

MINUTES

NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING SPECIAL BOARD

MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2000

A meeting of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board was held on Monday, March 20, 2000 at 10:30 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 10:40 a.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, Director of Audits and Investigations

Joe Lynch, Chief of Racing Operations

Also in Attendance Were:

Dianne Landor, NYSR&WB

Nicole Robilotto, NYSR&WB

Josh Kuperman

Richard P. Sanzen

Bill Heller, Thoroughbred Times

Tom Precious, Buffalo News/Bloodhorse

Linda Trischitta, Times Union

Rob Raylman, Coppola, Ryan & McHugh

Charlie Coppola, Coppola, Ryan & McHugh

Steve Bochnak, NYTHA

Bill Crowell, Hinman, Staub

Via Teleconference:

Joseph Neglia, Member

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:

Joshua Kuperman is a resident of Saratoga and is involved in the organization, Friends to Preserve Historic Saratoga Race Course. Mr. Kuperman expressed his concern that NYRA is not following the necessary regulations.

Richard Sanzen is also a resident of Saratoga and expressed his concerns about historic changes at Saratoga. Mr. Sanzen is concerned about the process NYRA goes through to make these changes. He also expressed his concern about the security and staff wearing badges on the backside. Mr. Sanzen stated that he just wanted the opportunity for public comments.

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

1. NYRA REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT SARATOGA RACE COURSE

The Board approved the request by NYRA for the issuance of a permit for construction and renovations to the Wright Street Gate, Union Avenue - West Gate, Union Avenue - East Gate, and Union Avenue - Jockey House/Administrative Offices pursuant to Section 239 of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law, and Section 4003.2 of the Rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.