

**Minutes of the
New York State Racing Commission**

1967

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, January 12, 1967 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Gerard A. Burke, Steward and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 1966, were approved.

The Commission approved the application dated January 11, 1967, of The New York Racing Association Inc., of prices of admission and other facilities for their 1967 season, as follows:

Admission Charges

Grandstand (patron will pay \$2.)
Established Price \$1.54
State Tax .231
Local Tax .231
Total \$2.002

Association will pay .002 tax

Clubhouse (patron will pay \$5.)
Established Price \$3.85
State Tax .5775
Local Tax .5775
Total \$5.0050

Association will pay .005 tax

Clubhouse Exchange (patron will pay \$3.)
Established Price \$2.31
State Tax .3465
Local Tax .3465
Total \$3.0030

Association will pay .003 tax

Clubhouse Special Taxable (patron \$2.50)
Established Price \$1.93
State Tax .2895
Local Tax .2895
Total \$2.5090

Association will pay .009 tax

Reserved Seats and Boxes (patron will pay \$1.50)
Established Price \$1.16
State Tax .174
Local Tax .174
Total \$1.508

Association will pay .008 tax

Schedule of Amounts to be shown on Box bills:

| | <u>4 seat box</u> | <u>5 seat box</u> | <u>6 seat box</u> | <u>7 seat box</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Established Price | \$556.80 | \$696.00 | \$ 835.20 | \$ 974.40 |
| N.Y. State Tax | 81.60 | 102.00 | 122.40 | 142.80 |
| N.Y. City Tax | 81.60 | 102.00 | 122.40 | 142.80 |
| Total bill to patron | \$720.00 | \$900.00 | \$1,080.00 | \$1,260.00 |

Additional taxes paid by Association:

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N.Y. State Tax | \$1.92 | \$2.40 | \$2.88 | \$3.36 |
| N.Y. City Tax | <u>1.92</u> | <u>2.40</u> | <u>2.88</u> | <u>3.36</u> |
| | \$3.84 | \$4.80 | \$ 5.76 | \$6.72 |

Saratoga Meeting - 24 days - 5 seat box

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Established Price | \$139.20 |
| N.Y. State Tax | 20.40 |
| County Tax | <u>20.40</u> |
| | \$180.00 |

Additional taxes paid by Association

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|----------------|------------|
| N.Y. State Tax | \$.48 |
| County Tax | <u>.48</u> |
| | \$.96 |

Autumn and Fall Meetings - 90 days

| | <u>4 seat box</u> | <u>5 seat box</u> | <u>6 seat box</u> | <u>7 seat box</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Established Price | \$417.60 | \$522.00 | \$ 626.40 | \$ 730.80 |
| N.Y. State Tax | 61.20 | 76.50 | 91.80 | 107.10 |
| N.Y. City Tax | <u>61.20</u> | <u>76.50</u> | <u>91.80</u> | <u>107.10</u> |
| Total bill to patron | \$540.00 | \$675.00 | \$ 810.00 | \$ 945.00 |

Additional taxes paid by Association

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N.Y. State Tax | \$ 1.44 | \$ 1.80 | \$ 2.16 | \$ 2.52 |
| N.Y. City Tax | <u>1.44</u> | <u>1.80</u> | <u>2.16</u> | <u>2.52</u> |
| Total | \$ 2.88 | \$ 3.60 | \$ 4.32 | \$ 5.04 |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the racing dates for the 1967 racing season for The New York Racing Association Inc., as applied for by letter dated January 11, 1967.

Aqueduct - Spring Meeting

Monday, March 13 thru Wednesday, May 31 69 days

Belmont - Spring Meeting at Aqueduct

Thursday, June 1 to Saturday, July 1 27 days

Aqueduct - Summer Meeting

Monday, July 3 thru Saturday, July 29 24 days

Saratoga Meeting

Monday, July 31 thru Saturday, August 26 24 days

Aqueduct - Fall Meeting

Monday, August 28 thru Saturday, September 30 30 days

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| <u>Belmont - Fall Meeting at Aqueduct</u> | |
| Monday, October 2 thru Saturday, October 28 | 24 days |
| <u>Aqueduct Final Meeting</u> | |
| Monday, October 30 thru Saturday, December 9 | <u>36 days</u> |
| Total | 234 days |

Discussion of Racing Congress to be sponsored by The National Association of State Racing Commissioners: The Chairman spoke to Thomas Brogan on Monday, December 12, 1966, and Mr. Brogan informed the Chairman that the Executive Committee had recommended and approved the Racing Congress. The Chairman asked Mr. Brogan if approval was received from all members of The Executive Committee and Mr. Brogan replied that it was. The Chairman asked if all Commissioners had been polled as to their opinion in the matter and Mr. Brogan replied that he would inquire and advise us. No further advice was received from Mr. Brogan.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the applications of The New York Racing Association Inc., for drawings and specifications prepared by Arthur Froehlich & Associates, covering the site development work, including the paddock area, railroad terminal and Racing Department Building, at their race track, Belmont Park, Nassau County, New York, as set forth in letter dated December 12, 1966. The Chairman was authorized to issue permits therefor. It was agreed that Mr. Alex M. Robb would examine the blueprints and make any appropriate suggestions to the Commissions.

On December 21, 1966, Commissioners Hanrahan and de Roulet gave approval by telephone for The New York Racing Association Inc., to enter into agreement with C B S Television Network, extending their contract for the Belmont Stakes to include 1967, 1968 and 1969. This request was made in letter dated December 16, 1966 from Mr. George Fritz. This action was ratified at this meeting and the Chairman was requested to send the necessary letter of approval.

The Commission unanimously approved William H. Welch as Assistant to Alex M. Robb, of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Commission will circulate a draft of a Memorandum, submitted by Commissioner de Roulet, to staff members as follows:

"The Commissioners of the New York State Racing Commission unanimously request that all members of the Commission staff refrain from wagering at tracks under jurisdiction of the Commission."

Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist, reported that he is in the process of submitting laboratory statistics. These will probably be received by the Commission within the next week or ten days.

At the request of Commissioner de Roulet, there was a discussion of the operations at the Finger Lakes race track and Gerard A. Burke, the Commission's Steward at Finger Lakes, delivered his personal observations of the

Finger Lakes' operations. The Discussion revealed that there was need for substantial improvement in the management area. It was decided to invite Francis J. D'Amada, Trustee for the Finger Lakes Racing Association, to attend the next regular monthly Commission meeting which will be held on Thursday, February 9, 1967.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Jule Fink was interviewed by the Commissioners in Executive Session with Mr. Ruggiero, Counsel, present.

At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission held, on due notice, at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, February 9, 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and by invitation, Gerard A. Burke, our Steward at the Finger Lakes track and Francis J. D'Amanda, Trustee for the Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc., and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 1967, were unanimously approved.

The Commission appointed the following seasonal staff to commence their duties on March 13, 1967 and to terminate not later than December 9, 1967 or at the pleasure of the Commission, and the Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to make such additional appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies:

| | | <u>Per Diem</u> <u>Rate</u> | <u>Per Diem</u> <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Period of</u> <u>Employment</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Assistant to the Steward | Thomas Ricci | \$49.55 | \$ 2.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| Supervisor of Drug Tests | Dr. Edmond Comans | 82.99 | - | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| Inspector | Aldo J. Sagrati | 25.00 | 2.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | (vacancy) | 25.00 | 2.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | William B. Dean | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | William Gates | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Howard Gotterup | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Thomas F. Willoe | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Edward J. Kummer | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | *Herman L. White | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | George Heather | 25.00 | - | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Allen J. Siegel | 25.00 | - | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Robert P. Mozer | 25.00 | 2.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Joseph Wagner | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Peter J. Gandini | 25.00 | 2.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | Eugene Donaldson | 25.00 | 3.00 | 3/13 - 12/9 |
| " | **George Blunt | 25.00 | 3.00 | 2/13 - 12/9 |

* Mr. White leaves for Finger Lakes track on or about May 24th, and returns to Aqueduct on or about October 18th.

** Mr. Blunt replaces Mr. White during the period he is at Finger Lakes.

Francis P. Dunne be and he hereby is appointed Steward of the State Racing Commission to begin March 13th and to terminate December 9, 1967.

The Commission appointed the following seasonal staff to commence their duties May 24th and to terminate on or about October 16, 1967, or at the

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pleasure of the Commission, and the Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to make such additional appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies:

| | | <u>Per Diem</u> Rate | <u>Per Diem</u> Expenses | <u>Period of</u> Employment |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Steward | Gerard A. Burke | \$119.36 | None | 5/22 - 10/16 |
| Assistant Steward | Henry A. Mitchell | 42.11 | \$2.00 | 5/18 - 10/16 |
| Sup. of Drug Tests | D.M. Davis, DVM | 82.99 | None | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Asst. Sup. of Drug Tests | Herman L. White | 36.99 | 3.00 | 5/21 - 10/17 |
| Inspector-Office | Martha Oberlies | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5/18 - 10/21 |
| Inspector-Office | F. E. Laimbeer | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5/18 - 10/17 |
| Inspector-Office | Mark Estey | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5/18 - 10/17 |
| Inspector-Lead in | Walter W. Day | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Inspector-Lead in | R. J. Hampson | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Inspector-Clubhouse | Leo Connolly | 25.00 | 2.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Inspector-Technician | Irvin Baird | 25.00 | 3.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Inspector-Technician | H. S. Cuttriss | 25.00 | 3.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Inspector-Technician | Thomas Reitano | 25.00 | 3.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |
| Inspector-Technician | Leland Gardner | 25.00 | 3.00 | 5/24 - 10/16 |

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the applications of the Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc., for a race meeting and pari-mutuel wagering at their race course located in the Town of Farmington, Ontario County, New York for the period May 24 to June 30, 1967, inclusive, a total of 33 racing days. Check in the amount of \$3,300., covering the racing license, and a check in the amount \$19,800., covering 33 days of Racing Commission Supervisory fees were received. The Commission authorized the issuance of such licenses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the application, dated January 16, 1967, of Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc., with schedule of admission charges for their 1967 racing season as follows:

| <u>General Admission</u> | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$.7692 |
| State Tax | .1154 |
| County Tax | .1154 |
| Total | \$1.00 |

| <u>Clubhouse Admission</u> | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$1.5384 |
| State Tax | .2308 |
| County Tax | .2308 |
| Total | \$2.00 |

| <u>Clubhouse Exchange</u> | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$.7692 |
| State Tax | .1154 |
| County Tax | .1154 |
| Total | \$1.00 |

| <u>Clubhouse Special</u> | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$.7692 |
| State Tax | .1154 |
| County Tax | .1154 |
| Total | \$1.00 |

| <u>Grandstand Reserved Seat</u> | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$.7692 |
| State Tax | .1154 |
| County Tax | .1154 |
| Total | \$1.00 |

| <u>Daily Box Seats</u> | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Price | \$1.00 |
| State Tax | .15 |
| County Tax | .15 |
| Total | \$1.30 |

| <u>Clubhouse Reserved Seats</u> | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$.7692 |
| State Tax | .1154 |
| County Tax | .1154 |
| Total | \$1.00 |

| <u>Boxes (3 seats)</u> | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$180.00 |
| State Tax | 27.00 |
| County Tax | 27.00 |
| Total | \$234.00 |

| <u>Boxes (5 seats)</u> | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Price | \$300.00 |
| State Tax | 45.00 |
| County Tax | 45.00 |
| Total | \$390.00 |

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| <u>Boxes (6 seats)</u> | |
| Price | \$360.00 |
| State Tax | 54.00 |
| County Tax | 54.00 |
| Total | \$468.00 |

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| <u>Boxes (7 seats)</u> | |
| Price | \$420.00 |
| State Tax | 63.00 |
| County Tax | 63.00 |
| Total | \$546.00 |

The Commission approved the appointments of Calvin S. Rainey as Steward to represent The Jockey Club at the 1967 meetings of The New York Racing Association Inc., and of Walter J. Mara as Steward to represent The Jockey Club at the 1967 meetings of Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc.

Discussion of The National Association of State Racing Commissioners' Convention at Miami, Florida:

"The three Commissioners will attend the 1967 Convention at Miami, Florida in February. The sentiment of the Commissioners was that serious consideration be given to withdrawing from The Association."

The Commission approved the appointment of John E. Cooper as Steward to represent the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association at the 1967 race meetings of The New York Racing Association Inc.

Discussion of The Racing Commissions' Manual, edited by William S. Miller: Commissioner de Roulet observed that he had purchased and read a copy of the Manual and did not believe that it contained information which would not be otherwise available to the Commission.

There was a long discussion with Mr. Francis J. D'Amada, concerning the operation of the Finger Lakes track and the steps that might be taken to improve the operation from the management's point of view. Most of the discussion involved Mr. D'Amada and Gerard A. Burke, our Steward at Finger Lakes.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary

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At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission held on due notice, at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, March 9, 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 1967, were approved.

The Commission received a letter from Edward T. Dickinson, President, of The New York Racing Association, Inc., dated February 7, 1967, listing the names of proposed employees of The Association for the 1967 racing season and also a list of persons who might be temporarily assigned to such positions during the 1967 season, as follows:

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| Steward appointed by The New York Racing Association Inc. | - Earl S. Potter |
| Director of Horsemen's Relations | - John T. Morrissey |
| Racing Secretary and Handicapper | - Thomas E. Trotter |
| Assistant Racing Secretary and Handicapper | - Nathaniel J. Hyland |
| Assistant Racing Secretary | - Clifford D. McCartney |
| Stabling Secretary | - David H. Carnahan |
| Racing Secretary and Handicapper for Steeplechasing | - John E. Cooper |
| Assistant Racing Secretary & Handicapper for Steeplechasing | - Carlyle Cameron |
| Starter | - George B. Cassidy |
| Clerk of the Scales | - Frederick W. Meinz |
| Assistant Clerk of the Scales | - James J. Zimmerman |
| Paddock and Patrol Judge | - Gerard A. Burke |
| Patrol and Assistant Paddock Judge | - William T. O'Connor |
| Patrol Judges | - Warren C. Mehrtens |
| | - John E. O'Hara |
| Placing Judges | - William A. Murphy, Jr. |
| | - Donald L. Peregoy |
| | - Howard T. Storms |
| Timer | - Frank R. Cea |
| Chief Examining Veterinarian | - Manuel A. Gilman, DVM |
| Examining Veterinarians | - James M. Brewer, DVM |
| | - James R. Finkel, DVM |
| Announcer | - Fred L. Capossela |
| Standby Announcer | - William J. Johnson |

Persons listed who might be temporarily assigned to serve as substitutes in minor capacities:

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| Frank R. Cea | Clifford D. McCartney |
| David M. Davis | John T. Morrissey (incl. Starter) |
| Lucas Dupps | Frank D. Ritz |

Thomas E. Griffin Robert A. Smithers
 Nathaniel J. Hyland Francis E. Thacker
 Robert F. Kelley, Jr. Cleve R. Thompson
 James J. Zimmerman

The following is a list of persons to serve temporarily in the position of Steward at the discretion of The New York Racing Association inc.

Gerard A. Burke Nathaniel J. Hyland
 Warren C. Mehrtens John T. Morrissey

Approval for the above listing was given verbally by the Commissioners on February 9, 1967, and ratified at this meeting.

The Commission approved the following post times for The New York Racing Association Inc's., 1967 racing season as requested in their letter of February 20, 1967, and the Chairman was authorized to notify The New York Racing Association Inc.

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| Monday, March 13 to Saturday, July 29 | 1:30 P.M. |
| *Monday, July 31 to Saturday, August 26 | 2:00 P.M. |
| Monday, August 28 to Saturday, October 21 | 1:30 P.M. |
| Monday, October 23 to Saturday November 4 | 12:30 P.M. |
| Monday, November 6, to Saturday, December 9 | 12 noon |

*Saratoga

Approval was given for a **special** post time of 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 24, 1967, which is Thanksgiving Day.

The Commission again discussed Polyethylene Glycol and unanimously approved a policy requesting Francis Dunne, Steward, to notify trainers to cease using any medication that contains polyethylene glycol after the horse is entered in a race.

The following is a Press Release on Rule 10.6 of the Rules and Regulations of the State Racing Commission:

"The New York State Racing Commission today amended Rule 10.6 of its Rules and Regulations reducing the minimum pari-mutuel pay-off at all New York race courses from \$2.20 to \$2.10 on each winning two dollar wager.

This action was taken in accordance with the following statement of position adopted by The National Association of State Racing Commissioners at its recent Convention in Miami, Florida.

'Statistical studies and reports relating to the substantial increase in the number of minus pools at various tracks throughout the country disclose a condition which becomes a matter of paramount concern to the members of The NASRC.

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'We are concerned not so much with the loss of revenue incurred by track management when a minus pool occurs, although the financial soundness of racing operations should always command our attention. Rather, we are most disturbed by the persistent reports that minus pools have been caused in the main by an influx of professional players who have been attracted by the increase from five per cent to 10 per cent in the minimum pay-off per dollar.

'This is substantiated by our own knowledge that the vast majority of race-track patrons are disinclined to risk their moderate wagers in order to make a profit of 20 cents on every two-dollar investment.

'Needless to say, the presence of the professionals has never worked to the benefit of any sport or the patrons of any sport. This is especially true in a sport as sensitive as racing.

'The welfare of the racing fan and the integrity of the sport has always been and must always be the primary concern of all racing commissions throughout the country and the world.

'With this in mind, it is the recommendation of this body that all commissions take such immediate steps as may be appropriate within their respective jurisdictions to remedy an unfortunate situation which, if allowed to go unchecked, can only cause harm and bring discredit to the great sport of racing.

'We specifically recommend that laws be enacted or rules passed guaranteeing a minimum pay-off of 5 per cent instead of 10 per cent on every dollar wagered, with the strong belief, based on past experience, that such action will eliminate in a substantial way the attraction to professional players and at the same time have little or no effect on the great majority of racing fans.'"

The Commission considered amendment to its Rules and Regulations, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it amended its rules as follows:

Section 10.6 now reading as follows:

10.6 Minimum pay-off. Each association must in all cases of a pari-mutuel pool distribute not less than \$2.20 on each winning two dollar wager. No part of any minus pools resulting from such payments shall be charged against the State's participation in the total pools or the breaks.

is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.6 Minimum pay-off. Each association must in all cases of a pari-mutuel pool distribute not less than \$2.10 on each winning two dollar wager. No part of any minus pools resulting from such payments shall be charged against the State's participation in the total pools or the breaks.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded,
the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

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At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice, at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, April 13, 1967 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 1967 were unanimously approved.

A discussion was had on the recommendation of the Chairman that some rule be put into effect whereby there would be a 15-day "cooling off" period before the termination of any services which might interrupt the continuous operation of the race tracks. The Chairman read the existing rule in California. After the discussion, it was recommended that Counsel Joseph E. Ruggiero take this matter up with the Attorney General and report back at the May meeting.

The Commission approved the post time for the Finger Lakes Racing Association's 1967 race meetings for 2:00 P.M., as requested in their letter of April 3, 1967.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved revised names of racing officials at the Finger Lakes Racing Association as requested in their letter of April 3, 1967:

Patrol Judge Anthony Russo (replacing William Welch)
Placing Judge H. David Ranney (replacing Frederick Crafton)

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the Agreement between The New York Racing Association Inc., and Sports Network Incorporated for broadcast by television and radio of certain horse races at N.Y.R.A. tracks during the 1967 racing season.

Discussion of pari-mutuel machines, (time of locking same) was held and it was decided that no change in the rule be made as requested in letter from Assemblyman Orest V. Maresca, dated March 14, 1967.

Discussion of Polyethylene Glycol was held and the Chairman stated that Harry Peterson's opinion and report on PEG was substantiated by the Chief Chemist of the California Racing Board and the Chairman was proud to announce that Robert E. Vessiny is a product of our New York Commission Laboratory.

The following is a telegram from Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller to the Chairman with regard to the strike by the horsemen at Aqueduct, from Wednesday, April 5 to Monday, April 10, 1967:

"April 7, 1967:

It is imperative we take action to forestall any further loss of critical revenues resulting from the cessation of the racing at Aqueduct. These revenues are essential to finance vital State services.

In keeping with discussions had between you and members of my staff, I authorize you to explore immediately with The New York Racing Association the possibility of their reaching an agreement with the Association's creditor banks to permit a one-year moratorium of the payments on the Association's outstanding loans to the extent that such a moratorium would make available immediately an amount of \$3.5 million for increased purses. Nelson Rockefeller"

Commissioner Edmond M. Hanrahan suggested that the Minutes record the appreciation of the Commission for the efforts of Chairman Gimma in the recent strike by the horsemen at Aqueduct. At the suggestion of Commissioner Hanrahan and with the endorsement of Commissioner Vincent de Roulet, the State Racing Commission herewith records with great satisfaction the role played by Chairman Joseph A. Gimma in the recent successful negotiations involving the horsemen which threatened to curtail Thoroughbred racing indefinitely in New York State.

Chairman Gimma's handling of an extremely delicate situation was recognized by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Speaker of the State Assembly Anthony Travia, the horsemen, press and public who were united in their praise of Chairman Gimma's important individual contribution in helping mediate a situation which threatened the future of Thoroughbred racing in the Empire State.

Chairman Gimma's devotion to his position as a representative of New York State's interest in Thoroughbred racing emphasizes the part played by the Commission to bring about a better understanding between the sport of Thoroughbred racing and our State government.

There was a tote failure at Aqueduct on Monday, March 20, 1967. The Counsel, Joseph E. Ruggiero was requested to write to Mr. Edward T. Dickinson, President of The New York Racing Association Inc.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary

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PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 1967, were unanimously approved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the request of The New York Racing Association, Inc., in their letter of May 1, 1967, regarding "A Day at the Races" program to be held at Aqueduct from May 19th and continuing on each Friday thereafter until October 27th. Approval was also given for the meeting to be held at Saratoga.

Letter and explanation from Edward T. Dickinson, President of The New York Racing Association Inc., regarding the tote failure at Aqueduct Race track on March 20th, was received and discussed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the proposed agreement between E. J. Burke Security Systems Inc., and the Department of State, on behalf of the State Racing Commission, providing for certain services to be rendered at the Finger Lakes Park, Town of Farmington, Ontario County, New York, from May 1, 1967 to April 30, 1968.

Dr. Edmond Comans' letter of resignation was regretfully accepted by the Commission. Dr. Comans was urged to detain his resignation until Dr. James Brewer can replace him. Dr. Brewer's appointment as Supervisor of Drug Tests was approved by the Commission.

The following letter was received by hand from the attorneys for Mr. Manuel Ycaza:

May 10, 1967

"Personal and Confidential"

Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
New York State Racing Commission
598 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Re: Manuel Ycaza

Dear Chairman Gimma:

In connection with the appeal of the suspension

recently imposed upon our client, Mr. Manuel Ycaza, there are additional facts which we wish to bring to your attention.

Initially, we wish to point out that we and our client have absolutely no desire to embarrass the Commission, the Stewards or any other party connected with the case and we have made every effort to handle the matter in a manner least calculated to cause embarrassment to anyone. Furthermore, we are fully cognizant of the adverse effect that litigation of this dispute could have upon racing in our State. It was never our client's intention to run the risk of causing any harm to racing by bringing this matter to the courts. Had court action been contemplated we would have requested a formal hearing with a stenographer present. We would have sought to examine the Stewards, jockeys and other witnesses under oath, and otherwise would have endeavored to create a record suitable for court action. Obviously, we would have moved long before this time if we wanted to institute legal proceedings. We sincerely hope that our client's appeal has not suffered because of his desire to protect racing by avoiding litigation.

We also wish to emphasize that the action taken by our client and ourselves was never intended to reflect in any way, upon the honor, dignity or competence of the Stewards. We know full well that the Stewards are men of unimpeachable integrity, who are scrupulously fair in their judgments. The fact that no suspension handed down by the Stewards has previously been appealed by a jockey is a testament which speaks for itself. Nevertheless, all men can make honest mistakes and we and our client firmly believe that an honest mistake was made in this instance. We are certain that the Stewards are men of sufficient stature to admit the possibility of an honest mistake.

We know that the Stewards viewed the motion pictures of the subject race and made their judgment on the basis of these pictures. However, motion pictures can be deceiving, since they are not 3-dimensional and are not necessarily taken from an angle which gives the clearest indication of what occurred. Realizing this, a member of our firm met with jockey Angel Cordero last night to get a first hand version of the facts. After hearing his explanation, we endeavored to procure from him an affidavit. He told us, however, that

it was not in his best interests to give an affidavit and he indicated that he had been advised not to do so. Nevertheless, he stated that he would testify before the Commission if he was called.

Mr. Cordero advised us that our client at no time forced him into the rail in the stretch run of the Grey Lag Handicap and that he never intended to give such an impression. He further advised us that any interference which might have been caused was clearly unintentional, that our client's horse had a tendency to lug in to the left and that, in his opinion, our client made every effort to control his horse and keep him on a straight path.

Mr. Cordero further advised us that he made no claim of interference against our client at the 3/16th pole and that his complaint was against Mr. Ussery and his mount, as it was Mr. Ussery's horse which bothered him and forced him into the rail at that point in the race. Moreover, he advised us that he was in a perfect position to observe, and actually did observe, what occurred at that point in the race. He informed us that our client did not, in any way, interfere with Mr. Rotz' horse or with any other horse at the 3/16th pole and that any jam-up which occurred at that point was in no way attributable to our client or his mount.

In view of the information given by Mr. Cordero (and we can assure you that this letter accurately reflects his information and that a further hearing is really unnecessary) we strongly urge that the dictates of justice require a mitigation of Mr. Ycaza's penalty.

We firmly believe that a decision by the Commission, reducing the term of Mr. Ycaza's suspension will be a positive benefit to racing and will significantly advance the interests of racing in our state. It will firmly establish that the right of appeal conferred by the Rules is a meaningful right. It will clearly demonstrate that the ultimate control of the matter resides where it was intended to reside, with the Racing Commission. It will confirm to the public at large and to those connected with racing that the Commissioners are men of integrity, courage and conviction, with the best interests

of racing at heart, who can and will act with justice and fairness in a meritorious case by alleviating an undue hardship imposed upon a sincere and able jockey.

Since the suspension of Mr. Ycaza has already been in effect for nine days, we earnestly request that you and your fellow Commissioners take immediate action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

WISHOD & FISCH

/signed/

JEROME FISCH"

Careful consideration was given to the facts contained in the letter and after discussion the Commission unanimously sustained the decision of the Stewards.

The Chairman informed the meeting on the "Perfecta" betting discussed at the Trustee Meeting of The NYRA on May 10, 1967.

It was decided that the Chairman call Senator Brooke, regarding his letter with regard to Budd Lepman, Trainer.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses. The Commission was briefed on the license application of one, Ralph Stolkin. There was approved a continued investigation of the applicant's qualifications.

Rule on Termination of services by licensees on 15-day notice discussed. Chairman read opinion by the Attorney General but the matter will need more careful study by the Commission and further discussion was held off until the June meeting.

There being no further business, on motion duly and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary

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At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice, at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, June 8, 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 1967, were unanimously approved.

Discussion of "Perfecta" betting at the N.Y.R.A. tracks, was held off until the August Commission meeting.

Discussion of new Rule, termination of services by licensees on 15-day notice, was held over for the August Commission meeting.

Discussion of Polyethelene Glycol was held. Harry Peterson informed the Commission that the incidences of Polyethelene in official samples. It was noted that both the incidences and the quantities found in individual samples were much lower in harness samples than for Thoroughbreds. The Commission discussed the possibility of The Jockey Club introducing experiments on breeding farms of horses not in training to ascertain the actual source of Polyethelene Glycol.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Apprentice Jockey Ray Cunningham's apprenticeship was extended eighty-five (85) days due to injuries sustained in December of 1966 at his home. His extension as an apprentice will expire on August 3, 1967.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Apprentice Jockey Gerardo Mora's apprenticeship was extended seventy-three days due to injuries sustained at Sunland Park, New Mexico on December 26, 1965. His extension as an apprentice will expire on July 13, 1967.


It was decided that in the event of the incapacity of Francis Dunne, Steward, the following would be called upon to take his place: Gerard A. Burke, Bud Hyland and John Morrissey.

Letter dated June 5, 1967 from Henry Fried regarding Mr. David Gerin was discussed. It was decided by the Commission that no action would be taken to reinstate Mr. Gerin.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary

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In view of the fact that all the Commissioners were to be out of town, the July 1967 meeting was not called or held.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry J. Millar".

Harry J. Millar
Secretary

At a special monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice, at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday, August 22, 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, June 8, 1967, were unanimously approved.

A discussion was held on extending The New York Racing Association's racing days to run through December 15, 1967, which would give The New York Racing Association Inc. five additional racing days for a total of 230 racing days in 1967. The request was made in letter dated June 21, 1967 from Chairman James Cox Brady. The request was made due to the cancellation of nine racing days this year, four due to inclement weather and five due to the horsemen's boycott. The Commission unanimously approved the extension.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commission approved the applications of the Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc., for a race meeting and pari-mutuel wagering at their race course located in the Town of Farmington, Ontario County, New York for the period September 1 to October 16, 1967, inclusive, a total of 39 racing days. Check in the amount of \$3,900 covering the racing license, and a check in the amount of \$23,400 covering 39 days of Racing Commission Supervisory fees were received. The Commission authorized the issuance of such licenses.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.



Harry J. Millar
Secretary

At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City on Thursday, September 14, 1967 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Alex M. Robb, Director of Thoroughbred Breeders' Service Bureau and Harry Peterson Chief Chemist.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, August 22, 1967, were approved.

Discussion of a positive test on SEA KING, winner of the fifth race on Monday, August 28, 1967, at Aqueduct, was held and the Commission accepted the Stewards' ruling and instructed Steward Dunne to keep investigating for any negligence or clues of outside tampering.

Discussion of the sale of Lottery tickets at both The NYRA and FLRA tracks was held. The Chairman read copies of letters from Commissioner Joseph H. Murphy to Mr. Dickinson and Mr. O'Brien requesting the sale of tickets at their tracks. The Commission expressed no objections to the sale of Lottery tickets at race tracks under its jurisdiction.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

Other items of interest to the Commission were discussed.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,


Secretary

Since the regularly scheduled meeting would fall on a holiday, with the unanimous consent of the three Commissioners, the October meeting of the State Racing Commission was held on Thursday, September 28, 1967, at One Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, September 14, 1967, were approved.

The Commission approved the appointment of Patrick W. O'Brien as Assistant to the President-Operations at The New York Racing Association's tracks, as per their request in letter dated September 23, 1967.

There was a discussion concerning problems involving jockeys Walter Blum and Manuel Ycaza and owner Louis Wolfson.

It was agreed that Chairman Gimma would review the occupational licenses on October 12, 1967, at our Commission Office at the Aqueduct Race Track.

Other items of interest to the Commission were discussed.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice, at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, November 9, 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, September 23, 1967, were approved.

Ratification of telephone approval of extension of The New York Racing Association's racing dates of five days, until December 15, 1967, as requested in letter dated September 27th, from Edward T. Dickinson, President of The NYRA.

The Commission approved the racing dates for the Finger Lakes Racing Association's 1968 meetings. License will be issued upon receipt of certified check for the Supervisory fee and license fee. The requested dates by Luke H. O'Brien, General Manager, in his letter of October 9, 1967, as follows:

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| Spring Meeting | May 22 thru June 29 | 34 days |
| Summer Meeting | July 1 thru August 31 | 54 days |
| Fall Meeting | Sept. 2 thru Oct. 14 | 37 days |

The Commission received a letter from Mr. Luke H. O'Brien, General Manager of the Finger Lakes Racing Association, dated October 9, 1967, submitting officials having to do with the actual conduct of racing for their 1968 racing season.

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| Dr. Joseph C. O'Dea | Steward |
| John J. Klucina | Racing Secretary & Handicapper |
| Oscar G. Mackey | Starter |
| Blake Wymer | Clerk of Scales & Patrol Judge |
| Robert H. Dygert | Paddock Judge & Patrol Judge |
| Anthony J. Russo | Patrol Judge |
| Frank J. Grand, Jr. | Ass't. to Racing Sec't & Placing Judge |
| Arthur E. Langmayer | Placing Judge |
| H. David Ranney | Ass't Paddock & Placing Judge |
| Robert W. Rigby, Jr. | Identifier & Timer |
| Dr. Norman F. Lewis | Examining Veterinarian |
| Dr. John F. Peacock | Ass't Examining Veterinarian |
| Ross Morton (Morton Veingrad) | Announcer |

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the above racing officials being the same as for their 1967 racing season, were unanimously approved.

A discussion was held regarding the reorganization of the Finger Lakes Race Track.

The Chairman presented a request dated November 8, 1967 from Francis P. Dunne, Steward, for consent of the Commission to serve as Steward at The Fair Grounds, New Orleans after the termination of the 1967 racing season in New York. He will return for the start of New York's 1968 racing season. Upon motion duly made and seconded, such consent was granted.

The Commission ratified its approval of Jack Dreyfus, Jr.'s, election as Trustee to The New York Racing Association Inc., approval had been given over the telephone to The NYRA on Wednesday, November 8, 1967.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,



Secretary

At the regular monthly meeting of the State Racing Commission, held on due notice at the office of the Commission, 598 Madison Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, December 14, 1967, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

PRESENT: Joseph A. Gimma, Chairman
Edmond M. Hanrahan, Commissioner
Vincent de Roulet, Commissioner

Also present were: Harry J. Millar, Secretary; Joseph E. Ruggiero, Counsel; Francis P. Dunne, Steward; Harry Peterson, Chief Chemist and Alex M. Robb, Director of the Thoroughbred Breeders Service Bureau.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, November 9, 1967, were approved.

There was a discussion of letter dated November 22, 1967, received from Robert A. Glasser, Chairman of the New York State Harness Racing Commission, regarding harness races held during the afternoon hours. The Commissioners were unanimous in disapproving day harness racing in that it would conflict with flat racing, particularly in the area of Finger Lakes and Monticello could conflict with attendance at the New York tracks, as people living between Monticello and New York could have a choice of either coming to New York or going to Monticello. According to the number of cars that are parked at Aqueduct, a considerable number of people come from the Monticello area. Chairman was directed to write to Chairman Glasser.

The Commission discussed letter from Milton A. Abelove, Esq., regarding Finger Lakes and application for a Mr. Edward Braverman. If Mr. Braverman filed an application with this Commission and complied with all requirements the Commission did not think that the conviction in 1932 would prove a bar.

A discussion of Louis E. Wolfson, Harbor View Farm was held and since the season has terminated and there is no racing, the Commission took no action at this time but will certainly review the application for the 1968 license.

The Commission considered and took appropriate action with respect to applications for occupational licenses.

Other matters of interest to the Commission were discussed.

There being no further business, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,


Secretary