



Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc.

Agenda

January 19, 2021

2:00 pm

Attended:

Mark Beecher	Joe Davies	Wendy Kingsley	Hill Parker
Keri Brion	Lucy Goelet	Alex Leventhal	Leslie Young
Sean Clancy	Ricky Hendriks	Kathy Neilson	Donnie Yovanovich
Gail Clark	Marsha Hewitt	Sanna Neilson	Todd Wyatt

Unable to attend:

Miriam Anver
Fenneka Bentley
Sheila Fisher
Arch Kingsley
Jeff LeHew

I. 2020 President's Report

Kathy Neilson

A. Approve December minutes – Our 2020 Board members have been emailed the December minutes.

There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as written.

B. Review of 2020 and thoughts on the upcoming racing season.

We lost Aiken, they are moving to a bigger course that has irrigation and can accommodate a larger audience.

Hopefully Foxfield is coming back in the fall with a bigger meet.

Fair Hill is not ready to have their race meet this spring.

Some of the race meets are going to move later – May/June.

C. Point-to-Point Update: Rappohanick is not going to go but the others are still planning to run.

Toby Edwards wants to have a schooling day over the new fences possibly April 11 – day after the Manor.

D. Kathy suggested Todd Wyatt as president.

II. New Business

Kimberly Kapacziewski

A. Elect 2021 Executive Board

President:

Wendy Kingsley made a motion to nominate Todd Wyatt as President.

Todd Wyatt spoke about his involvement SOTA and his goals.

Joe Davies seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor. No opposed.

The motion carried and Todd Wyatt was elected 2021 SOTA President.

Vice President:

Todd Wyatt made a motion to nominate Leslie Young as Vice President.

Leslie Young spoke about her love for the sport and she hopes that every single person can have a voice.

Joe Davies seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor. No opposed.

The motion carried and Leslie Young was elected 2021 SOTA Vice President.

Treasurer:

Donnie Yovanovich made a motion to nominate Wendy Kingsley as Treasurer.

Wendy Kingsley spoke about her experience with being the SOTA Treasurer last year and confirmed that she is willing to continue this position if elected.

Marsha Hewitt seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor. No opposed.

The motion carried and Wendy Kingsley was elected 2021 SOTA Treasurer.

Secretary:

Todd Wyatt made a motion to nominate Kimberly Kapacziewski as Secretary.

Kimberly Kapacziewski spoke about her involvement with SOTA and enjoys working with SOTA.

Wendy Kingsley seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion.

All in favor. No opposed.

The motion carried and Kimberly Kapacziewski was elected 2021 SOTA Secretary.

III. Old Business

Kimberly Kapacziewski

A. Outgoing board recognition

Alex Leventhal offered to cover cost for gift to previous President, Kathy Neilson.

B. Female rider statement to Race Chairman Meeting

Wendy Kingsley would like to ask race meets to have separate dressing areas. Wendy Kingsley and Kimberly Kapacziewski will talk to Forrest Kelly about this and submit the following statement to him:

SOTA considers the safety of our participants a priority. We are asking all race meets to please respectfully provide separate and private changing facilities for both genders of our jockey community. We recommend the men do not have access to the women's jockey's room and the women not have access to the men's. For a race meet with permanent structures and showers, please be cognizant to set up each space with respect for every jockey's privacy and safety.

C. Joe Davies reported that the 10/7/5 bug initiative has been approved we are now trying to encourage all p2p and hunt meets to adopt that bug.

IV. Adjourn

Tentative date for February meeting: February 16, 2021