



Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc. May Minutes

May 25, 2021 – 2:00pm EST

Attended:

Miriam Anver	Gail Clark	Jeff Lehew	Hill Parker
Keri Brion	Lucy Goelet	Arch Kingsley	Donnie Yovanovich
Fenneka Bentley	Ricky Hendriks	Wendy Kingsley	Todd Wyatt
Sean Clancy	Marsha Hewitt	Sanna Neilson	

Unable to Attend:

Mark Beecher, Joe Davies, Alex Leventhal, Leslie Young

- I. **Approve April Minutes** Kimberly Kapacziewski
April minutes were approved as written.

- II. **Committee Reports**
 - Treasurers Report** Wendy Kingsley
Checking: \$9,937.96
Savings: \$14,597.30
 - Race Conditions Committee** Sean Clancy
If anyone is looking for a specific race for a horse, let Sean know.
Talked to Bill Gallo about adding races to Saratoga and Sean is open to suggestions.
Bill Gallo left the races open this weekend, if anyone has any comments, please share.
Keri Brion mentioned Grade 1 horses that don't have anywhere to go and suggested a high level ratings race for Apprentice Riders this fall.
Sean Clancy suggested a condition stakes this spring, he will bring these ideas up to Bill Gallo.

- III. **President's Report** Todd Wyatt
 - A. NSA requested a New Fence Committee**
Al Griffin, Bill Gallo and Reynolds Cowles decided to put the EasyFix fences on hold for the spring. Jack Fisher has a few of the fences at his farm, he is going to take the lead on this project.

What is the best way to go forward?

If the fence does change, how will we roll the fence out?

Hopefully SOTA can help to come up with a roll out plan to move this in the right direction.

We are waiting to see what happens with Colonial Downs. They wanted to use the EasyFix fences.

There was some discussion about the size and makeup of the EasyFix fence. Donnie Yovanovich is a member of the NSA Safety Committee. He explained that EasyFix is coming up with some protocols/modifications to present to the Safety Committee and they are currently waiting on those modifications before moving forward.

B. Jockey Care

Todd Wyatt

Two jockeys were injured this weekend.

How do we send someone to the hospital to make sure the riders needs are met when they get injured?

How can SOTA help to clean this up and make sure the riders information is relayed to the healthcare professionals and emergency contact?

Kimberly Kapacziewski spoke about her experience with Callaway.

Finding the riders stuff, returning rental cars, accessing identification and insurance is challenging.

As for rider information, Kimberly has suggested a cloud based document where the info can be shared.

Sanna Neilson – Emery Taylor in the NSA office may be able to create a cloud based document that can be fired off when needed. She is following up with new helmets and being proactive in this area.

Sean Clancy – When he was the SOTA President, he had a jockey liaison within SOTA and this worked well.

Todd Wyatt will follow-up with Forrest Kelly and the NSA to make sure there is a concrete plan in place to take care of the riders.

IV. New Business

Kimberly Kapacziewski

A. Honoring Jack Fisher being inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame in Saratoga.

This will be a fun way as a community to celebrate what Jack has been able to accomplish and show support for the sport of steeplechasing.

Sean Clancy will reach out to Sheila Fisher to see what is planned so we can keep everyone informed.

V. **Adjourn 2:36pm**

Tentative meeting: June 22, 2021

Kimberly Work Time Stamps:

5/25 90min board meeting, follow-up phone calls and emails

5/26 15min added approved meeting minutes to website

5/27 40 min call w/ Wendy

6/3 47min call w/ Wendy

6/7 1hr20min edited meeting minutes and sent to Executive Committee for approval, once approved sent to board

6/8 20min drafting newsletter

6/9 15min contacted NSA office re: race footage online and ability to download

6/10 94min call with Todd

6/10 drafted jockey one-pager and emailed to Wendy

6/11 10min emailed new meeting date

6/15 23min call w/ Wendy

6/28 37min call w/ Wendy Kingsley re: agenda, race meet follow-ups

6/28 15min updating race schedule on website for summer racing

6/29 1hr Executive Committee Call

6/29 2hrs emails with NSA office, Comparing NSA members/SOTA members for SOTA Membership drive, edited and sent out agenda

6/30 45min following up on meeting responses, purchased additional sympathy cards, wrote (2) cards and mailed