



Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc. Agenda

April 27, 2021 – 2:00pm EST

Call-In Number: (605) 313-5610 - Access Code: 55229911

Miriam Anver	Gail Clark	Jeff Lehew	Sanna Neilson
Mark Beecher	Lucy Goelet	Alex Leventhal	Hill Parker
Fenneka Bentley	Ricky Hendriks	Arch Kingsley	Leslie Young
Sean Clancy	Marsha Hewitt	Wendy Kingsley	Donnie Yovanovich
			Todd Wyatt

Unable to attend:

Keri Brion
Joe Davies

- I. **Approve March Minutes** Kimberly Kapacziewski
Minutes were approved as written.
Kimberly reminded everyone that her work timestamp will be added to the minutes each month. Some tasks that we have been working on include creation of custom thank you cards, writing/mailing thank you notes to point-to-point and hunt meets.

- II. **Committee Reports**
 - Treasurers Report** Wendy Kingsley
Checking \$10,470.88
Saving \$14,597.06

 - Race Conditions Committee** Sean Clancy
Sean didn't have anything to report at this time. He did encourage everyone to reach out to him if anyone has questions or concerns about conditions.

Miriam Anver mentioned the gravel road crossing at the Loudon P2P.
Donnie Yovanovich explained that Morven Park would not allow the race meet to touch the road crossing but it would be different in the future.

 - Membership Committee** Hill Parker
We are currently at 50% of NSA licensed O/T as SOTA members.

Kimberly has compiled a list of NSA licensed owners and trainers and highlighted everyone that is not a SOTA member. Hill asked everyone to look over the contact information that is associated with those non-members to see if we can reach back out to them.

Current membership – 92 members.

III. **President's Report**

Todd Wyatt

Shoe rule was adjusted after the Manor.

Outer rims are now allowed. The NSA did not approach SOTA about this change.

Queen's Cup

Rain came in around 10am, some horses slipping, some fallers, new fence was used in a sanctioned meet for the first time.

- Al Griffin and Bill Gallo are moving forward with the jumps.
- Please reach out to them as well as Reynolds Cowles if you have concerns or feel free to share with Todd Wyatt / Kimberly Kapacziewski.

Schooling Opportunities – Ricky Hendriks and Todd Wyatt are trying to organize schooling at Willowdale and possibly Middleburg after the races.

IV. **New Business**

Trainer Criteria – Todd Wyatt spoke on behalf of Joe Davies who was not present.

Currently, in order to become a NSA licensed trainer, the candidate needs have a couple of signatures from other trainers. That can be uncomfortable. Joe Davies proposed that SOTA look into forming a committee to come up with suggestions for trainer criteria. One suggestion is to take a test.

- Don Yovanovich has been an advocate for a trainer's test for years. He has suggested this in the past to the NSA but hasn't gotten far with it. The Safety Committee is working on "Advanced Education" that will possibly be required to obtain your license next year.
- Hill Parker asked if the trainers could just take the state test where they are located. There was some discussion about this.
- It was suggested to look into European steeplechase trainer requirements.
- No one was opposed to Joe Davies and Todd Wyatt reaching out to the NSA about a potential test for new trainers.

Tod Marks \$525 photo licensing fee

- Lucy Goelet graciously volunteered to cover the fee.
- Kimberly Kapacziewski will reach out to Lucy Goelet and arrange that.

Additional Questions

Sanna Neilson asked about schooling the EasyFix fences, possibly before

Willowdale or Radnor. Any opportunity to school would be greatly appreciated.
- It was suggested that SOTA support a schooling day and cover an ambulance fee if needed.
- We will reach out to Willowdale and Radnor to see what the options are.

V. Adjourn – 2:38pm EST

Tentative May Meeting:

May 18, 2021

2pm EST

Work Time Stamp:

April 27: 47 minutes board meeting, emailed Tod Marks and Lucy Goelet to organize photography license

May 5: 45 min setting up text message re: EasyFix to members

May 6: 20 min phone calls, minutes

May 7: 1hr 30 min minutes

May 18: 25 min reviewed minutes, emailed board

May 19: 37 mins created newsletter, sent tests

May 20: 15 min call w/ Todd, sent out newsletter

May 24: 62 mins Executive Committee Call

May 24: 2 hours updating membership roster / addresses