney Point Grill, LLC servicing the Mokena OTB.

Levy Premium Foodservice at Arlington Park.

Post Time Catering servicing Hawthorne Race Course and the OTB locations in Joliet and Corliss.

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

Prefer Valet Parking Service, Inc. servicing the Chicago OTB on Weed Street.

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

Frank GF, Inc. servicing the Villa Park OTB.

Van Lenhardt, Inc. servicing the Alton OTB.

All Seasons Golf Learning Center servicing the OTB in Normal.

Reprise Corporation servicing the McHenry OTB.

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.

Mike Ditka's Arlington Heights, LLC servicing Arlington Trackside.

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 OTB; and

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

Commissioner Lunt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote conditioned upon tax compliance with the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Mulder moved to certify the following pari-mutuel tax credits to be applied beginning in January 2017:

Arlington Park - \$2,376,151.81

Hawthorne Race Course - \$633,836.85

Fairmount Park - \$81,913.48

Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

# **BOARD REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve a \$750,000 charitable grant to the Racing Industry Charitable Foundation, Inc., authorized under Section 31.1 of the Act, conditioned upon an executed grant agreement. Commissioner Scates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Ken Kiehn, President, and Paul Coronado testified on behalf of RICF.

Commissioner Lunt moved to approve the following Board meeting schedule for 2017:

Tuesday, January 24 at the James R. Thompson Center (JRTC)

Tuesday, February 28 at the JRTC

Tuesday, March 21 at the JRTC

Thursday, April 20 at Hawthorne Race Course

Tuesday, May 23 at the OTB facility in Green Oaks

Tuesday, June 20 at Fairmount Park

Thursday, July 20 at Arlington Park

Tuesday, August 22 at the JRTC

Tuesday, September 26 (Dates Hearing) at the JRTC

Tuesday, October 24 at the OTB facility in Oakbrook Terrace

Tuesday, November 28 at the JRTC; and

Tuesday, December 19 at the JRTC

Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brincat moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (Commissioner Sronce abstained).

## **ADJOURMENT**

At 11:00 a.m., Commissioner Lunt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Executive Director**