



**ILLINOIS RACING BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

On Tuesday, November 19, 2019, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois starting at 11:00 a.m. The following Board members were present at the JRTC: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat and Commissioners Dan Beiser, Marcus Davis, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Edgar Ramirez, Benjamin Reyes, and Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, John Gay, Mickey Ezzo, and Michael Belmonte were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers: Esther Corpuz, Alivio Medical Center; William Kling; and Ken Kiehn and Paul Coronado, Racing Industry Charitable Foundation.

**LICENSEE REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sronce moved for approval of race officials at Hawthorne Race Course for calendar year 2020 including Michael Dupuy, Claims Clerk, for 2019. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of race officials at Suburban Downs for calendar year 2020. Commissioner McCauley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved for approval of the following totalizator licensees for calendar year 2020: Amtote International, Inc; United Tote Company; and Sportech Racing (conditioned upon the submission of a satisfactory SSAE 18 report). Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of the following advance deposit wagering licensees for calendar year 2020 conditioned upon updated agreements and horsemen's consent: ODS Technologies, LP (TVG); Xpressbet, LLC; Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company (Twin Spires and Bet America); Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. (Club Hawthorne); and NYRA Bets, LLC. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Brian Zander appeared on behalf of Fairmount Park.

Commissioner Mulder moved for approval of the following intertrack wagering licensees for calendar year 2020: Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC; Fairmount Park, Inc; and Suburban Downs, Inc. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Chairman Brincat moved for approval of the following intertrack wagering location (OTB) licensees for calendar year 2020: Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC – locations in Waukegan, Hodgkins, Villa Park, Orland Hills, Weed Street in Chicago, Rockford, McHenry, Aurora, Hoffman Estates, Green Oaks, and North Aurora. Fairmount Park, Inc. – locations in Springfield, Sauget, and Alton. Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. – locations in Mokena, Joliet, Glendale Heights, Lansing, Prospect Heights, Corliss Avenue in Chicago, Crestwood, Oakbrook Terrace, Normal, Ottawa, and Peoria. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Commissioner Sronce moved for approval of the following occupation licensees to operate as concessionaires for calendar year 2020. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Arlington OTB Corporation servicing Arlington Trackside and the Waukegan OTB.

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

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

Salerno's McHenry, Inc. servicing the McHenry OTB

Stoney Point Grill, LLC servicing the Mokena OTB.

Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership at Arlington Park.

Post Time Catering, Inc. at Hawthorne Race Course and servicing the Corliss OTB.

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

Smart Valet Parking, LLC. servicing the Chicago OTB on Weed Street.

Frank GF, Inc. servicing the Villa Park OTB.

Van Lenhardt, Inc. servicing the Alton OTB.

Fine Eat, LLC servicing the OTB in Normal.

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.

Voska Ventures, LLC servicing the Lansing OTB.

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, Joliet, and Ottawa OTB's;

Turf Room Restaurant, Inc. servicing the North Aurora OTB;

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

Peoria Forrest Hill Development Company servicing the Peoria OTB.

Applications were submitted by Alivio Medical Center (AMC) and Racing Industry Charitable Foundation (RICF) for charitable funds for 2020 pursuant to Section 31.1 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act. Commissioner McCauley moved to ratify the selection process and the Committee's scoring results. The grant was awarded to RICF. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 1. Commissioner Ramirez voted against the motion. Ken Kiehn and Paul Coronado appeared on behalf of RICF.

Commissioner Sronce moved for approval of the following change to Arlington Park's 2020 stall application pursuant to IRB rule 1424.50. A deposit of \$1,500 - \$3,000 for stall damages and repairs may be required of trainers whose stalls have been damaged excessively in previous years. Repairs for damages to stalls will be deducted from this deposit. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **BOARD REQUESTS**

Chairman Brincat moved for approval of the following Board meeting schedule for calendar year 2020. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Tuesday, January 21 at the James R. Thompson Center (JRTC)

Tuesday, February 18 at the JRTC

Tuesday, March 17 at the JRTC

Tuesday, April 21 at the JRTC

Tuesday, May 19 at the JRTC

Tuesday, June 16 at the JRTC

Thursday, July 16 at Arlington Park

Tuesday, August 18 at the JRTC

Wednesday, September 16 (Dates Hearing) at the JRTC

Thursday, October 15 at Hawthorne Race Course

Tuesday, November 17 at the JRTC; and

Tuesday, December 15 at the JRTC

Commissioner Reyes moved to uphold the \$750 fine to Javour Simpson imposed by the stewards at Fairmount Park for violation of IRB rule 1416.5 (causing interference) on July 27, 2019. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioners McCauley and Sronce abstained.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner Sronce moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Domenic DiCera  
Executive Director