



Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc. Agenda

May 23, 2024 - Call-In Number: (805) 706-4832

Attended Meeting:

Lucy Goelet	Patrick Lewis	
Ricky Hendriks	Cyril Murphy	Sandra Webb
Kimberly Kapacziewski	Kathy Neilson	Larry Smith

I. Guest Caller: Bill Gallo

Great Spring. The ground was in good shape.

- The Beverly R. Steinman – looking at 12 noms now, this race will be run the day after the Belmont.
- Bill has been in talks to have a race at Belmont in 2026.
- 4 stakes races scheduled at Saratoga.
- Colonial Downs: Lasix will be allowed in all of the races, we will saddle in the barn and exit on the backside. We will try and get the winner to the proper winner's circle. Because we will be saddling in the barn, we cannot have any claiming races there.
- Nov 17 – Colonial Cup returns - \$150,000 Grade 1 – weight for age like the traditional way this race has been run. 2 5/8 – same distance as the Grand National at Far Hills.
- Summer horses in training need to be submitted.
- SOTA will set a June date to have a Zoom meeting with Bill Gallo re: horseman's feedback from the spring.

Cyril Murphy inquired about pre-entry requirements for summer racing. Bill Gallo will get the details and circle back.

II. Approve April Minutes

Kimberly Kapacziewski

The minutes were approved as email to the board.

III. Committee Reports

Treasurers Report

Sandra Webb

Checking \$4,469.41

Savings \$14,606.10

IV. President's Report

Feedback from Spring Season

Ricky Hendriks

Wonderful splits with the races to give more horses opportunities and building up the purse money.

- Racing prior to Belmont

Suggested to arrive Friday.

We will be stabled in Claire Court.

- The NSA Board Mtg will be held before the AP Smithwick on July 17. We are working to arrange a cocktail party the evening prior on July 16.

- Remind everyone again to submit horses in training.

VA Commission Presentation

Larry Smith

Larry presented to the VA Racing Commission to advocate for racing without front shoes. He felt that the information was well received and running without front shoes at Colonial will be allowed.

V. Old Business

VI. Adjourn