



Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund

MINUTES

Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund
Board of Trustees Meeting
Schenectady, New York
December 11, 2017

Present: Trustee and Chairman of the New York State Gaming Commission Barry Sample; Agriculture and Markets Deputy Commissioner Jackie Czub; Trustees: Peter Arrigenna & Mike Kimelman; Acting Executive Director of the Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund Ron Ochrym; Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Executive Assistant Connie Richardson; NYS Gaming Commission Senior Accountant Brian Squadere; NYS Gaming Commission Assistant Counsel Mark Stuart.

Agenda Item #1 – Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was present and the meeting called to order.

Agenda Item # 2 - Designate a Board Member as Presiding Officer: A motion was made by Member Czub to designate Gaming Commission Chairman Barry Sample, a Member, as Presiding Officer of the meeting and seconded by Member Kimelman. All in favor.

Agenda Item #3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2017: Upon being designated the Presiding Officer for the meeting, Presiding Officer Sample noted staff members in attendance and that the meeting was being held to appoint a new Executive Director. Presiding Officer Sample noted that once a new Executive Director was appointed, it was the Board's intention to schedule another meeting with the next few weeks to address Fund business. He noted that before going to Executive Session, the Fund Board would approve the Minutes of June 29. A motion was made by Member Arrigenna to accept the Minutes as presented and seconded by Member Kimelman. All in favor.

Agenda Item #4 - Executive Session: Presiding Officer Sample called for the members to consider a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss appointment of a new Executive Director of the Fund. A motion was then made by Member Kimelman, pursuant to New York Public Officers Law Section 105.1.f, to enter Executive Session, which was seconded by Member Czub. All in favor. The Members then convened into Executive Session.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Presiding Officer Sample noted that the Members unanimously approved M. Kelly Young as the new Executive Director of the Fund. Presiding Officer Sample congratulated Ms. Young and asked her if she would like to make any comments. Ms. Young noted that she was honored and looked forward to working with everyone.

ITEM 5 – New/Old Business – Presiding Officer Sample asked if there was any New/Old Business. Member Arrigenna discussed the pending racing schedule be posted on the Fund's website with a note "pending" approval. Member Arrigenna noted that a finals location for the Sire Stakes was still not resolved but wanted participants to be aware of the regular racing dates for advanced planning purposes.

Item #6 – Adjourn - Presiding Officer Sample stated that having concluded the business on the agenda he asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Arrigenna made the motion which was seconded by Member Kimelman. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05.

Approved January 19, 2018