# MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 1987

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering board was held on May 27, 1987 at 10:30 a.m. at the Board office, 400 Broome Street, New York, New York, 10013.

The meeting being called on May 22, 1987, public notice of the meeting was given to the Associated Press, and UPI and to the public by posting in the Board lobby.

PRESENT:

Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Chairman

Joseph P. Neglia, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Victor A. Cocozziello, Director of Wagering Systems

John Dailey, Director of Policy & Planning

Kenneth Beh, Director of Public Relations

Jim Gallagher, Chief of Racing Operations

Steven Richman, Chief of OTB Operations

Ed Leary, Assistant Chief of Audits and

Investigations

Ted Garrison, Assistant Counsel

Archie Mavromatis, Confidential Racing Aide

and

Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board

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## A. MINUTES:

1. The Board approved the minutes of its meeting held on April 28, 1987.

#### B. FOR ENTRY INTO THE MINUTES:

- 1. SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF FRANK AMONTE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 28, 1987 of the summary suspension of Frank Amonte predicated upon the Board's determination that the public safety and welfare imperatively required emergency action due to the fact that Mr. Amonte tested positive for cocaine in his system at Aqueduct on March 5, 1987 and the presence of marijuana in his system on April 9, 1987.
- 2. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB PICK-THREE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 3, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation on behalf of Western Regional OTB to conduct pick-three wagering on the Santa Anita Derby, the Florida Derby and the Gotham Stakes (NYRA) which will be run on April 4, 1987.
- 3. SARATOGA HARNESS COUPONS IN NEWSPAPERS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 30, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to print coupon(s) in various area newspapers for two tax exempt grandstand admission for Friday, May 1, and Saturday May 2, 1987.
- 4. SARATOGA HARNESS MAY BONUS PACKAGES. For entry into the minutes the Board's prior approval of April 30, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to distribute 5,000 May Bonus Packages to each paid admission on Saturday, May 2, 1987 which will be good for various nights in May and which will include one free program, one free parking, one free general admission for Memorial Day Matinee (2), and two Fine Host food special coupons.
- 5. SARATOGA HARNESS HORSEPLAYERS CLUB 5/1/87. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 30, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to print and distribute to members of the Saratoga Raceway Horseplayers Club, 10,000 tax exempt grandstand admission tickets, good only for opening night, Friday, May 1, 1987.

- 6. SARATOGA HARNESS HORSEPLAYERS CLUB. For entry into the mintues, the Board's prior approval of April 30, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to print and distribute 10,000 general admission, tax exempt, passes to members of the Saratoga Raceway Horseplayers Club to club members and to be valid May 15 & 16; June 19 & 20; July 24 &25; August 21 & 22; September 11 12; October 16 & 17; and November 13 & 14, 1987.
- 7. SARATOGA HARNESS LICENSE AMENDMENT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 30, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to amend their racing and wagering format as follows: Run 11 races nightly; Offer 2 Daily Double (1st, 2nd, 8th & 9th races); Offer exacta wagering in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th and 10th races; and Offer triple wagering in the 6th and 11th races.
- 8. NEW YORK CITY OTB KENTUCKY DERBY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation on behalf of all New York State OTBC's to conduct wagering on the Kentucky Derby.
- 9. WESTERN REGIONAL OTB RED WING PLAZA. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 16, 1987 of request by Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend its simulcast plan of operation and add its Red Wing Plaza branch as a simulcast facility displaying Batavia Downs races, effective April 16, 1987.
- 10. SARATOGA RACEWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 30, 1987 of request by Saratoga Raceway to withdraw a total of \$158,574 from the Capital Improvement Fund involving costs related to new track lighting and the inside hub rail.
- 11. FINGER LAKES KENTUCKY DERBY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by Finger Lakes Racing Association for approval of the simulcast and acceptance of wagers on the Kentucky Derby.
- 12. NYRA KENTUCKY DERBY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to offer the following betting pools for the Kentucky Derby; Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, Triple and a Daily Double on NYRA's 8th race (Carter Handicap) and the Kentucky Derby.

- 13. NYRA PIMLICO RACE COURSE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Pimlico Race Course to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Withers on May 6, 1987.
- 14. YONKERS RACEWAY KENTUCKY DERBY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by Yonkers Raceway for approval of the simulcast of the Kentucky Derby in conjunction with the intertrack simulcast from Aqueduct.
- 15. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB SALE OF ALCOHOL. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 29, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend its simulcast plan of operation and allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at its Troy simulcast branch facility.
- 16. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB LATHAM AND GLENS FALLS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 4, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend its simulcast plan of operation and add its Latham and Glens Falls branches as simulcast facilities.
- 17. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB HEALTH CLUB. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior denial of April 21, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to operate a health club at its Imperial Racing Center in Schenectady, New York.
- 18. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB CORTEZ ART. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to conduct an exhibition of Cortez Art in the new addition area of its Albany simulcast theater on Friday evening, May 1, 1987.
- 19. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 21, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to undertake certain promotional activities in connection with the operation of its simulcast theater at 711 Central Avenue, Albany.
- 20. NYRA JAMAICA BUS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 5, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to offer a promotion whereby Jamaica Bus patrons will be provided free Grandstand admission to the Belmont Park Racetrack, during the Belmont Spring meeting.

- 21. YONKERS RACEWAY STATE OF CONNECTICUT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of April 27, 1987 of request by Yonkers Raceway to extend their present agreement with the State of Connecticut, which expires on April 29, 1987, thru June 1, 1987.
- 22. NYRA SUMMIT RACING CLUB. For entry into the mintues, the Board's prior approval of May 5, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Summit Racing Club to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Wither on May 6; Fort Marcy on May 9; Acorn on May 23; Peter Pan on May 24; and the Red Smith on May 30, 1987.
- 23. NYRA BIRMINGHAM. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 9, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Birmingham Turf Club to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Fort Marcy on 5/9; the Acorn on 5/23; the Metropolitan on 5/25; the Red Smith on 5/30; and the Belmont Stakes on 6/6/87.
- 24. NYRA BALMORAL PARK. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 18, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Balmoral Park to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Metropolitan on 5/25; the Dwyer on 7/3; the Suburban on 7/4; the Brooklyn on 7/25; the Whitney on 8/8; the Travers on 8/22; the Marlboro on 9/20; and the Jockey Club on 10/10/87.
- 25. ROOSEVELT RACEWAY NORTHFIELD PARK. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 8, 1987 of request by Roosevelt Raceway to simulcast the George M. Levy Pace and Final on May 8, 1987 & June 23, 1987, respectively, to Northfield Park.
- 26. ROOSEVELT RACEWAY STATE OF CONNECTICUT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 11, 1987 of request by Roosevelt Raceway to extend their current agreement with the State of Connecticut through June 1, 1987.
- 27. SARATOGA HARNESS PREAKNESS & KENTUCKY DERBY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 1, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to simulcast the Preakness and the Kentucky Derby.

- 28. SARATOGA HARNESS WFLY/WPTR. For entry into the mintues, the Board's prior approval of May 18, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to print 5,000 general admission tax exempt passes to WFLY/WPTR radio station in Albany, which will be distributed through their sponsor locations and will be valid Saturday, June 20, 1987.
- 29. SARATOGA HARNESS WQBK. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 18, 1987 of request by Saratoga Harness to print 15,000 general admission tax exempt passes to radio station WQBK, of Albany, which will be distributed through WQBK sponsor locations and will be valid Saturday, June 6, 1987.
- 30. BUFFALO RACEWAY LICENSE AMENDMENT. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 18, 1987 of request by Buffalo Raceway to add an exacta wager on races one through eight to their program, and to charge 50 cents for general admission, parking, programs and tip sheet on May 19, 1987.
- 31. VERNON DOWNS BEACH TOWEL & COUPON BOOK GIVEAWAY. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 18, 1987 of request by Vernon Downs to supplement their letter of March 20, 1987, and offer a "Beach Towel" giveaway to the first 5,000 customers on Monday afternoon May 25, 1987, and also on that day to offer a "Coupon Book" giveaway valued at over \$40.
- 32. MONTICELLO RACEWAY RETROACTIVE DATE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 12, 1987 of request by Monticello Raceway to raise the admission price to \$1.50 as of Tuesday, May 19, 1987 instead of May 26, 1987, which they previously requested.
- 33. CAPITAL DISTRICT OTB VARIOUS PROMOTIONS. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 14, 1987 of request by Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to undertake various promotional activities within its simulcast theater in Albany.
- 34. NYRA CHICAGO DOWNS (SPORTSMAN'S PARK). For entry into the minutes, the Board' prior approval of May 19, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Chicago Downs Association, Inc. at Sportsman's Park to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Metropolitan on 5/25, and the Coaching Club American Oaks on 7/5/87.

- 35. NYRA FOX VALLEY (SPORTSMAN'S PARK). For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 19, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Fox Valley Trotting, Inc. at Sportsman's Park to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Brooklyn Handicap on 7/25, Sword Dancer on 8/1, Whitney on 8/8, Alabama on 8/15, Travers on 8/22, Hopeful on 8/29, and the Woodward on 9/5/87.
- 36. NYRA ARLINGTON AND MAYWOOD. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 19, 1987 of request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Arlington Park and Maywood Park to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Metropolitan on 5/25, Coaching Club on 7/5, Brooklyn on 7/25, Sword Dancer on 8/1, Whitney on 8/8, Alabama on 8/15, Travers on 8/22, Hopeful on 8/29, and Woodward on 9/5/87.
- 37. SUFFOLK REGIONAL OTB INCREASE ADMISSION PRICE. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 14, 1987 of request by Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation to amend its simulcast plan of operation and increase its admission price at its simulcast theater and offer a program with the price of admission.
- 38. YONKERS RACEWAY NYRA. For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 12, 1987 of request by Yonkers Raceway to simulcast, as part of their New York Racing Association inter-track program, the Preakness Stakes from Pimlico Race Course on May 16, 1987.
- 39. <u>SUMMARY SUSPENSION FRED CORELLI.</u> For entry into the minutes, the Board's prior approval of May 8, 1987 of the summary suspension of Fred Corelli, harness trainer-driver due to the fact that he appeared at Yonkers Raceway on May 3, 1987 while cocaine was present in his system.

## C. FOR BOARD APPROVAL:

- 1. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO 4101.6. The Board approved the adoption of amendment to Rule 4101.6 which replaces citing specific counties, in which capital improvements may be made, to read "statutorily designated track".
- 2. APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE EXTENSION JOCKEY JERRY BELMONTE. The Board approved the request by Jockey Jerry Belmonte for an eight day extension of his apprentice allowance due to a race incurred injury. Mr. Belmonte's new expiration date is August 29, 1987.

- 3. OMITTED.
- 4. APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE EXTENSION JOCKEY ELIEZER ORTIZ. The Board approved the request by Jockey Eliezer Ortiz for a six day extension of his apprentice allowance for days lost due to snow. Mr. Ortiz's new expiration date is June 14, 1987.
- 5. SARATOGA HARNESS CAMP GOOD DAYS & SPECIAL TIMES. The Board approved the request by Saratoga Harness to promote a night at the races for "Camp Good Days & Special Times" on Tuesday, June 30, 1987, whereby Saratoga will print 2,500 general admission tax exempt passes for distribution by the Realtors Association who in turn will accept a donation of one dollar.
- FINGER LAKES KODAK DAY AND RED WINGS APPRECIATION DAY. The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes Racing Association to hold the promotion "Kodak Day" on September 19, 1987 whereby on that day, all Kodak employees displaying their I.D.'s will be granted free grandstand admission, and to have a "Red Wing Appreciation Day" on July 11, 1987, as outlined in their letter of May 8, 1987.
- 7. NYRA BLUE RIBBON DOWNS. The Board approved the request by New York Racing Association to enter into agreement with Blue Ribbon Downs to accept pari-mutuel wagers on the Travers on August 22, and the Marlboro Cup on September 20, 1987.

## D. FOR BOARD NOTICE AND INFORMATION:

- NYS REGISTER May 20, 1987, re: Replacement of an Occupational License Due to Loss. / Helmets to be Worn by Licensees - NOTED.
- 2. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, May 5, 1987, re: Consent of NYRA for Capital District and Western Regional Off-Track Betting Requests NOTED.
- 3. Memo of S. Richman to T. Davide, May 5, 1987, re: Death of Adolph J. Capacci, Director of Seneca County, Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation NOTED.