



ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, September 17, 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: Chairman Jeffrey Brincat and Commissioners Daniel Beiser, Marcus Davis, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Edgar Ramirez, Benjamin Reyes and Gregory Sronce. Staff members Domenic DiCera, John Gay, Michael Belmonte and Mickey Ezzo were also present. On Tuesday September 24, 2019 the meeting was reconvened, and Board Member Shelley Kalita was added to the roll.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers: Kathy Gilroy; Shirley Ness (Secretary) and Chris Block (member), Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation; Sheila Chalmers-Currin (Village President) and Anthony Burton (Village Administrator), Village of Matteson; Michael Campbell (President) and David McCaffrey (Executive Director), Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Beiser moved to approve a request submitted by Fairmount Park, Inc. for the disbursement of \$100,000 from the Quarter Horse Purse Fund, authorized under Sections 26.9 and 27(a-5) of the Act, for quarter horse races conducted at Fairmount Park in 2019. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8-0) by roll call vote. Commissioner Kalita was absent for the vote.

BOARD ITEM

Tim Carey and Robert Molaro testified on behalf the race dates application submitted by Suburban Downs, Inc.

Rick and Alisa Heidner and Tim Carey testified on behalf of the race dates application submitted by Playing in the Park, LLC.

Brian Zander testified on behalf of the race dates application submitted by Fairmount Park, Inc. Jim Watkins testified on behalf of the Illinois Horsemen's Benevolent and Protection Association.

Tim Carey and Robert Molaro testified on behalf of the race dates application submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc.

Tony Petrillo testified on behalf of the race dates application submitted by Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC.

Commissioner Ramirez departed the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sronce moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Commissioners Beiser and Davis abstained. Commissioners Kalita and Ramirez were absent for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:00 p.m., Commissioner McCauley moved to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (7-0). Commissioners Kalita and Ramirez were absent for the vote.

Commissioner McCauley moved for the appointment by the Chairman of a 2-person committee of the Board to serve for the one-week adjournment period. Former IRB Executive Director Marc Laino will serve as the liaison between the committee and Churchill Downs and/or Arlington Park. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 1. Commissioner Mulder voted against the motion. Commissioners Kalita and Ramirez were absent for the vote.

The meeting reconvened on September 24, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in room 9-040 of the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois. Commissioner Kalita joined the meeting.

Marc Laino provided an update on the discussions with the stakeholders during the one-week adjournment period.

Tony Petrillo on behalf of Arlington Park and Bradley Blackwell, Senior V.P. and General Counsel for Churchill Downs, testified and answered questions presented by the Board members.

Chairman Brincat moved to grant the following organization licenses and adopt the following race dates schedule for 2020. Commissioner Sronce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9-0) by roll call vote.

FAIRMOUNT PARK, INC. - 60 thoroughbred race programs with a minimum of 7 races per day.

- March 3 through May 31- Racing 2 days per week on Tuesdays and Saturdays;
- June 1 through July 11 - Racing 3 days per week on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and
- July 12 through September 7 - Racing 2 days per week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Dark on September 5. Racing on September 7.

Section 20(e-3) of the Illinois Horse Racing Act states that the Board shall award a racetrack in Madison County, for calendar year 2020 and thereafter, racing dates and the organization licensee shall run at least 700 thoroughbred races.

Pursuant to Section 20 (e-4.5)(iii) of the Act, the Board may decrease the number of racing days “only if the Board determines that there is an agreement between an organization licensee and the breed association that is applicable to the involved live racing guarantee...so long as the agreement does not compromise the integrity of the sport of horse racing.”

The Board received an agreement dated August 29, 2019 between Fairmount Park and the Illinois Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protection Association for 60 days of live racing with a minimum of 7 races per day.

ARLINGTON PARK RACECOURSE, LLC - 68 thoroughbred race programs and 215 total host programs.

- January 5 through March 2 (dark host time) - No live racing;
- April 27 through May 31 - Racing 2 days per week on Fridays and Saturdays. Dark April 27 through April 30 and May 8. Racing on May 10.
- June 1 through July 12 - Racing 3 days per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays;
- July 13 through September 6 - Racing 4 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark September 3 and September 4; and
- September 7 through September 30 - Racing 3 days per week on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Dark September 27 through September 30. Racing on September 23.

HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE, INC. - 37 thoroughbred race programs and 151 total host programs.

- January 1 through January 4 – Dark January 1 and 2;
- March 3 through April 26 (dark host time) – No live racing; and
- October 1 through December 31 - Racing 3 days per week Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Dark October 1, November 26, December 24, 25 and 31.

Hawthorne Race Course shall transfer to Arlington Park’s purse account, dark host purses on 17 days, Sundays through Thursdays, from March 8 through March 30.

SUBURBAN DOWNS, INC. - 92 standardbred race programs and 342 total host programs.

- February 15 through February 29 - Racing 2 nights per week on Saturdays and Sundays; and
- March 1 through September 20 - Racing 3 nights per week on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark April 12.

PLAYING IN THE PARK, LLC - 12 standardbred race programs and 24 total host programs at a proposed racetrack at 7400 to 7600 West 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Illinois.

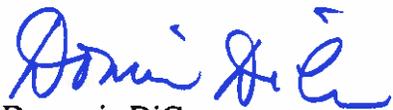
- December 6 through December 29, racing 3 nights per week on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays.

This motion includes the following conditions:

- 1) Consistent with Section 29(d) of the Act, each organization licensee shall have a written agreement with their respective horsemen's association no later than 90 days before the commencement of their race meet. If no agreement is reached by the deadline, the organization licensee shall immediately notify the Board's Executive Director. The Chairman will either serve as a mediator or designate a mediator for the resolution of the dispute;
- 2) Pursuant to Section 3.075(a) of the Act, each organization licensee shall have a written agreement with their respective horsemen's association to allow a lesser schedule than 5 five days of racing per week and less than 9 races per day;
- 3) Each organization licensee shall maintain an open backstretch for the entirety of their race meet with sufficient housing for backstretch workers and sufficient stall space to accommodate horses for all race dates awarded; and
- 4) The license awarded to Playing in the Park, LLC is subject to all the conditions of licensure imposed on all organization licensees, compliance with the Illinois Horse Racing Act, and conformity with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board.

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