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Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund
Board of Trustees Meeting
Yonkers Raceway at Empire City Casino
Yonkers, NY
November 30, 2011

Present: NYSR&WB Chairman & ANYSHBDF Chairman John Sabini, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets Deputy Commissioner Matt Morgan, Trustee Joseph Angiolillo, Trustee, Keith Hamilton, ANYSHBDF (Fund) Executive Director Tim Gordon, Audience included: NYSR&WB staff members; Kristen Buckley, Ron Ochrym, Robert Feuerstein, and Brian Barry, Robert Galterio of Yonkers Raceway, horsemen George Casale and Michael Kimelman, and Harness Horse Breeders of NYS members David Hanson, Betty Holt and Joseph Spadaro.

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 PM.

Agenda Item # 1. Public Comment:

Chairman Sabini called for public comment. None was offered.

Agenda Item # 2. Minutes of Last Meeting of November 1, 2011:
Motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2011 made by Trustee Hamilton.
Seconded by Trustee Morgan. All in favor.

Agenda Item #3. Consideration of vendor contracts:

Chairman Sabini asked for a motion for the board to enter executive session to discuss a management issue of the Fund and asked that Chairman's counsel Robert Feuerstein and Harness Horse Breeders of New York State representatives David Hanson, Betty Holt and Joseph Spadaro be included.

Motion made by Trustee Morgan. Seconded by Trustee Hamilton. All in favor.
Executive session commenced at 12:14 PM

Motion to exit executive session and return to public session made by Trustee Angiolillo. Seconded by Trustee Hamilton. All in favor at 1:07 PM.

In public session Chairman Sabini recognized the presence of Bob Galterio of Yonkers Raceway and thanked him for his hospitality. Chairman Sabini also thanked everyone for their patience while the board was in executive session discussing a contractual matter - agenda item #3 – contract with the Harness Horse Breeders of New York State.

Motion to adopt a Single Source Provider Resolution deeming Harness Horse Breeders of New York State made by Trustee Hamilton. Seconded by Trustee Morgan. All in favor.

Motion to accept the proposed 2012 contract as amended on pages 8,9, and 12, made by Trustee Morgan. Seconded by Trustee Hamilton. All in Favor.

Motion to amend the 2012 Fund budget by \$80,000. increasing the Harness Horse Breeders of New York State contract from \$140,000. to \$220,000. Motion made by Trustee Hamilton. Seconded by Trustee Angiolillo. All in favor.

Agenda Item # 4. Sire Stakes Race Conditions:

Chairman Sabini thanked all those who came together to work on developing the new 2012 New York Sire Stakes conditions including the race tracks and Mr. Galterio, the horsemen and Mr. George Casale, and Blue Chip Farms' Mr. Michael Kimelman. Chairman Sabini also thanked Racing and Wagering Board Executive Director Ron Ochrym and Director of Racing Officials Brian Barry. Fund Executive Director Gordon and Chairman Sabini spoke highlighting some of the advantages of the new conditions and schedule for the Sire Stakes, Excelsior Series / State Fair Races, and County Fair Races. Betty Holt and Michael Kimelman also commented.

Motion to adopt a resolution approving Sire Stakes #53 (Foals of 2011) conditions, and The Excelsior Series / State Fair Races 2012 conditions, and the NYSS Fall Harvest Races 2012 conditions, and NYSS County Fair Races 2012 conditions made by Trustee Angiolillo. Seconded by Trustee Hamilton. All in favor. Chairman Sabini reiterated that this item was important and again offered thanks to; Fund Executive Director Gordon, track management from around the state, Harness Horse Breeders of NYS, horsemen, and breeders as represented by Michael Kimelman, for uniting efforts

Agenda Item #5. Adopt Fund Lobbying Policy:

Chairman Sabini advised the Board that the Authorities Budget Office (ABO) requires that Fund establish a Lobbying Policy and asked Executive Director Gordon to comment on the proposed policy and Gordon obliged.

The Lobbying Policy of the Fund is as follows:

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Lobbying Policy
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The Fund will implement a policy to maintain a record of all lobbying contacts made with the fund. Each time a lobbyist contacts a Fund member, officer or employee, a record of the contact will be made, to include recording the date and time of the contact, the identity of the lobbyist and a summary of the contact.

The responsibility for maintaining the record of contacts will be with the Fund's

Executive Director. Individuals contacted by a lobbyist will advise the Executive Director.

These records will be maintained for a period of 7 years.

Motion to accept the proposed Fund Lobbying Policy made by Trustee Morgan. Seconded by Trustee Hamilton. All in favor.

Agenda Item #6. Old Business:

Chairman Sabini asked if there was any old business for discussion. There was none.

Agenda Item #6. New Business:

Chairman Sabini asked Executive Director Gordon to advise the board of a request received by the Fund from Goshen Historic Track for \$75,000. to assist in reconstruction and roof repairs on the grandstand and Gordon obliged. After learning that the funding was not part of the adopted 2012 Fund budget Chairman Sabini stated the belief that the adopted budget should stay in place at the present time but the board could consider the request moving forward (in the future).

Trustee Morgan spoke on the possibility of providing a grants to the state's forty four agricultural fairs through the New York Association of Agricultural Fairs totaling \$90,500. Chairman Sabini asked that the group make a request in the form of a proposal that could be considered in 2012.

Chairman Sabini asked if there be any other business to come before the board. No additional business was brought forth and Chairman Sabini wished all a happy holiday and declared the meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Gordon, Executive Director