

## MINUTES

### NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD

#### MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2001

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2001 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 11:35 a.m.

**In Attendance Were:**

Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., Chairman

Joseph Neglia, Member

Cheryl Buley, Member

Edward Martin, Executive Director

Maureen McGrath, Secretary to the Board

Robert Feuerstein, General Counsel

Tom Casaregola, Director of Audits and Investigations

Joe Lynch, Chief of Racing Operations

**Also in Attendance Were:**

Dianne Landor, NYSR&WB

Stacy Walker, NYSR&WB

Mike Kane, Schenectady Gazette

Yancey Roy, Gannett

Steve Bochnak,

Charlie Coppola, Coppola Ryan & McHugh

Rob Baylman, Coppola Ryan & McHugh

Dick Powell, Vernon Downs

Pete Signorelli, Vernon Downs

John Signorelli, Vernon Downs

Andrew Goodell, Vernon Downs

Alex Betke, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz

Peter O'Connell, Western OTB

A. Jason Ehrlich, NYS Senate

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**A.** The Board approved the minutes of the Board meeting held on January 16, 2001.

**B. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED OR DEFERRED BY THE CHAIRMAN.**

**1. MONTICELLO RACEWAY LIST OF SIMULCAST LOCATIONS FOR 2001**

For entry into the minutes, on January 19, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Philadelphia Park, a thoroughbred racetrack in Pennsylvania, effective immediately.

This approval is valid through December 31, 2001. This simulcast signal may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing law.

\* For entry into the minutes, also on January 19, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend its plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Golden Gate Fields, a thoroughbred racetrack in California, effective immediately.

Although the contract is valid through December 31, 2001, this approval is valid only through April 1, 2001.

On file with the Board are permission letters from the California Horse Racing Board and from the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) that expire after the racing of April 1, 2001. To continue on this contract with any Golden Gate Fields simulcasts past April 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, new permission letters must be filed with the Board.

These simulcasts may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 23, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway for an amendment to their simulcast plan of operation enabling the importation of the Saratoga Harness simulcast signals.

Also approved is the export of the Monticello Raceway simulcast during the calendar year 2001 to the Plainridge Racecourse in Massachusetts, a contiguous state.

This approval is effective immediately.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 24, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the Buffalo Raceway simulcasts.

This approval is effective with the year 2001 opening night program at Buffalo Raceway scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 31, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the export of the Monticello Raceway simulcast signal to The Racing Network (TRN) effective immediately.

This approval is valid as long as TRN remains a distributor of the simulcast signal and does not take wagering from New York State residents directly through TRN. If such a TRN wagering aspect enables residents of New York State wagering opportunities through TRN in the future, this approval is rescinded.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 31, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signals from Finger Lakes.

Also approved was the contract with Oaklawn Park in Arkansas for its year 2001 race meeting scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>.

These approvals are effective immediately and both simulcasts may be utilized whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signals from Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

This approval is effective immediately. This simulcast may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 7, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the export of the simulcast signals to US Off Track in the State of Oregon.

This approval is effective immediately and includes that US Off Track may not accept wagers from residents of New York State. Should US Off Track accept wagers from within New York State, this approval is rescinded.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the export of the simulcast signals to SPW, Inc. The agreement with SPW, Inc. (a New York entity), allows the export of the year 2001 Monticello Raceway simulcast signal to licensed racing services and off-track betting facilities located in Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent, Trinidad & Tobago. As per the submitted one-month agreements, this contract is approved through March 7, 2001.

To continue past March 7, 2001, the export must simply be noted on the monthly listing of sites receiving the Monticello Raceway simulcasts. This would be in accordance with the Board's policy of simulcast licenses filing all contracts for all imported simulcasts, exported simulcasts instate or with contiguous states, and all agreements with new entities. SPW, Inc. would no longer be considered a "new entity".

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 9, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the export of simulcasts to Hazel Park and its inter-track partner Sports Creek Raceway and Saginaw Raceway in Michigan. Approval to participate in the year 2001 Kentucky Derby Future Wagering that are co-mingled with Churchill Downs is also given. These approvals are effective immediately. The simulcasts may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The first period of wagering will be from noon (EST) on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> through 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, February 18, 2001. The second period will be March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>. The third period will be April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. For all participants outside of New York State, this period ends April 8<sup>th</sup>, however, by NYS Racing Law no wagering within the State is allowed on Palm Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board is to be notified if Monticello Raceway decides not to participate in all three period pools. The fact that "there will be no cancellations or refunds" per Kentucky rules should be stressed to customers before they wager.

**2. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST TO CONDUCT PROMOTION & HANDICAPPING CONTEST**

For entry into the minutes, on January 19, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Capital District Regional OTB to conduct a handicapping contest via TV-12 and in conjunction with the Saratoga Equine Sports Center on Friday mornings beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup> and concluding on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

This contest requires no entry fee and random viewers on TV-12, the Capital cable television network, will be asked to select the winning exacta combination of the same afternoon's Aqueduct race chosen by Skip Carlson of the Saratoga Equine Sports Center. Should the contestant match the actual winning exacta combination, the contestant will win a one hundred-dollar (\$100.00) voucher courtesy of Capital OTB and the Saratoga Equine Sports Center.

**3. SUFFOLK OTB REQUEST TO CONDUCT HANDICAPPING CONTEST**

For entry into the minutes, on January 19, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Suffolk OTB to conduct the 2001 Suffolk Regional OTB Handicapping Challenge on Saturday, February 24, 2001, as outlined in the official rules and regulations.

There may be future handicapping contests this year at Suffolk Regional OTB, as it states under PENN NATIONAL RULES that "the person who accumulates the most winning contest money in the *three* designated contests..."

This approval is specific to a one-day contest on February 24, 2001.

**4. WESTERN OTB REQUEST TO CONDUCT HANDICAPPING CONTEST**

For entry into the minutes, on January 19, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Western OTB branch for the handicapping contest promotion to take place on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and the final at Batavia Downs on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**5. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2001**

For entry into the minutes, on January 23, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signals from the harness racetracks of Balmoral Park

and Maywood Park in Illinois, Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland for the calendar year of 2001.

Also approved through June 30, 2001, is the importation of simulcasts from the Maryland Jockey Club racetracks of Laurel and Pimlico. To continue with the Maryland Jockey Club simulcasts after June 30, 2001, new letters of permission from the representative horsemen's association at the Maryland Jockey Club racetracks need to be filed with the Board.

The Board also approved the export of the Saratoga Harness simulcasts to Plainridge Racecourse in Massachusetts, a contiguous state.

In conjunction with the Board's policy of approving exported inter-state simulcast signals to non-contiguous states, the Board has approved agreements providing for the continued export of Saratoga Harness simulcasts to Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland during the year 2001.

All approvals are effective immediately.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 29, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the importation of simulcast signals with resultant wagering from Golden Gate Fields, a thoroughbred racetrack in California through April 1, 2000. To continue with the fall Golden Gate Fields simulcasts, new letters of permission from the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) and the California Horse Racing Commission must be filed with the Board.

The New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority agreement providing for the Meadowlands harness meet, the Monmouth Park thoroughbred meeting, and the agreement with Freehold Raceway have also been approved. This approval allows the import of these simulcasts whenever in accordance with current Racing Law during the year 2001.

Also approved is the export of the Saratoga Harness simulcast signal to Suffolk Downs in Massachusetts.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the importation of simulcast signals from Oaklawn Park (Arkansas) during its year 2001 race meeting.

This simulcast may be utilized whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 7, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the importation of simulcast signals from Buffalo Raceway in Hamburg, New York.

This approval is effective immediately.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling Saratoga Harness to participate in all three future pools on the year 2001 Kentucky Derby to be contested at Churchill Downs.

The first period of wagering will be from noon (EST) on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> through 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, February 18, 2001. The second period will be March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>. The third period will be April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. For all participants outside of New York State, this period ends April 8<sup>th</sup>, however, by NYS Racing Law no wagering within the State is allowed on Palm Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board is to be notified should Saratoga Harness decide not to participate in all three period pools. The fact that "there will be no cancellations or refunds" per Kentucky rules should be stressed to customers before they wager.

Also approved is the importation of the Hoosier Park simulcast signal whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

#### **6. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO SIMULCAST FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2001**

For entry into the minutes, on January 23, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the harness simulcast signals from the Ontario Jockey Club racetracks of Woodbine and Mohawk in Canada, Flamboro Downs in Canada, Balmoral and Maywood Park in Illinois, Cal Expo in California, The Meadows in Pennsylvania and The Meadowlands in New Jersey. Under Section 1016 of the Racing Law, no more than five imported out-of-state harness track simulcasts are permitted on any one racing date.

Also approved were the contracts enabling the import of thoroughbred simulcasts from Monmouth Park (operated by the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority), the New York Racing Association (NYRA), Philadelphia Park in Pennsylvania, Gulfstream Park in Florida, The Maryland Jockey Club racetracks of Laurel and Pimlico (**through March 25, 2001 only**), Santa Anita in California and Tampa Bay Downs in Florida.

To continue with simulcasts from Laurel Racecourse or Pimlico Racetrack after March 25, 2001, a new letter of permission from the State of Maryland, Division of Labor, Licensing & Regulation must be filed with the Board.

#### **7. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2001**

For entry into the minutes, on January 23, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the export of the Yonkers harness simulcast signal to Penn National in the contiguous state of Pennsylvania.

This approval is valid throughout the entire year of 2001.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the year 2001 from Buffalo Raceway, Fraser Downs and the New Jersey Sports & Exhibition Authority d/b/a Monmouth Park & The Meadowlands.

This approval is valid throughout the entire year of 2001 and the simulcasts may be utilized whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

#### **8. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST TO OFFER MYSTERY BET PROMOTION**

For entry into the minutes, on January 23, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB, dated January 11, 2001, to distribute by mail various denominations of mystery bet vouchers (one \$1,000 voucher; ten \$100 vouchers, one hundred \$10 vouchers and 4,889 vouchers of the \$2 variety), which will be distributed in their entirety.

Each of the seven "mystery voucher days" are separate and distinct. Approved dates for redemption include Florida Derby Day on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Kentucky Derby on May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Preakness Stakes on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Belmont Stakes on June 9<sup>th</sup>, opening day of the Saratoga thoroughbred meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Travers Stakes on August 25<sup>th</sup> and on Breeders Cup Day on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

The value of these mystery vouchers may be determined and the voucher redeemed at any Capital OTB branch, E-Z Bet location or at the teletheater only on the date for which the voucher was issued.

#### **9. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR YEAR 2001**

For entry into the minutes, on January 24, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcast signals from Monticello Raceway, effective immediately.

Also approved was the contract with Oaklawn Park in Arkansas for its year 2001 race meeting scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Board also approved the new three-year contract with an in-state harness racetrack, Monticello Raceway. These approvals are effective immediately and both simulcasts may be utilized whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.



\* For entry into the minutes, on January 31, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of simulcasts from Golden Gate Fields, a thoroughbred racetrack in California effective immediately. Although the contract is valid through December 17, 2001, this approval is valid only through April 1, 2001.

On file with the Board are permission letters from the California Horse Racing Board and from the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) that expire after the racing on April 1, 2001. To continue on this contract with any Golden Gate Fields simulcasts past April 1, 2001 through December 17, 2001, a new permission letter must be filed with the Board.

These simulcasts may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

\* For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling Finger Lakes to participate in all three future pools on the year 2001 Kentucky Derby to be contested at Churchill Downs.

The first period of wagering will be from noon (EST) on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> through 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, February 18, 2001.

The second period will be March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>. The third period will be April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. For all participants outside of New York State, this period ends April 8<sup>th</sup>, however, by NYS Racing Law no wagering within the State is allowed on Palm Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board is to be notified should Finger Lakes decide not to participate in all three period pools. The fact that "there will be no cancellations or refunds" per Kentucky rules should be stressed to customers before they wager.

#### **10. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR YEAR 2001**

For entry into the minutes, on January 29, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the importation of the simulcasts from Oaklawn Park in Arkansas during their 2001 meeting that begins on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and concludes on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

This approval to import the Oaklawn Park simulcasts also applies to Suffolk Regional OTB. The Oaklawn Park simulcasts may be imported and utilized for wagering whenever in accordance with the Racing Law.

#### **11. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST FROM HIPPODROME de PARIS-VINCENNES**

For entry into the minutes, on January 29, 2001, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB, dated January 24, 2001, to simulcast harness

races from the Hippodrome de Paris-Vincennes in France on Sunday morning January 28, 2001. Under Section 523 (7) of the Racing Law, these harness races from France will be "a special event".

This approval extends to all other regional OTB corporations in New York State should they choose to simulcast such races.

#### **12. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO AMEND RACING DATES**

For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes to revise their year 2001 racing schedule, which calls for newly scheduled racing programs on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and the cancellation of the previously approved dates of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **13. NYRA REQUEST TO DESIGNATE RACES AS SPECIAL EVENTS**

For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by NYRA to designate two out-of-state thoroughbred events, both Grade II stakes Races, during the month of February as "special events" as specified under Section 905-a of the Racing Law.

Approved by the Board are the Barbara Fritchie Handicap from Laurel Racecourse on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and the General George Handicap on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. These events will initiate the yearly cumulative listing of allowable special events.

#### **14. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO ADD WAGERS**

For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway to amend their track license enabling a superfecta wager on the final race each racing program. Also approved was an additional pick-four wager beginning with race three on each program.

In regard to the request for all triple nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays, such approval is not required. Contained within the Yonkers Raceway year 2001 track license application, approved by the Board in January of 2001, was the request for trifectas (triples) on each race every racing program.

#### **15. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST CHURCHILL DOWNS**

For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB to amend their simulcast plan of operation through an addendum to an existing contract between the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation and Churchill Downs, Inc. as received January 26, 2001. This addendum enables all New York State regional off-track betting corporations to participate in all three future pools on the year 2001 Kentucky

Derby to be contested at Churchill Downs. The first period of wagering will be from noon (EST) on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> through 4:30 p.m. (EST) on Sunday, February 18, 2001.

The second period will be March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>. The third period will be April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 7<sup>th</sup>. For all participants outside of New York State, this period ends April 8<sup>th</sup>, however by NYS Racing Law, no wagering within the State is allowed on Palm Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board is to be notified should New York City OTB decides not to participate in all three period pools. The fact that "there will be no cancellations or refund" per Kentucky rules should be stressed to the customers before they wager.

This approval also extends to the Capital, Catskill, Nassau, Suffolk and Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporations.

**16. WESTERN OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST BUFFALO RACEWAY**

For entry into the minutes, on February 7, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Western OTB to approve the newest extension of the Buffalo Raceway simulcast contract with the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

This contract is now in effect through July 31, 2001.

**17. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST GULFSTREAM PARK**

For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signal from Gulfstream Park in Florida.

This simulcast signal may be utilized whenever permitted under the Racing Law. This approval is effective immediately.

**18. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST FROM BALMORAL PARK & NJSEA**

For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to amend their simulcast plan of operation enabling the import of the simulcast signal from the New Jersey Sports and Exhibition Authority d/b/a Monmouth Park and The Meadowlands in New Jersey. Also approved is the import of the simulcast signal from Balmoral Park, a harness racetrack in Illinois.

These simulcast signals may be utilized whenever permitted under the Racing Law. These approvals are effective immediately.

**19. STATE STEWARD AT NYRA REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT FOR EXTENSION OF APPRENTICE JOCKEY ALLOWANCE - FORKHAMER**

For entry into the minutes, on February 8, 2001, approval was granted for the request by State Steward, Carmine Donofrio, to amend the extension of the Apprentice Jockey Allowance of jockey Pauline Forkhamer for an additional 35 days.

Ms. Forkhamer's date of record for the expiration of her apprenticeship allowance is now March 24, 2001.

**C. ITEMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, DENIED OR DEFERRED BY THE BOARD**

**1. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

For entry into the minutes, on February 1, 2001, approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB for the issuance of bonds for the purchase of the Teletheater at 711 Central Avenue, Albany, New York pursuant to Section 508 of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law.

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

**1. IN THE MATTERS OF JOSEPH BADAMO AND MICHAEL S. FERRARO**

The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Dranichak that the decision of the State Stewards at Finger Lakes, which fined Mr. Badamo \$500, is hereby confirmed for violation of Board Rule 4035.4 and the decision to fine Mr. Ferraro \$1,000 is confirmed for violation of same Rule. It is further ordered that the fines imposed against Mr. Badamo and Mr. Ferraro be suspended for a period of 6 months, upon the express condition that neither Mr. Badamo nor Mr. Ferraro be found to have committed a violation of the Board's rules within such 6 month period, at which time the fines assessed will be vacated.

**2. IN THE MATTER OF MARIO RUSSO**

The Board approved the recommendation of Hearing Officer Dranichak with modification of the penalty so that the license of Mr. Russo to participate in pari-mutuel harness racing as an owner and trainer, based upon his violation of Board Rules 9(E) NYCRR 4120.2(f) and 4120.4, is revoked and no application from him for a new license shall be entertained for a period of 5 years from 2/14/01, because of his history of equine drug rule violations, the extremely potent and

dangerous nature of the drug etorphine, the illegitimacy of any equine use of it, and its ability to enhance performance.

**3. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$90,952.95**

The Board approved the request by Buffalo Raceway to withdraw \$90,952.95 from their Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of Capital Improvement Expenditures.

The following item were approved:

<b><u>Backstretch (70%)</u></b>	
New Bathroom	\$10,000.00
GMC Bucket Truck	19,500.00
New Holland Skid Loader	15,400.00
Case Tractor	17,500.00
New roof on Horsemen' s Trailer	975.00
Total Backstretch	63,375.00
<b><u>Other (30%)</u></b>	
Blacktop	15,000.00
Blacktop	8,986.00
30 TV's	2,880.00
1 TV	98.00
2 VCR's	356.00
Lumber for TV partitions	257.96
Total Other	27,577.96
<b>Total Recommended Approval</b>	
	<b>\$90,952.96</b>

**4. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$22,662.26**

The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes to withdraw \$22,622.26 from their Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of various advertising and promotional expenses.

The following item were approved:

<b><u>Advertising Media</u></b>		<b><u>Amount</u></b>
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Print				\$ 8,019.68
Radio				10,475.31
Television				4,167.27
Total				\$22,662.26

**5. FINGER LAKES REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$23,574.03**

The Board approved the request by Finger Lakes to withdraw \$23,574.03 from their Capital Improvement Fund.

The following item were approved:

<b><u>Other (100%)</u></b>		
Paving		\$19,330.00
Crushed Stone		465.19
Stone Hauling - Riccelli Ent.		178.45
Lumber for Office		847.61
Wall heater for Office		151.51
Float Bars		695.65
Paper Shredder		615.20
Walk in Cooler Floor		759.70
Ladders		530.72
<b>Total Recommended Approval</b>		<b>\$23,574.03</b>

**6. VERNON DOWNS TRACK LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 2001**

The Board deferred action on the issuance of a calendar year 2001 track license and simulcast license until a special meeting immediately following the regular Board meeting.

**7. VERNON DOWNS SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATION**

See item #7.

**8. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$200,000**

The Board approved the withdrawal of \$200,000 from Yonkers' Capital Improvement Fund account, as requested in your letter of January 16, 2001.

This application was for expenses, previously approved by the Board related to the demolition of the Grandstand and the relocation of racing related services to the Clubhouse.

**9. NASSAU OTB SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 2001**

The Board approved a year 2001 simulcast license for the Nassau Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation. This license is valid through December 31, 2001.

**10. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO APPOINT 2 NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DEJESU & WRIGHT**

The Board approved the appointment of Christopher P. Wright and Thomas P. DeJesu as Directors, with full voting rights of the Board of the Nassau Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

These approvals are conditioned upon the federal fingerprint reports returning with no negative information.

**11. SUFFOLK OTB REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER - TOOMEY**

The Board approved the appointment of Mr. John J. Toomey, Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Suffolk County Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

This approval is conditioned upon the federal fingerprint report returning with no negative information.

**E. ITEMS FOR BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

**1. NYTHA FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AQUEDUCT FALL MEET**

Financial statement for the 2000 Aqueduct Fall meet in accordance with Rule 4003.51.

**2. SARATOGA HARNESS ANNUAL CIF INSPECTION**

Annual CIF inspection of Saratoga Harness was conducted on 12/15/00.

**3. NASSAU OTB STATE COMPTROLLER' S AUDIT**

NYS Comptroller' s final audit report for Nassau County OTB for the period covering 1/1/98 through 12/31/99.

**4. SUFFOLK OTB STATE COMPTROLLER' S AUDIT**

NYS Comptroller' s final audit report for Suffolk Regional OTB for the period covering 1/1/98 through 12/31/99.

**5. WESTERN OTB REVIEW OF EXPENSE VOUCHER POLICY**

Staff reviewed the policy of expense vouchers for directors and is in conformance with the new provision of Sections 502 10 (a) (b) (c) of the NY Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering & Breeding Law.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.**