

MINUTES

NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING SPECIAL BOARD

MEETING OF JULY 19, 2000

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Thursday, July 19, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. at the Racing & Wagering Board's Albany Office located at 1 Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, New York.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

In Attendance Were:

Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., Chairman

Joseph Neglia, Member

Cheryl Buley, Member

Nicole Thuillez, Secretary to the Board

Robert Feuerstein, General Counsel

Gregg Schreffler, Chief of Audits

Joe Lynch, Chief of Racing Operations

Also in Attendance Were:

Dianne Landor, NYSR&WB

Nicole Robilotto, NYSR&WB

Stacey Walker, NYSR&WB

Rick Goodell, NYSR&WB

Steve Baldwin, GORR

Stephen Syzdek, GORR

Skip Carlson, Saratoga Equine Sports Center

Charles Coppola, Coppola, Ryan & McHugh

Martin Tuczinski, Capital OTB

Melissa Pulver, Division of Budget

Cassandra Allison, Division of Budget

Dan Wray, NYC OTB

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Skip Carlson from Saratoga Equine Sports Center spoke regarding Saratoga's request to have a Sysco night in which Sysco invites 1500-2000 of their customers to sample their foods, new products etc. To keep the customers entertained, Sysco would like to offer each customer a \$500 non-betting voucher to take place on qualified races. There would be wagering based on odds and at the end of the evening customers will bid on prizes. Mr. Carlson explained that this was a good way to promote harness racing and Sysco paid all of Saratoga's employees. Saratoga also brings in profits through the sale of food and beverages. Chairman Hoblock and Robert Feuerstein explained to Mr. Carlson that according to the law this is considered pari-mutuel wagering because the guests are ultimately competing against each other for prizes which will be provided by Sysco. The Chairman also stressed that he believed this was a great way to promote harness racing; however under the law it is not possible. A format was set up last year that would be permissible under the law but Saratoga chose not to use that format. The format that was set up last year would be the way to handle this within the law. Mr. Carlson will bring this information back to Saratoga/Sysco and will get back to the Board. The event would be in October.

Steve Baldwin from GORR introduced himself and stated that he and Stephen Syzdek were there just to observe and get a better understanding of the workings of our agency.

Dan Wray, a lobbyist for NYC OTB and representing the Mayor's office, spoke during the discussion of the "E" item regarding NYC OTB. He discussed the decision by NYC OTB not to take certain tracks and stated that a letter will be sent the next day regarding their decision. He stated that NYC OTB would be focusing on thoroughbred tracks.

A. The Board approved the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 22, 2000.

B. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

1. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO CHANGE RACING SCHEDULE

For entry into the minutes, on June 22, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo to cancel the scheduled programs of Saturday, August 5th, Thursday, August 10th, and Thursday, August 17th.

The Board also approved the addition of a matinee program requested for Thursday, August 24th.

2. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO CHANGE POST TIME DURING SARATOGA MEET

For entry into the minutes, on June 22, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes for a revised first post of 12:45 p.m. for all year 2000 Finger Lakes live racing days from July 26th through September 4th.

3. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO OFFER PROMOTION

For entry into the minutes, on June 22, 2000, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB to celebrate its attainment of a year-to-date one billion-dollar handle during its current fiscal year. It is the understanding of the Board that the winner of the Saratoga Race Course trip, lodging, meals and spending money prize package will be present in the 991 Second Avenue branch in the borough of Manhattan when the one billion mark is achieved.

The selection of the winner of this promotion will come from among all patrons in the branch, none of whom shall be restricted for eligibility on the basis of having engaged in wagering, waiting on line to engage in wagering or currently engaged in wagering.

4. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL RACECOURSE

For entry into the minutes, on June 23, 2000, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB to amend the New York City OTB simulcast plan of operation based on a new agreement with Arlington International Racecourse.

This agreement between New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation, on behalf of itself and other New York State Regional Off-Track Betting Corporations - specifically, Capital, Catskill and Western, provides for the import of the simulcast signal and the ability to take wagering on races from Arlington International Racecourse, a thoroughbred track in Illinois.

This simulcast may be utilized whenever in accordance with the Racing Law. This approval is valid throughout the year 2000 racing season at Arlington International Racecourse.

5. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO EXPORT VARIOUS OUTLETS FOR 2000 CALENDAR YEAR

For entry into the minutes, on June 28, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to export the Monticello Raceway simulcast to a new entity, the Seabrook Greyhound Park and simulcast center in Seabrook, New Hampshire.

The approval is valid throughout the year 2000 Monticello Raceway season.

6. NYRA REQUEST TO OFFER WAGERING ON PICK 3 ON 7/9/00

For entry into the minutes, on June 28, 2000, approval was granted for the request by NYRA to designate five out-of-state thoroughbred events during the months of July and August as "special events" as specified under Section 905-a of the Racing Law.

The designated out-of-state thoroughbred special events are as follows:

7/15	DeFrancis Dash (I)	Laurel Park
7/15	Ohio Derby (II)	Thistledown Racetrack
8/06	Haskell Invitational H. (I)	Monmouth Park
8/19	Arlington Million (I)	Arlington International Racecourse

Also approved by the Board is the "CDSN - Pick-3" wager on July 9th, that has as its three legs, the Bashford Manor Stakes at 5:10 p.m. from Churchill Downs, the featured overnight handicap from Calder Racecourse at 5:28 p.m., and the Hollywood Gold Cup from Hollywood Park at 5:40 p.m. NYRA will be the hub for this wager and a special 19% takeout is approved. The 19% takeout (normally 25% on in-state and 26% on out-of-state Pick-3's) is authorized by Section 1017(1)(b) and Section 907(2) & (3) of the Racing Law.

7. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO IMPORT SIMULCASTS FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2000

For entry into the minutes, on June 28, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs for the import of the simulcast signals from Arlington

International Race Course in Illinois and Delaware Park in Delaware into Vernon Downs whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

8. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST FROM POMPANO PARK

For entry into the minutes, on June 28, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB to simulcast Pompano Park in Florida through January 31, 2001.

The contract with Pompano Park extends through June 30, 2001, however the permission letter from the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association is valid through January 31, 2001. To continue with Pompano Park after January 31, 2001, a new permission letter from the representative Pompano Park horsemen's association will have to be filed with the Board.

This approval also extends to Suffolk OTB.

9. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO CHANGE POST TIMES

For entry into the minutes, on June 30, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to change the post time to 7:35 p.m. (from the previously approved matinees at 1:15 p.m.) on the Wednesdays and Thursdays of July 26th, 27th, August 2nd, 3rd, 24th, 30th & 31st, September 6th & 7th.

10. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO ADD SUPERFECTA WAGERING

For entry into the minutes, on June 30, 2000, approval was granted, on a trial basis, for the request by Finger Lakes to add a second superfecta wagering race (the fifth race) on each day's race card. A superfecta wager on each card's last race, as was approved with the year 2000 Finger Lakes Racing Association track license, also remains in effect.

If the number of wagering interests available does not comply with the superfecta rules, the superfecta pari-mutuel pool must be cancelled. In addition, the second superfecta is not transferable to another race on the program.

The period for the trial basis expires September 4th, 2000 (Labor Day). Within 15 days of expiration, Finger Lakes' management should inform the Board in writing of the effects of the second superfecta on overall total handle and any other factors affected either positively or negatively by the institution of this second superfecta. The Board will make a decision regarding the continuance, on a permanent basis of the additional superfecta, upon receipt and analysis of the pertinent information.

11. NYRA REQUEST FOR VARIOUS PROMOTIONS

For entry into the minutes, on June 30, 2000, approval was granted for the request by NYRA to participate in and host as the wagering hub, a designated "special event" as specified under section 905-a of the Racing Law, the America's Day Pick-3. This is to take place on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2000. A special 20% takeout is approved. The 20% takeout (normally 25% on in-state and 26% on out-of-state Pick-3's) is authorized by Section 1017(1)(b) and Section 907(2) & (3) of the Racing Law.

The Board has also approved the NYRA promotion in conjunction with the Coors Brewing Company to award, by drawing on Travers Day, one five-thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) voucher to a winning patron. It is understood that this patron must use the entire \$5,000.00 to wager upon the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga on Saturday, September 2nd.

The Board has also approved the NYRA request to add superfecta wagering to the year 2000 running of the Travers Stakes, providing the number of pari-mutuel wagering interests comply with the rules of the superfecta.

The Board approved the New York Racing Association's Saratoga Race Course Fantasy Challenge game to be conducted via the official NYRA website.

It is understood that this Fantasy Challenge will be conducted per all rules submitted to the Board with the Saratoga Race Course Fantasy Challenge game application.

12. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO ADD TRIFECTA WAGERING

For entry into the minutes, on June 30, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to conduct "all-triple wagering" on the holiday program on Monday, July 3rd and all subsequent afternoon cards of harness racing. (Approved previously in conjunction with the year 2000 track license was the ability to have two nights per week with all triple races. This would cover all Friday and Saturday night programs during the year 2000.)

The requirement of the Board is that in the event the number of pari-mutuel wagering interests does not conform to the number of "betting interests" competing in a given race, as stipulated in Board rules for triple wagering, such triple pool will be cancelled.

This approval is effective immediately.

13. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST FOR SIMULCASTS FOR YEAR 2000

For entry into the minutes, on July 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to import the Pompano Park (Florida) simulcast signal whenever permitted under the Racing Law. Although the contract is written and

agreed to through June 30, 2001, the federally required permission letter from the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association is for the timeframe of July 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001.

The Board's approval, therefore, extends through January 31, 2001. To continue with the Pompano Park simulcast after that date, a new Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association permission letter covering the period February 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001 must be filed with the Board.

* For entry into the minutes, on July 10, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway for the importing of the year 2000 simulcasts (five days) from The Syracuse Mile, effective August 5th.

* For entry into the minutes, on July 12, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway's to import the simulcast signal from Bally's Ocean Downs in Maryland, effective immediately. This approval is valid for the entire year 2000 Bally's at Ocean Downs' race meeting.

This simulcast may be imported whenever permissible under current Racing Law.

14. NYRA REQUEST TO EXPORT SIMULCAST TO HOLIDAY BEACH RESORT AND CASINO

For entry into the minutes, on July 5, 2000, approval was granted for the request by NYRA for the simulcast addition of the Holiday Beach Resort and Casino in Curacao, N.A., effective immediately.

15. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST TO IMPORT SIMULCAST FROM VARIOUS OUTLETS

For entry into the minutes, on July 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness for the import of the simulcast signal from the Authority of Racing Fairs in California, whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

Under no circumstances may a "mule race", as presented by some of these fairs, be a part of the simulcast. Other mixed breed races such as Appaloosa, Arabian or quarter horse racing is allowed provided that day's card of "fair races" is predominantly comprised of thoroughbred racing.

The imported simulcasts are available to be utilized under "bridge" conditions on all days that thoroughbred racing is conducted in New York State. Races from "bridge tracks" may be imported and wagered upon from the conclusion of the final afternoon New York State thoroughbred race (at both NYRA and Finger Lakes) until 7:30 p.m. (Racing Law - Section 1017-a). No race with an advertised post time past the 7:30 p.m. eastern hour may be imported.

* For entry into the minutes, on July 13, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to import the Pompano Park (Florida) simulcast signal whenever permitted under the Racing Law. Although the contract is written and agreed to through June 30, 2001, the federally required permission letter from the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association is for the timeframe of July 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001.

The Board's approval extends through January 31, 2001. To continue with the Pompano Park simulcast after that date, Saratoga Harness must file a new Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association permission letter covering the period of February 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

16. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO DESIGNATE RACES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

For entry into the minutes, on July 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to add as designated special events, the supporting races on the Hambletonian and Breeders Crown matinee race programs at the Meadowlands in New Jersey on July 29th and August 5, 2000.

Also approved as a special event is the Adios Pace and supporting races on the August 12th racing program at the Meadows in Pennsylvania.

The Hambletonian and Breeders Crown Series authorizations are within §906 of the Racing Law entitled, "Wagers on 'Breeders Crown' and 'Hambletonian'". Harness special event authorizations for harness track simulcast license holders is within §1007, "Simulcasts track to track" while regional off-track betting corporations receive their authorization for special harness events under §523, "General limitations on off-track betting".

17. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH PARK

For entry into the minutes, on July 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB for an amendment to the New York City OTB plan of operation by a request, dated June 29, 2000, to amend an existing contract with Monmouth Park Racetrack. This addendum to an existing valid contract provides for an increase in the rate of payment (by 0.25% to a total of 2.25%) on all net handle generated by New York City OTB on the Monmouth Park simulcasts on July 6th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23, 2000.

This rate of payment increase applies to simulcast wagering generated at New York City OTB only, and not to Monmouth Park simulcast wagering generated by the other parties to the original contract, Capital District, Catskill and Western Regional OTB's (should they simulcast the Monmouth Park signal on the stipulated July dates).

18. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO DESIGNATE RACES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

For entry into the minutes, on July 5, 2000, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB to designate as thoroughbred "Special Events", in compliance with Section 905-a of the Racing Law, the following Delaware Park stakes races:

- Saturday - July 22nd - The \$100,000 R. R. M. Carpenter, Jr. Memorial
- Saturday - July 22nd - The \$150,000 Robert G. Dick Memorial Breeders Cup
- Saturday - July 22nd - The \$250,000 Grade III Delaware Oaks
- Sunday - July 23rd - The \$250,000 Grade III Kent Breeders Cup
- Sunday - July 23rd - The \$600,000 Grade III Delaware Handicap

Not designated by the Board as a "special event" is the \$75,000 ungraded Light Hearted Stakes scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd.

19. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST OCEAN DOWNS

For entry into the minutes, on July 10, 2000, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB for the agreement between the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation and Bally's Maryland, Inc. d/b/a Ocean Downs, enabling New York City OTB to import the Ocean Downs simulcast signal whenever permitted by current Racing Law.

20. WESTERN OTB REQUEST TO OFFER SUMMER HANDICAPPING CONTEST

For entry into the minutes, on July 10, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Western OTB to offer a branch handicapping contest promotion to take place on Saturdays and Sundays from mid-July through the end of August 2000.

21. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO AMEND PLAN OF OPERATION

For entry into the minutes, on July 11, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to change the first post time for all remaining matinees scheduled during the year 2000 at Vernon Downs to 1:00 p.m.

Further authorized were 14 races on the Saturday evening, July 15th racing program. Due to multiple divisions of the New York Sire Stakes on this evening, up to 14 races may be drawn on Wednesday, July 12th for the Saturday, July 15th program.

* For entry into the minutes, on July 13, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on all fifteen (15) New York Sire Stakes races scheduled for Saturday evening, July 15th.

On Saturday night with the fifteen-race program, the following rule could apply should any unusual incidents occur over this long schedule:

4101.29 Time of last race.

Each night's racing program shall be scheduled to be completed prior to midnight. On Saturday night no race shall be called on the track which cannot within reasonable expectation be completed before midnight and in no event may betting be conducted after 11:57 p.m. on said night and the presiding judge shall cause the machines or other devices used for wagering to be locked by such time.

22. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST THISTLEDOWN RACING CLUB, INC.

For entry into the minutes, on July 11, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB, dated July 6, 2000, to import the simulcast signals, whenever permitted under the Racing Law, from the thoroughbred racetrack known as Thistledown Racetrack in Ohio.

This approval extends to Suffolk Regional OTB also.

23. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO IMPORT POMPANO PARK

For entry into the minutes, on July 13, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import the Pompano Park (Florida) simulcast signal whenever permitted under the Racing Law. Although the contract is written and agreed to through June 30, 2001, the federally required permission letter from the Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association is for the timeframe of July 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001.

The Board's approval extends through January 31, 2001. To continue with the Pompano Park simulcast after that date, Buffalo Raceway must file a new Florida Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association permission letter covering the period of February 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001.

24. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST OCEAN DOWNS & SYRACUSE MILE

For entry into the minutes, on July 13, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to import the simulcast signals from Bally's Ocean Downs in Maryland effective immediately and from The Syracuse Mile during its August year 2000 five-day race meeting.

The Ocean Downs simulcasts may be imported whenever permissible under current Racing Law.

25. NYRA REQUEST TO ADD NEW SIMULCAST SITES

For entry into the minutes, on July 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by NYRA for the addition of two outlets for the Federal Bookmakers, Ltd. of Barbados, currently the operator of a single site. As with other Caribbean locations, these two new sites will be administered by Stevenson and Associates.

This approval is effective immediately.

26. NYRA REQUEST TO OFFER TRIFECTA AND ROLLING PICK 3 WAGERING

For entry into the minutes, on July 18, 2000, approval was granted for the request by NYRA to add "rolling pick threes" beginning with race one and all triples (trifecta) wagers to the daily NYRA racing cards.

Approval is effective beginning with the opening day of the year 2000 Saratoga Racecourse meeting.

D. ITEMS TO BE APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE BOARD

1. IN THE MATTER OF DONALD ALLISON

The Board approved Hearing Officer Brittell's recommendation that Mr. Allison's thoroughbred racing license remain suspended due to failure to participate in his substance abuse program and participation in unlawful activity off-track in violation of Board Rule 4042.5(c). Mr. Allison may reapply in the event he satisfactorily completes a substance abuse program and tests "clean".

2. IN THE MATTER OF ANTHONY P. BUFFALINO

The Board approved Hearing Officer Martin's recommendation that the December 15, 1999 refusal to issue a harness trainer license to participate in pari-mutuel racing be upheld.

3. IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL J. GRIECO, JR.

The Board disapproved Hearing Officer Martin's recommendation to reverse the decision to deny a groom's license to Mr. Grieco. The Board ordered that the October 19, 1999 decision to refuse him a license to participate in pari-mutuel racing be affirmed.

The refusal was based upon the staff findings that Mr. Grieco violated rules of the Board and that his character and fitness are such that issuance of a license would be inconsistent with public interest, convenience or necessity or with the best interests of racing generally. The findings relate to a 1991 incident at Buffalo Raceway, which resulted in Board revocation of Grieco's racing license.

4. IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH KRAJCZEWSKI

The Board approved Hearing Officer Brittell's recommendation that the harness racing license of Joseph Krajczewski be suspended until he provides proof of satisfaction of the judgments cited in the Hearing Officer's Report.

5. IN THE MATTER OF EDWIN C. LONG

The Board approved Hearing Officer Dranichak's recommendation that the imposition of a \$100 fine by the State Steward at Finger Lakes Race Track for "failure to handle business properly necessitating a late scratch of the horse Whipping Post from the 9th race on April 25, 2000" be upheld.

6. IN THE MATTER OF ANTHONY MARGOTTA

The Board approved Hearing Officer Martin's recommendation for the suspension of Mr. Margotta's thoroughbred trainer's license for 120 days (at a time to be assigned at the discretion of the State Steward at the NYRA track) for the four post-race drug positives at Saratoga Race Course, in violation of Board Rules 4043.2 and 4043.4 on August 6, 8, 20 and 24, 1998. During the period of suspension, Mr. Margotta is denied the privileges of the grounds and no horses trained by him or his agents or employees shall be permitted to compete in pari-mutuel racing. The \$1500 fine is rescinded.

7. IN THE MATTER OF JUAN ROHENA

The Board approved Hearing Officer Dranichak's recommendation that the 10 day suspension for interference in the fourth race on May 5, 2000 in violation of Board Rule 4035.2 be confirmed and that the penalty be served at the discretion of the State Steward.

8. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$18,035.56

The Board approved the request by Buffalo Raceway to withdraw \$18,035.56 from their Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of capital improvement purchases and improvements.

Patron Areas & Service- 85 %

Clubhouse Smoking Area :

Aluminum Partition (Including Doors & Windows)	\$7,050.00
Ceiling Fans	<u>1,680.00</u>
Total – Smoking Area	

Flooring :

Entrance Area Tile	\$4,770.00
Mutual Area Carpeting	943.25
Tile for Clubhouse Ramp	<u>865.00</u>
Total Patron Areas -Flooring	

Total Patron Areas & Services **\$15,308.25**

Backside (Paddock Men' s Room) – 15%

Plumbing Renovations	\$1,675.14
Water Heater	<u>1,052.17</u>
Total Paddock Men' s Room	

Total Application **\$18,035.56**

9. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$115,698.23

The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes to withdraw \$115,698.23 from its Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of capital improvement expenditures.

Backstretch & Barns – 37%

(2) Tractors for Horse Ambulance	\$ 38,488.22
(2) Water heaters for Barn #19	748.90

Pick Up Truck for Security Patrol 3,739.65

Total Backstretch

General & Administrative – 1%

Digital Camera \$ 948.18

Raffle Drum 573.31

Total General & Administrative

Patron Services & Areas – 62%

(12) Folding tables for upper grandstand \$ 1,010.97

Upgrade electrical service to 34,500 volts 70,189.00

Total Patron Service & Areas

Total Application **\$115,698.23**

10. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$15,918.60

The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes to withdraw \$15,918.60 from its Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of various advertising and promotional expenditures incurred by the track for the period of June 1 through June 30, 1999.

Included in this request is \$2,743.09 for signs to be installed on the NYS Thruway. This item was originally requested as a regular capital improvement with Finger Lakes' November 9, 1999 request. Board staff had recommended denial of this item as it was deemed an advertising and promotional expense. Board staff has observed the signs.

Advertising Media

Amount

Radio \$8,447.12

Television	2,340.62
Print	2,387.77
Thruway Sign	<u>2,743.09</u>
Total	

11. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$19,682.70

The Board approved the request by Monticello Raceway to withdraw \$19,682.70 from their Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of capital improvement purchases and improvements.

Patron Area & Service - 8%

50" TV for Niatross Lounge
\$1,497.99

General & Administrative - 50%

1989 Chevy P/U with plow for
Maintenance \$5,899.00

New sink for photo finish room
84.93

1985 Ford Ambulance - Supplies,
Lettering,

and Registration
3,885.49

\$9,869.42

Backstretch Area - 42%

New Water Heater - Barn N
\$ 191.51

New Water Heater - Barn F
181.89

New Water Heater Maintenance
Bathroom 181.89

New Roof on Paddock and Lasix
Barn 5,120.00

New Roof on Ship - In Barn
2,640.00

\$8,315.29

Total Approved Application
\$19,682.70

12. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO EXPORT VARIOUS OUTLETS FOR 2000 CALENDAR YEAR

The Board approved the request by Monticello Raceway to export their video simulcast signal for use by World Gaming Services through Starnet Communications, Inc., a company licensed in St. John's, Antigua, West Indies. This request is to make the Monticello Raceway simulcast signal available and to have the guest, World Gaming Services, Inc., conduct pari-mutuel wagering upon such simulcast signal.

An addendum to the initial contract, received on May 26, 2000, reads "Guests shall not knowingly receive wagers from resident of New York State via the Internet and/or telephone."

13. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$100,000

The Board approved the request by Yonkers Raceway, dated June 29, 2000, to withdraw \$100,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for expenses previously approved by the Board related to the demolition of the Grandstand and the relocation of racing related services to the Clubhouse.

14. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST FOR A NEW E-Z BET LOCATION - CANASTOTA

The Board approved the Capital District Regional OTB request, dated April 4, 2000, to conduct wagering and display simulcasts at Canastota Hi-Way Bowl in Canastota (Madison County). At this new E-Z Bet location, all wagering is self-service and initiated using a winning ticket or voucher only. The amount limit in the issuance of any voucher to a customer at any one time will be five hundred dollars (\$500).

Capital OTB, using its own security employees, will occasionally inspect the Canastota Hi-Way Bowl E-Z Bet facility and certify that all rules and laws concerning the conduct of wagering in New York State are being followed. The Board must be notified in a timely manner whenever a change in procedure affects the operation of this approved E-Z Bet facility.

15. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST FOR A NEW E-Z BET LOCATION - TROY

The Board approved the Capital District Regional OTB request, dated May 4, 2000, to conduct wagering and display simulcasts at the Country Grove Inn on North Greenbush Road (Rt. 4) in Troy (Rensselaer County). At this new E-Z Bet location, all wagering is self-service and initiated using a winning ticket or voucher only. The amount limit in the issuance of any voucher to a customer at any one time will be five hundred dollars (\$500).

Capital OTB, using its own security employees, will occasionally inspect the Country Grove Inn E-Z Bet facility and certify that all rules and laws concerning the conduct of wagering in New York State are being followed. Due to the location of this branch, minors may often be attracted to the Country Grove Inn. Therefore, frequent security checks are in order.

The Board is to be notified in a timely manner whenever a change in procedure affects the operation of this approved E-Z Bet facility.

16. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST FOR A NEW E-Z BET LOCATION - ALBANY

The Board approved, with Chairman Hoblock abstaining, the Capital District Regional OTB request, dated May 12, 2000, to conduct wagering and display simulcasts at the Side Door Café on Western Avenue in Albany (Albany County). At this new E-Z Bet location, all wagering is self-service and initiated using a winning ticket or voucher only. The amount limit in the issuance of any voucher to a customer at any one time will be five hundred dollars (\$500).

Capital OTB, using its own security employees, will occasionally inspect the Side Door Café E-Z Bet facility and certify that all rules and laws concerning the conduct of wagering in New York State are being followed. The Board must be notified in a timely manner whenever a change in procedure affects the operation of this approved E-Z Bet facility.

17. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST FOR A NEW E-Z BET LOCATION - HERKIMER

The Board approved the Capital District Regional OTB request, dated June 1, 2000, to conduct wagering and display simulcasts at Pete's in Herkimer (Herkimer County). At this new E-Z Bet location, all wagering is self-service and initiated

using a winning ticket or voucher only. The amount limit in the issuance of any voucher to a customer at any one time will be five hundred dollars (\$500).

Capital OTB, using its own security employees, will occasionally inspect Pete's E-Z Bet facility and certify that all rules and laws concerning the conduct of wagering in New York State are being followed. The Board must be notified in a timely manner whenever a change in procedure affects the operation of this approved E-Z Bet facility.

18. NYRA REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES FOR SARATOGA MEET

The Board deferred the request by NYRA for the annexation of certain off-premise properties upon which thoroughbred horses scheduled to participate at Saratoga Racecourse and in the Lasix program will be stabled until such time as all signed annexation forms for the year 2000 NYRA-Saratoga season are properly filed with the Board.

E. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

1. RESOLUTION OF THE DELEGATION OF POWERS TO THE CHAIRMAN - 07/00-08-E

This is the Resolution of the Delegation of Powers to the Chairman which was approved by the Board at the June Board Meeting.

2. NEW YORK CITY OTB MONEY LAUNDERING AT BRANCHES - 07/00-07-E

Currency stained with red dye has been found recently in many self-service wagering terminals at various branches of NYC OTB. The stained currency came from a major bank robbery that is currently under investigation by the NYC PD Major Case Squad. All NYC OTB branches have been informed and have been provided guidance against further incidents. NYCPD is working with investigators of the NYC OTB IG's Office.

3. SYRACUSE MILE REQUIRED VIDEO SERVICES CONTRACT - 07/00-09-E

This contract provides for the required services of photo finish, photo patrol and fractional timing for the upcoming race meeting.

4. NEW YORK CITY OTB LETTER REGARDING NYC OTB DECISION TO EXCLUDE AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN TRACKS - 07/00-18-E

Letter to NYC OTB requesting an explanation of such business decisions that do not appear to be in conformity with the last part of Section 518.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.