

#### Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc. Minutes

#### February 27, 2024

| Liam Bourke           | Patrick Lewis |  |
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| Rosella Hunter        | Cyril Murphy  |  |
| Ricky Hendriks        | Larry Smith   |  |
| Kimberly Kapacziewksi | Sandra Webb   |  |

## **Not Attending Today:**

Paul Willis, Lucy Goelet, Danielle Hodsdon, James Sheridan, Steve Coxen, Vivien Malloy, Chris LaBerge, Kathy Neilson

## I. Guest Caller – Rosella Hunter Business Manager & Race Meet + Horseman's b Liaison NSA Office

Rosella Hunter introduced herself to the board and welcomed everyone to contact her with any questions, licensing, book keeping, tax forms, etc. It was requested to get jockey/agent contact information easily accessible. Rosella has an OTR directory and will email that out. She discussed the Equine Emergency Protocol, schedule and importance of summer racing.

# **II. Approve January Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written.

### **III. Committee Reports**

Treasurers Report

Checking: \$2,885.16

Savings: \$14,605.38

#### IV. Membership Drive

Kimberly Kapacziewski

2024 Membership Drive has started. Please renew your memberships.

Link to renew: https://www.sota-us.com/support-us

#### V. President's Report

Ricky Hendriks

Sandra Webb

- NSA Board Meeting Ricky was able to field questions for the horsemen.
   There was an informative discussion about race track maintenance after a race, a new compaction tool was introduced.
- Rating's have been published.

 April 6 – Old Dominion P2P will have NSA sanctioned races. Horsemen can reach out to Debbie Welch you have questions: 540-631-8607

#### VI. Old Business

- Equine Emergency Protocols Kimberly Kapacziewski Kimberly emailed the emergency protocols to the trainers on the board to review and give feedback.
- New Colonial Turf Staff Contact
   Ricky reached out to the new grounds person and they are going to continue to keep the turf longer on the outside as was done in the past. This also helped to slow the pace a bit.

### VII. Adjourn

Next SOTA meeting tentatively March 26, 2024.