MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 1985

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on February 14, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. at the Board office, 400 Broome Street, New York, New York, 10013.

The meeting being called on February 11, 1985, public notice of the meeting was given to the Associated Press and UPI and to the public by posting in the Board lobby.

PRESENT:

John Van Lindt, Chairman

Michael Lee, Member

Joseph P. Neglia, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Executive

Director

John Dailey, Director of Policy and

Planning

David Vaughan, Counsel

Victor A. Cocozziello, Director of Wagering

Herman Kluge, Director of Audits, Licensing

and Investigations

Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations

Jacob Iberger, Director of Racing Operations

Robert Feuerstein, Assistant Counsel

Gale Berg, Assistant Counsel
Steve Richman, Assistant Counsel

Ted Garrison, Assistant Counsel

Eileen Clarke, OTB Operations Coordinator

and

Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board

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A. MINUTES:

1. The Board approved the minutes of Board meeting held on January 16, 1985.

B. FOR ENTRY INTO THE MINUTES:

- 1. NEW YORK CITY OTB YONKERS RACE PROGRAM. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 9, 1985 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation to sell official Yonkers Race programs at the two experimental simulcast parlors on Staten Island.
- 2. YONKERS RACEWAY FREE ADMISSION COUPONS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 10, 1985 of request by Yonkers Raceway to distribute free clubhouse admission tickets to stationery stores, bars, barber shops and other such establishments good for admission on January 12, 1985. They also placed a free clubhouse admission coupon in the on-track and off-track programs of the January 5th edition, also good for January 12, 1985.
- 3. BUFFALO RACEWAY BUS PROMOTIONS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 11, 1985 of request by Buffalo Raceway to provide free bus pick-up from four OTB parlor locations and in conjunction therewith, to issue free bounce-back admissions along with other considerations, in some instances involving a free trifecta ticket or a free daily double ticket.
- 4. SARATOGA RACEWAY TAX EXEMPT PASSES. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 3, 1985 of request by Saratoga Raceway to print and distribute 1,200 clubhouse tax exempt passes to local hotels to their best customers, to be valid January 3, 1985 thru March 30, 1985.
- 5. SARATOGA RACEWAY STUDENT SURVIVAL KIT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 3, 1985 of request by Saratoga Raceway to print and distribute 22,000 general admission tax exempt passes good for January 3 thru March 30, 1985 to be distributed in the Student Survival Kit which is given free of charge to college students in the Albany area.
- 6. FINGER LAKES RADIO STATION PROMOTION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of Janaury 9, 1985 of request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to distribute 50 Group Party (four part) tickets to radio station WACK, Newark; WCGR, Canandaigua; and WMJQ-WBBF, Rochester. These tickets include Clubhouse admission, a racing program, admission to the Paddock Room and a luncheon, to commence on January 15 and continue for two weeks.

- 7. SARATOGA RACEWAY SIMULCAST ADMISSION CHARGES. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 15, 1985 of request by Saratoga Raceway to extend the free admission policy thru May 6, 1985, as it pertains to its simulcasting programs only.
- 8. WESTERN REGION OTB TRIFECTA. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 15, 1985 of request by Western Region Off-Track Betting to accept one dollar straight bets on Trifecta wagers at all tracks.
- 9. WESTERN REGION OTB ROOSEVELT/CENTRAL SQUARE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 15, 1985 of request by Western Region Off-Track Betting Corporation to simulcast Roosevelt Raceway into the Central Square OTB parlor.
- 10. ROOSEVELT RACEWAY TWO FOR ONE ADMISSION. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 23, 1985 of request by Roosevelt Raceway for a "two for one admission" with coupons printed in Entertainment Publications, Inc. and Adventures in Dining.
- 11. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB ROOSEVELT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 25, 1985 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation to simulcast Roosevelt Raceway into eight branches.
- 12. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB TRIPLE WAGERING. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of January 25, 1985 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation to accept triple wagering in multiples of one dollar bets.

C. FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

- 1. BILLINGS TROT-AMATEUR DRIVING AMATEUR DRIVERS. The Board approved the request by Lon Frocione to permit amateur drivers to drive in the Billings Trot-Amateur Driving Championships #4 as pari-mutuel races.
- 2. THE JOCKEY CLUB FINGER LAKES STEWARDS. The Board approved the request by The Jockey Club for the appointment of Richard Hanson as Jockey Club Steward for the 1985 Finger Lakes meetings and Richard Coyne as alternate Steward.
- 3. THE JOCKEY CLUB NYRA STEWARDS. The Board approved the request by The Jockey Club for the appointment of W. Richard McLaughlin as Jockey Club Steward for the 1985 NYRA meetings and Richard Hanson, Robert F. Kelly, Jr. and William T. O'Connor as alternate Stewards.

- 4. BATAVIA DOWNS CHANGE IN RACING DATES. The Board approved the request by Batavia Downs to change the race dates for the Spring Meet to read Monday through Saturday rather than the currently approved Wednesday through Monday with Tuesday dark, due to the recent agreement regarding simulcasting with Finger Lakes and Buffalo Raceway.
- 5. FINGER LAKES TWIN TRIPLE. The Board denied the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to program a twin triple form of wagering at Finger Lakes when it re-opens on March 29, 1985.
- 6. NYRA INVITATIONAL HANDICAPPERS' CHALLENGE XII. The Board approved the request by New York Racing Association to repeat the "Invitational Handicappers' Challenge XII" beginning on March 2, 1985 and concluding April 7, 1985.
- HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF GILBERT PUENTES (STONE WHITE). The Board approved the Hearing Officer's recommendation that the order of the Stewards be confirmed and issued two orders. In the first order, the Board rejected Gilbert Puentes' appeal from the Stewards' decision in which Puentes' horse, "Stone White", was disqualified and placed last "for having raced with a weight advantage to which it was not entitled", confirming the recommendation of the Hearing Officer. the course of the hearing it was disclosed that a meeting had been called after the race by New York Racing Association management at which the Stewards were present prior to the issuance of their formal ruling on the purse dis-The Racing and Wagering Board found this tribution. meeting to be improper and inappropriate, and issued a second order to the New York Racing Association trustees and officers prohibiting such actions in the future under penalty of license or franchise suspension or revocation.
- 8. VERNON DOWNS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PAYMENT. The Board approved the request by Vernon Downs to withdraw \$118,165.00 from the Capital Improvement Money Market Account to make an installment payment on construction work in progress in the grandstand at Vernon Downs.
- 9. ROOSEVELT RACEWAY ADDITIONAL RACING DATES. The Board approved the request by Roosevelt Raceway for the following Sunday racing days: February 24, 1985; March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1985.
- 10. FINGER LAKES 1985 RACING OFFICIALS. The Board approved the reugest by Finger Lakes Racing Association for the submitted list of racing officials for Finger Lakes for 1985.
- 11. VERNON DOWNS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. The Board approved the request by Vernon Downs to transfer \$96,135.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for capital improvements including the re-fastening barn roofs, new barn siding and progress payment #1 to Northeast Construction Managers, Inc. regarding the grandstand renovations.

D. FOR BOARD NOTICE AND INFORMATION:

- NYS REGISTER January 30, 1985, re: Unauthorized Use of Drugs - NOTED.
- 2. NYS REGISTER January 16, 1985, re: New Thoroughbred Rules NOTED.
- Memo of E. Clarke to T. Davide, January 28, 1985, re: New York City OTB - Roosevelt/Pick-4 - NOTED.
- 4. Memo of J. Iberger to R. Corbisiero, December 14, 1984, re: NYRA License Amendment NOTED.
- 5. Memo of J. Iberger to R. Corbisiero, January 31, 1985, re: Finger Lakes Twi-Light Racing Request NOTED.