

MINUTES OF ITS MEETING HELD

April 28, 1981, 10:30 a.m.

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on April 28, 1981, 10:30 a.m. at the Board Office, Two World Trade Center, New York, N.Y. 10047.

The meeting being called on April 24, 1981, public notice of the meeting was given to the Associated Press and UPI and to the public by posting in the Board's reception area on the 74th floor and also on the 44th floor.

PRESENT: John Van Lindt, Chairman; Bertram D. Sarafan, Member; Dr. Joseph O'Dea, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Executive Director; John Dailey, Director of Policy and Planning; Dean Alfange, Director of Quarter Horse Racing; Victor Coccozziello, Director of Wagering Systems; Salvatore Curiale, Counsel; Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations; Dr. N. Lewis, Chief State Racing Veterinarian; Dominic Coppotelli, Director of Racing Operations; Cy Rooks, Assistant Counsel; Theodore Garrison, Assistant Counsel; David B. Vaughan, Assistant Counsel; Nancy Rudolph, Assistant Counsel and Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board.

A. MINUTES:

1. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held March 31, 1981.

B. FOR ENTRY INTO THE MINUTES:

1. NYCOTB -WAIVE TRIPLE FIELD REQUIREMENT/ 4011.22(h) - The Hialeah Turf Cup, 4/11/81. The Board's prior approval of April 9, 1981 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. for a waiver in the rule that requires ten (10) horses "overnight" in order to have triple wagering.
2. WROTEC/BATAVIA DOWNS - Experimental Quinella Wagering and Select Late Night Openings for the Remainder of Batavia's Current Meet to Receive Delayed Calls of Races. The Board's prior approval of April 10, 1981 of request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to establish quinella wagering on an experimental basis at Batavia Downs in races 2, 7, and

9 for the remainder of Batavia's current meet; to establish a branch closing time of 9:00 p.m. for the listed branch locations and to transmit by ten-minute delay the calls of the Batavia Downs' races into the listed branch offices remaining open until 9:00 p.m.; transmitting only those races which are run prior to 9:00 p.m. nightly.

3. BATAVIA DOWNS - Holy Thursday & Holy Saturday. The Board's prior approval of April 7, 1981 of request by Batavia Downs to alter their schedule for Holy Thursday, and Holy Saturday.
4. SUFFOLK REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION, INC. - Relocate West Babylon Branch. The Board's prior approval of April 7, 1981 of request by Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to relocate its West Babylon Branch.
5. NYCOTBC - Contract With Gulfstream for Two Previously Approved Special Events. On April 1, 1981 the Board conditionally approved the contract between NYCOTBC and Gulfstream Park regarding two previously authorized special events; The Pan American on February 21, 1981 and the Gulfstream Handicap on February 28, 1981. The Board conditionally approved the contract provided that the sliding scale payment clause be deleted and replaced by a fixed cost clause.
6. NYCOTBC - Waive Triple Field Requirement in Widener Handicap - Saturday, April 4, 1981. The Board's prior approval of April 1, 1981 of request by NYCOTBC for approval on the waiver of the requirement for the entry of ten horses in wagering involving the triple pursuant to Rule 4011.22(h), for the Widener Handicap on Saturday, April 4, 1981.
7. NYCOTBC - Contract with Hialeah (Widener Handicap and Hialeah Turf). On April 1, 1981, the Board conditionally approved the contract between NYCOTBC and Hialeah regarding two previously authorized special events: The Widener Handicap on April 4, 1981 and the Turf Cup on April 11, 1981. The Board conditionally approved the contract provided that the sliding scale payment clause be deleted and replaced by a fixed cost clause.
8. NYCOTBC - Pick-Four Wagers/Yonkers Raceway. The Board's prior approval of April 2, 1981 of request by NYCOTBC to continue the Pick-Four wager at Yonkers Raceway during its upcoming meeting.

9. YONKERS RACEWAY - Promotions. The Board's prior approval of April 9, 1981 of request by Yonkers Raceway to conduct the following promotions during their current meet (April 6-June 17): The Pick the Winner of the Yonkers Trot contest, which will run throughout the meet, starting Friday, April 10; and Westchester Night (May 15).
10. VERNON DOWNS - Promotions. The Board's prior approval of April 14, 1981 of request by Vernon Downs to conduct the following promotions during its 1981 harness racing season (details of which are outlined in their letter of request): 1. Opening Promotion; 2. Advance Sale of Admission Tickets; 3. Senior Citizens - Half-Price Admission; 4. Children's Free Admission; 5. Party Night "Bounce Back"; 6. Bowler's Night; 7. Game Room - Grandstand.
11. NYRA/BELMONT SPRING OPENING, CHANGE. The Board's prior approval of April 15, 1981 of request by The New York Racing Association, Inc. for a change in the opening of the Belmont Spring meeting from May 20 to May 6, 1981.
12. CAPITAL OTBC/BATAVIA DOWNS. The Board's prior approval of April 15, 1981 of request by Capital District Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to conduct Quinella Wagering on races two, seven, and nine at Batavia Downs for the next two weeks.
13. WROTBC/BROADCAST RACE CALLS INTO SELECT BRANCHES AND/OR TO CONDUCT LATE EVENING HOURS IN SELECT BRANCHES. The Board's prior approval of April 17, 1981 of request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to: A. transmit delayed audio calls of the races from Buffalo Raceway into selected Branch Offices during its upcoming meet commencing April 27, 1981. B. to conduct later evening hours for receipt of the delayed audio calls in conjunction with Buffalo Raceway's upcoming meeting commencing April 27, 1981 in the listed Branch Offices.
14. WROTBC/Buffalo Raceway - Pick-Three Wagering and Quinella Wagering. The Board's prior approval of April 17, 1981 of: A. request by WROTBC to conduct Pick-Three wagering at Buffalo Raceway beginning with the commencement of their meet, Monday, April 27, 1981. Such wagering will be conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays. B. request by WROTBC to establish OTB exclusive quinella wagering on races to be conducted at Buffalo Raceway, commencing with the tracks' meet

Monday, April 27, 1981.

15. NYCOTBC/Pick-4 Wagering - Monticello Raceway. The Board's prior approval of April 21, 1981 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to accept Pick-Four wagers at Monticello Raceway on Wednesdays and Sundays during their upcoming meeting (April 30-December 13).
16. VERNON DOWNS - WILB RADIO. The Board's prior approval of April 21, 1981 of request by Vernon Downs for WILB Radio, located in Washington Mills, N.Y. to install a direct telephone line from their studio to the Press Box at Vernon Downs.
17. BUFFALO RACEWAY - ELEVEN-RACE PROGRAM. The Board's prior approval of April 21, 1981 of request by Buffalo Raceway to race on an eleven-race program starting with their opening on April 27, 1981.

C. FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

1. WROTBC/JOB SECURITY PROVISIONS. The Board deferred action on this matter.
2. VERNON DOWNS/BOX RENTALS. The Board approved request by Vernon Downs to amend their 1981 track application, VIII-Grandstand season box rentals \$200.00 to \$650.00 depending on location and size of box.
3. NYCOTBC/Redesignate Seven Branches to Receive The NYRA's Live Call on Days when the Designated Branches are Closed. The Board approved request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, Inc. to make changes in those branches receiving live calls of races as outlined in their letter of request dated, March 5, 1981 and supplemented by the information in their letter dated April 8, 1981.
4. SARATOGA RACEWAY - "Spring Admission Bonus". The Board approved request by Saratoga Harness Racing, Inc. to offer a "Spring Admission Bonus" package available to all who pay admission on Friday, May 1, 1981.
5. MONTICELLO RACEWAY/WAIVER OF 30 DAY RULE (4113.5). The Board approved request by Monticello Raceway for a waiver of the thirty-day rule (4113.5) in allowing horses a two (2) week grace period before the 30 day rule will go into effect.

6. NYRA - Proposal for Centennial Doing OTB on 1981 Belmont Stakes. The Board approved the arrangement as set forth in the agreement and the distribution as set forth in NYRA's letter of April 13, 1981 upon the following conditions: 1) That in the event that exotic wagers are accepted by Centennial that the state receive 3.1% of such pools; and, 2) That there are no statutory impediments, either state or federal, at the time of the race to any of the terms of the agreement or to the proposed distribution as set forth in their letter of April 13, 1981.
7. HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF - Bill O'Donnell (Trainer-Driver). 6th race, May 23, 1980, Yonkers Raceway - Interference causing contending horse to break rule 4117.4(b). The Board adopted recommendation of hearing officer and confirmed five day suspension of license and confirmed disqualification from 2nd to placing of 7th.
8. Proposed and Amended Rules for Games of Chance and Bingo. The Board approved The submitted proposed rules relating to Games of Chance and Bingo.
9. APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE - Robert T. Attanasio. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.
10. VERNON DOWNS - Waiver of 30 Day Rule (4113.5). The Board approved request by Vernon Downs for the waiver of the 30-day rule (4113.5) for horses that raced from the 19th to the 28th of March at Saratoga.
11. COMPROMISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN/AMTOTE AND NYCOTEC. The Board deferred action on this matter until a later date.

D. FOR BOARD INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

1. Letter of M. Lieberman, 4/1/81, re: ABC exclusive worldwide rights to the 1981 Gotham Stakes. NOTED
2. Memo of N. Rudolph, 4/14/81; re: Nassau Downs, Promotional Campaign. NOTED
3. Memo of N. Rudolph, 4/20/81; re: WROTBC - Pick-3. NOTED.