

## **MINUTES**

### **NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING SPECIAL BOARD**

#### **MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2000**

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 2:00 p.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 2:05 p.m.

#### **In Attendance Were:**

Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., Chairman

Bennett Liebman, Member

Edward Martin, Executive Director

Nicole Thuillez, Secretary to the Board

Robert Feuerstein, General Counsel

Tom Casaregola, Acting Director of Audits and Investigations

Joe Lynch, Chief of Racing Operations

#### **Also in Attendance Were:**

Dianne Landor, NYSR&WB

Nicole Robilotto, NYSR&WB

Mark Stuart, NYSR&WB

Bill Crowell, Hinman Straub

Mike Kane, Schenectady Gazette

Tom Precious, Buffalo News/Blood Horse

M. Powers, CAP

**Via Teleconference:**

Joseph Neglia, Member

**OPEN COMMENT PERIOD: None**

A. The Board approved the minutes of the Board meetings held on December 21, 1999, January 3, 2000 and January 5, 2000.

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

**1. NYC OTB REQUEST FOR ADDENDUM TO CURRENT CONTRACT WITH SANTA ANITA**

For entry into the minutes, on December 24, 1999, approval was granted for the request for an addendum to an existing valid contract that the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation has with the Los Angeles Turf Club for the importation of thoroughbred simulcast signals from Santa Anita Park in California during the 1999-2000 Winter-Spring race meeting.

There are two changes to the existing contract which commences on opening day at Santa Anita, December 26, 1999, and the changes are: (1) the rate on the wagering generated from the simulcast races will be 2.25% for all pari-mutuel pools, and (2) all New York State regional off-track betting corporations are now party to the March 9, 1999 contract.

Furthermore, after the preparation and execution of a formal comprehensive revised agreement that again includes all New York State regional off-track betting corporations, such agreement will be immediately forwarded to the Board.

**2. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST YEAR 2000 LATE CLOSING SERIES**

For entry into the minutes, on December 30, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway for approval of the conditions for the new trotting series entitled "2000 Yonkers Raceway/SOA of NY Bonus Trotting Series" pursuant to Board Rule 4111.23.

**3. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO IMPORT NYRA**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import simulcasts from the New York Racing Association (NYRA) during the calendar year 2000.

This contract expires after NYRA racing ends on December 31, 2000.

**4. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO IMPORT THE ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import simulcasts from the Ontario Jockey Club tracks of Mohawk Raceway and Woodbine Standardbred and Thoroughbred during the year 2000, and thereafter until the termination clause in the submitted contract takes effect.

The afternoon thoroughbred simulcast signals from Woodbine may be accepted only when permitted by the Racing Law.

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

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to export in-state simulcasts from Monticello Raceway to Yonkers Raceway, Saratoga Harness and Vernon Downs during the entire calendar year of 2000.

**6. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO IMPORT VARIOUS OUTLETS FOR 2000 CALENDAR YEAR**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to accept simulcast signals and conduct wagering on the harness tracks of Balmoral and Maywood in Illinois, the Meadowlands (Harness only) in New Jersey, the thoroughbred tracks of Laurel and Pimlico in Maryland (partial year), Gulfstream Park in Florida and Turfway Park in Kentucky (partial year). These simulcast signals may be used whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The horsemen' s approvals at Turfway Park in Kentucky are valid through April 30, 2000, and at Laurel Racecourse and Pimlico Racecourse in Maryland through

June 30, 2000. To continue at these three racetracks after the stated dates above, new letters of permission from their respective horsemen' s organizations must be filed with the Board.

\* For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway for the importing of the simulcast, effective January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31, 2000, from the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA).

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway for the importing of the simulcast signals from Northville Downs in Michigan, Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland and Ladbrooke at the Meadows in Pennsylvania during the year 2000.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 13, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello for the importing of the simulcast signal and subsequent wagering on races from Buffalo Raceway and Oaklawn Park, whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The Buffalo contract is valid for an indefinite period of time, or until a time when written notice is given by either party to the other, specifying an ending date to this agreement. Should such notice be given, it is expected that the Racing and Wagering Board will immediately be contacted and informed of such.

**7. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO IMPORT SIMULCAST TO VERNON DOWNS, ETC.**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway for the exportation of the simulcasts from Yonkers Raceway to Monticello Raceway, Saratoga Harness and Vernon Downs during the entire calendar year of 2000.

**8. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST FREEHOLD RACEWAY**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Capital OTB for the approval of the simulcast contract between Capital OTB and Freehold Raceway in New Jersey.

This approval covers both Freehold race meetings contested during the year 2000.

**9. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST NORTHFIELD PARK, MAYWOOD PARK, BALMORAL PARK, ETC.**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB to accept simulcast signals and conduct wagering on the harness tracks of Balmoral and Maywood in Illinois, Northfield Park in Ohio (partial year), the thoroughbred tracks of Laurel and Pimlico in Maryland (partial year), Oaklawn Park in Arkansas, Philadelphia Park in Pennsylvania, Suffolk

Downs in Massachusetts, Tampa Bay Downs in Florida and Turfway Park in Kentucky (partial year). These simulcast signals may be used whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The horsemen' s approvals at Turfway Park in Kentucky are valid through April 30, 2000, at Northfield Park in Ohio and at Laurel Racecourse and Pimlico Racecourse in Maryland through June 30, 2000. To continue at these four racetracks after the stated dates above, new letters of permission from their respective horsemen' s organizations must be filed with the Board.

These approvals extend to Suffolk Regional OTB.

10. **NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST GULFSTREAM PARK**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB for approval of the contract between the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation and the Gulfstream Park Racing Association. This approval is specific for the year 2000 race meeting commencing January 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The submitted letters of permission that are required by federal law specify approval for the year 2000 meeting only. In year two and year three of this three-year contract, new letters of permission from the Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering and the representative horsemen' s association must be submitted to the Board prior to the Gulfstream Park race meeting of 2001 and 2002.

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

11. **BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST SANTA ANITA**

For entry into the minutes, on December 31, 1999, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import thoroughbred simulcasts from Santa Anita in Arcadia, California.

This approval is effective immediately and this simulcast may be accepted whenever permitted under the current Racing Law during the Santa Anita meeting that concludes on April 24, 2000.

12. **BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST TURFWAY PARK**

For entry into the minutes, on January 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import thoroughbred simulcasts from Turfway Park in Kentucky.

Approval is effective immediately and this simulcast may be accepted whenever permitted under the current Racing Law during the Winter-Spring Turfway Park meeting that concludes on April 6, 2000.

Although the submitted contract is for all of the year 2000, the letters of permission from the Kentucky Racing Commission and the Kentucky Division of the Horsemen' s Benevolent and Protective Association (H.B.P.A.) specify approval through April 6, 2000 only.

To continue after April 6, 2000, new Kentucky Racing Commission and Kentucky H.B.P.A. permission letters must be filed with the Board.

**13. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST OAKLAWN PARK**

For entry into the minutes, on January 6, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import thoroughbred simulcasts from Oaklawn Park in Arkansas.

Approval is effective upon opening day at Oaklawn, scheduled to be February 4<sup>th</sup>. This simulcast may be accepted whenever permitted under the current Racing Law during the Oaklawn Park meeting that concludes on April 15, 2000.

**14. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST TO IMPORT SIMULCAST FROM VARIOUS OUTLETS IN 2000**

For entry into the minutes, on January 7, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to accept simulcast signals and conduct wagering on the harness tracks of Balmoral and Maywood in Illinois, The Meadowlands (harness only) in New Jersey, Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland, Ladbroke at the Meadows in Pennsylvania, Buffalo Raceway, Yonkers Raceway, and the thoroughbred tracks of Gulfstream Park in Florida, NYRA, Santa Anita in California and Turfway Park in Kentucky (partial year). These simulcast signals may be used whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The horsemen' s approval at Turfway Park in Kentucky is valid through April 6, 2000 only. To continue importing the simulcast signal at this racetrack after the stated date above, a new letter of permission from the horsemen' s organization must be filed with the Board.

\* For entry into the minutes, on January 13, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Saratoga Harness to accept simulcast signals and conduct wagering on the thoroughbred tracks of Philadelphia Park, Laurel Park, Pimlico Racecourse and the Fair Grounds whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The horsemen' s approval for the Maryland Jockey Club tracks of Laurel and Pimlico is valid through June 30, 2000 only. To continue importing the simulcast

signal at these racetracks during the year 2000 after the stated date above, a new letter of permission from the representative horsemen' s organization must be filed with the Board.

**15. VERNON DOWNS REQUEST TO IMPORT SIMULCAST FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN 2000**

For entry into the minutes, on January 7, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Vernon Downs to accept simulcast signals and conduct wagering on the harness tracks of Balmoral and Maywood in Illinois, The Meadowlands (harness only) in New Jersey, Northville Downs in Michigan, Dover Downs in Delaware, Freehold Raceway in New Jersey, Ladbroke at the Meadows in Pennsylvania, Woodbine, Mohawk and Windsor Raceways in Ontario, Yonkers Raceway, the thoroughbred tracks of Gulfstream Park in Florida, NYRA, Santa Anita in California, Philadelphia Park in Pennsylvania, Laurel and Pimlico Racecourses in Maryland (partial year). These simulcast signals may be used whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The horsemen' s approval at Turfway Park in Kentucky is valid through April 6, 2000 only.

Also note that the horsemen' s approval from the tracks of the Maryland Jockey Club (Laurel Racecourse and Pimlico Racecourse) specify approval through June 20, 2000 only.

To continue to import the simulcast signals from Turfway Park (after April 6<sup>th</sup>) or from Laurel and Pimlico (after June 20<sup>th</sup>), new letters of permission from their representative horsemen' s associations must be filed with the Board.

**16. NEW YORK CITY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST THE MEADOWLANDS**

For entry into the minutes, on January 7, 2000, approval was granted for the request by New York City OTB for approval of the letter agreement extending the December 15, 1998 original contract and subsequent modification and supplement of April 21, 1999. This allows for the importation of the simulcast signals from The Meadowlands harness meeting during the year 2000 by all six regional New York State Off-Track Betting Corporations whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

This approval extends through the end of the year 2000 Meadowlands harness meet only. New letters of permission from the New Jersey Racing Commission and the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, Inc. must be filed with the Board prior to the Meadowlands 2001 harness meeting.

**17. BUFFALO RACEWAY OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST THE MEADOWLANDS, MARYLAND JOCKEY CLUB & LADBROKE AT THE MEADOWS**

For entry into the minutes, on January 10, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to accept simulcast signals and conduct wagering on the following tracks: The Meadowland (harness only) in New Jersey, Ladbroke at the Meadows in Pennsylvania (harness), as well as the thoroughbred tracks of Laurel and Pimlico in Maryland (partial year). These simulcast signals may be used whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

The horsemen' s approvals at Laurel and Pimlico Racecourses in Maryland expire on June 30, 2000. To continue at these two racetracks after the stated date above, new letters of permission from the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen' s Organization must be filed with the Board.

**18. BUFFALO RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST ROSECROFT RACEWAY**

For entry into the minutes, on January 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Buffalo Raceway to import harness simulcasts from Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland. This approval is effective upon opening day at Rosecroft, scheduled to be January 14<sup>th</sup> and this simulcast may be accepted whenever permitted under the current Racing Law.

This approval is valid through December 16, 2000.

**19. FINGER LAKES RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST NYRA AND TURF PARADISE**

For entry into the minutes, on January 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes for the importing of the simulcast signals and the conduct of wagering upon such simulcasts from the Turf Paradise in Arizona through May 7, 2000, whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

Also approved is the new contract with the New York Racing Association (NYRA) for the calendar year of 2000.

**20. FINGER LAKES RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST THE FAIRGROUNDS AND GULFSTREAM PARK**

For entry into the minutes, on January 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes for the importing of the simulcast signals and the conduct of wagering upon such simulcasts from the thoroughbred tracks of the Fair Grounds in Louisiana and Gulfstream Park in Florida. These simulcast signals may be used whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

**21. FINGER LAKES RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST PHILADELPHIA PARK, TAMPA BAY DOWNS, ETC.**



For entry into the minutes, on January 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Finger Lakes for the import of simulcast signals from Philadelphia Park in Pennsylvania, Suffolk Downs in Massachusetts, Tampa Bay Downs in Florida, Santa Anita Racecourse in California, and the Maryland Jockey Club racetracks of Laurel Racecourse and Pimlico Racecourse in Maryland. All simulcast signals may be utilized whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

Finger Lakes will not be importing out-of-state racetracks (other than designated special events during the year) while the live racing season is underway. Please be advised that the above approval of the Maryland Jockey Club racetracks of Pimlico and Laurel have letters of permission from their horsemen valid through June 30, 2000 only. Should Finger Lakes desire to import either of these simulcast signals at the conclusion of the live Finger Lakes season, but before December 21, 2000, new Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association permission letters must be filed with the Board.

**22. YONKERS RACEWAY REQUEST TO SIMULCAST BUFFALO RACEWAY, BALMORAL & MAYWOOD, ETC.**

For entry into the minutes, on January 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Yonkers Raceway for the importation of simulcast signals and the conduct of wagering on the harness tracks of Balmoral and Maywood Parks in Illinois, Buffalo Raceway, Northville Downs in Michigan and Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

These simulcast signals may be utilized whenever that use is in accordance with the Racing Law.

**23. NASSAU OTB REQUEST TO SIMULCAST BAY MEADOWS**

For entry into the minutes, on January 14, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Nassau OTB, dated January 12, 2000, to simulcast the initial thoroughbred meeting from Bay Meadows Racetrack in California. The Bay Meadows Racetrack simulcasts begin on January 20<sup>th</sup> and conclude on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

This approval extends to Suffolk Regional OTB as well. The Bay Meadows simulcasts, generally a "bridge" simulcast signal, may be imported whenever permitted under the Racing Law.

**24. MONTICELLO RACEWAY AGREEMENT WITH ODS TECHNOLOGIES, L.P. (TVG)**

For entry into the minutes, on January 19, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to export their video signal for use by ODS Technologies, L.P. d/b/a Television Games Network (TVG).

This approval is conditioned on the fact that there be no wagering through ODS/TVG within New York State and in the event that such wagering occurs and/or the TVG wagering aspect of this plan is implemented in New York State through the NTRA Services, L.L.C. hub, this approval is rescinded.

The Monticello Raceway video signal may also be used for wagering purposes through TVG only in states *other than* New York State at this time. This does not constitute an approval of the submitted contract in total. The States of Maryland, Kentucky and Oregon, the current home of the NTRA Services, L.L.C. pari-mutuel hub, are the only three states currently conducting wagering through TVG.

**25. NYRA AGREEMENT WITH ODS TECHNOLOGIES, L.P. (TVG)**

For entry into the minutes, on January 20, 2000, approval was granted for the request by NYRA to export their video signal for use by ODS Technologies, L.P. d/b/a Television Games Network (TVG).

This approval is conditioned on the fact that there be no wagering through ODS/TVG within New York State and in the event that such wagering occurs and/or the TVG wagering aspect of this plan is implemented in New York State through the NTRA Services, L.L.C. hub, this approval is rescinded.

The NYRA video signal may also be used for wagering purposes through TVG only in states *other than* New York State at this time. This does not constitute an approval of the submitted contract in total. The States of Maryland, Kentucky and Oregon, the current home of the NTRA Services, L.L.C. pari-mutuel hub, are the only three states currently conducting wagering through TVG.

**26. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO ADJUST NUMBER OF TUESDAY RACES AND POST TIMES**

For entry into the minutes, on January 19, 2000, approval was granted for the request by Monticello Raceway to conduct fourteen race cards on Tuesdays, beginning on January 25, 2000.

These expanded Tuesday programs will be conducted for six consecutive weeks with the last one taking place on Tuesday, February 29, 2000.

Additionally, the change in post time on all Tuesdays with fourteen race programs has been approved. The first post on such days will now be 12:30 p.m.

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

**(MEMBER NEGLIA DID NOT VOTE ON ITEMS D1, 7-17, 21 AND 22.)**

**1. IN THE MATTER OF HARRY NIEBERG**

The Board approved Hearing Officer Liebman' s recommendation that:

1. The decision of the judges at Yonkers be confirmed as to the violation of Rule 4119.5 for participating in triple wagering in the ninth race on June 4, 1999.

2. The penalty be reduced from \$3,000 to \$500, provided that in the event Mr. Nieberg is found guilty of violating Rule 4119.5 within one year of the date of the Board' s decision, the full \$3,000 fine will be restored.

3. The matter be referred to the investigations unit for review.

**2. IN THE MATTER OF THE DISQUALIFICATION OF FUN FLO EICHER**

The Board approved Hearing Officer Creighton Brittell' s recommendation that the disqualification of FUN FLO EICHER from first place in the eighth race on April 4, 1999 and placing the horse fifth for interference be upheld as a judgment decision because there was no mistake of law, fraud or manifest mistake of fact.

**3. FINAL ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO BOARD RULE 5608.4**

The Board approved the final adoption of the amendments to Rule 5608.4 to allow manufacturers to submit, for Board approval, artist' s renderings of bell jar tickets, payout cards and flares. The Board amendments also eliminated the provisions that describe the informal approval process for bell jar tickets, payout cards and flares.

**4. CONSENSUS RULEMAKING TO AMEND 9E NYCRRR 5622.16 – REAL ESTATE**

The Board approved a consensus rulemaking to amend Board Rule 5622.16, which would repeal the prohibition on real estate and debt instruments as games of chance prizes.

**5. ELECTRONIC BINGO AIDS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BINGO AIDS FOR 2000**

The Board approved Electronic Bingo Aids in 2000 for California Concepts, Inc., Bingo King/Stuart Entertainment Inc. and Bingotec, Inc.

**6. BUFFALO RACEWAY 2000 TRACK LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SYRACUSE MILE**

The Board approved the track license application for 5 race programs and issued a track license for the year-2000 harness meeting at the Syracuse Mile.

**7. FINGER LAKES 2000 TRACK AND SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The Board approved the track license and simulcast license applications for Finger Lakes and issued both licenses for the year 2000. These licenses are valid throughout the calendar year. Finger Lakes will have 169 race programs.

**8. MONTICELLO RACEWAY 2000 TRACK AND SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The Board approved the track license and simulcast license applications for Monticello Raceway and issued both licenses for the year 2000. These licenses are valid throughout the calendar year. Monticello will have 218 race programs.

**9. SARATOGA HARNESS 2000 TRACK AND SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The Board approved the track license and simulcast license applications for Saratoga Harness Racing Inc. d/b/a Saratoga Equine Sports Center and issued both licenses for the year 2000. These licenses are valid throughout the calendar year. Saratoga Equine Sports Center will have 140 race programs.

**10. VERNON DOWNS 2000 TRACK AND SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The Board approved the track license and simulcast license application for Mid-State Raceway, d/b/a Vernon Downs and issued both licenses for the year 2000. These licenses are valid throughout the calendar year. Vernon Downs will have 104 race programs.

**11. YONKERS RACEWAY 2000 TRACK AND SIMULCAST LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

The Board deferred action until the Fire and Safety Inspection is received from Yonkers. The Board delegated to the Chairman the right to approve on behalf of the Board upon receipt of the Fire & Safety Inspection.

**12. 1999 RACING DATES - CERTIFICATION FOR TAX AND FINANCE**

The Board certified that Finger Lakes, Buffalo Raceway, Monticello Raceway, Saratoga Harness, the Syracuse Mile, Vernon Downs and Yonkers Raceway have complied with the Racing Law Sections 228(3)(b)(ii) or 318(5)(b)(ii) for the purpose of confirming the 1999 pari-mutuel tax rate.

**13. 2000 RACING DATES - CERTIFICATION FOR TAX AND FINANCE**

The Board certified that Finger Lakes, Buffalo Raceway, Monticello Raceway, Saratoga Harness, the Syracuse Mile, Vernon Downs and Yonkers Raceway have

complied with the Racing Law Sections 228(3)(b)(ii) or 318(5)(b)(ii) for the purpose of establishing the pari-mutuel tax rate for 2000.

**14. MONTICELLO RACEWAY REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$27,886.20**

The Board approved Monticello Raceway to withdraw \$24,578.20 from the request to withdraw \$27,886.20 from their Capital Improvement Fund for reimbursement of various advertising and promotional expenditures incurred by the track, denying an expenditure of \$3,308 in cash prizes related to the "Own A Horse Promotion".

**Advertising & Promotional**

**Media Advertising**

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Television (cable)            | \$6,361.00      |
| Radio                         | 3,880.00        |
| Newspapers Ads                | 3,262.66        |
| Other Miscellaneous Ads       | <u>2,910.00</u> |
| Sub – Total Media Advertising |                 |

**Special events & prizes**

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fire Works                        | \$5,300.00         |
| Cash prizes                       | 2,000.00           |
| Trophies & other Prizes           | 800.34             |
| Miscellaneous                     | <u>64.20</u>       |
| Sub-total Prizes & special events |                    |
| Total Application                 | <u>\$24,578.20</u> |

**15. NYRA – 2000 ROSTER OF RACING OFFICIALS**

The Board approved the request by NYRA for approval of a list of racing officials employed for the year 2000 thoroughbred meeting.

Category I – serve as racing officials

Category II - serve as alternates in various capacities other than as Steward or Veterinarian

Category III - serve as alternate stewards and would serve in the absence of the regularly designated steward

**16. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST FOR YEAR 2000 STAKES EVENTS**

The Board approved the request by Saratoga Harness for approval of the conditions for the Stakes Races and Series for the year 2000.

**17. SARATOGA HARNESS REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM CIF - \$228,711.15**

The Board approved \$94,671.22 as an offset for the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) deficiency and a withdrawal of \$84,039.93 from Saratoga's CIF account.

The Board deferred approval of the remaining \$50,000 until such time as the racetrack and the horsemen, in accordance with §319 (2) (b) of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law and each compiles a plan for the expenditure of the capital improvement fund for the year 2000. After receipt of these plans a walk-through inspection of Saratoga Harness will take place.

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

The Board approved \$100,000 of Yonkers' request to withdraw \$200,000 from its Capital Improvement Fund for the demolition of the grandstand.

The Board deferred approval of the remaining \$100,000 until such time as the racetrack and the horsemen, in accordance with §319 (2) (b) of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, each compiles a plan for the expenditure of the capital improvement fund for the year 2000. After receipt of these plans a walk-through inspection of Yonkers Raceway will take place.

**19. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST TO ADD TWO E-Z BET LOCATIONS – ROUSE' S POINT & W. COXSACKIE**

The Board approved, with Member Liebman abstaining, the Capital District Regional OTB requests to conduct wagering and display simulcasts at the Bowl Mart Bowling Center operated by Rouses Point Recreation, Inc. (Rouses Point - Clinton County) and the Fox Run Parc (West Coxsackie - Greene County).

**20. CAPITAL OTB REQUEST TO ADD AN E-Z BET LOCATION – ROME**

The Board approved, with Member Liebman abstaining, the Capital District Regional OTB request to conduct wagering and display simulcasts at Bucky's Restaurant and Bar (Rome - Oneida County).

**21. CATSKILL OTB REQUEST TO ADD NEW BOARD MEMBER - ENGLEBERT**

The Board approved the appointment of Albert L. Englebert as the Tioga County director to sit on the Board of the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

**22. WESTERN OTB REQUEST TO APPOINT NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS - STEVERS**

The Board approved the re-appointment of James L. Stevers as the Seneca County director to sit on the Board of the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation.

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

**1. MONTICELLO RACEWAY -- YEAR 2000 LIST OF EXPORT SIMULCASTS - 12/99-29-B(E)**

**Agreements have been filed for the exportation of Monticello's simulcast to the out-of-state harness tracks of Garden State Park, Hinsdale Park, Lebanon Raceway, Northfield Park, Rosecroft Raceway and the thoroughbred track of Thistledown.**

**2. MONTICELLO RACEWAY – ANNUAL CIF INSPECTION – 01/00-14-E**

**On December 15, 1999 staff conducted their annual capital improvement inspection at Monticello Raceway.**

**3. YONKERS RACEWAY – EXPORT SIMULCAST TO ATLANTIC CITY CASINO- 12/99-32-E**

**Information, including contracts, has been filed with the Board. The contract extends from January 1 through December 31, 2000.**

**4. YONKERS RACEWAY – EXPORT SIMULCAST TO LAS VEGAS- 12/99-31-E**

**Information, including contracts, has been filed with the Board. The contract extends from January 1 through December 31, 2000.**

**5. YONKERS RACEWAY – EXPORT SIMULCAST TO CONNECTICUT OTB -  
12/99-33-E**

**Information, including contracts, has been filed with the Board.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.**