



Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc. Agenda

December 14, 2021 – 2:00pm EST

Miriam Anver
Sean Clancy
Gail Clark

Joe Davies
Lucy Goelet
Marsha Hewitt
Arch Kingsley

Wendy Kingsley
Hill Parker
Todd Wyatt
Donnie Yovanovich

Unable to attend: Mark Beecher, Fenneka Bentley, Keri Brion, Ricky Hendriks, Jeff LeHew, Leslie Young

- I. **Approve October Minutes** Kimberly Kapacziewski
An edit was requested and voted on by the board. The minutes were approved with the suggested edit.

- II. **Committee Reports**
Treasurers Report Wendy Kingsley
Checking: \$6,700.52
Savings: \$14,599.02

Banking Challenges

Our Treasurer has all of the banking in their name. Is the treasurer liable if the account is hacked?

The group discussed SOTA as an organization and transferring funds into the account. Janet Elliot's accountant files 990-EZ form.

Race Conditions Committee Sean Clancy

Todd Wyatt, Sean Clancy and Ricky Hendriks had a meeting with Bill Gallo to review the Spring conditions. They worked together to come up with as much variety as they could. If anyone has any horses that needs a spot, reach out to Sean.

Bill Gallo is planning to send a horse-in-training list soon. He is hoping that trainers respond to that.

Joe Davies suggested that SOTA could have a formal process in the future to provide O/T with an opportunity to suggest races to the SOTA Conditions Committee for them to present all of the ideas to Bill Gallo.

We will put together a protocol and present to Bill Gallo a process for all O/T to suggest races.

III. **President's Report**

Todd Wyatt

NSA Board Meeting

Todd was able to join the NSA call last week. The NSA Board approved to name SOTA as the Official Horsemen's Group of the NSA.

Bill Gallo has offered SOTA a page in the Conditions Book. Kimberly Kapacziewski is drafting a page with verbiage about SOTA and our new official capacity as the horsemen's group.

IV. **New Business**

2022 Board / Membership

Kimberly Kapacziewski

Thank you Arch Kingsley, Hill Parker, Gail Clark and Lucy Goelet for serving on the SOTA board for the last three years.

Our board is large as a result of bringing on more members than the original bylaws suggested. At this point, the executive committee does not see a need to add more members. We are trying to scale back the original board size and if at some point next year we see that we need more support, a vote may be suggested.

Request for SOTA Rep Feedback

Kimberly Kapacziewski will email the SOTA reps asking for feedback from the day.

Miriam Anver / Joe Davies had a horse vet scratched at Charleston.

Miriam stated that "when the horses went out on the track, it was announced at the meet and over the livestreaming that *Eye of Gunfighter* was vet scratched because he had a capped hock and had fallen in his previous race." On behalf of her syndicate, Miriam wanted to bring it to the attention of the board.

Todd Wyatt will circle back with Bill Gallo about this.

V. Old Business

Arch Kingsley inquired if there was talk at the NSA meeting about the fence. Todd Wyatt reported that they have made a few changes that they feel comfortable with. It seems as though they are still working on them and making good progress with the hopes of possibly having them at some point-to-points next spring.

Donnie Yovanovich is on the Safety Committee, he reported that they are trying to make it more friendly to the horses.

VI. Adjourn