



Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, Inc. Agenda

January 18, 2022 – 2:00pm EST

Guest Caller: Dr. Reynolds Cowles

Miriam Anver	Ricky Hendriks	Sanna Neilson
Mark Beecher	Marsha Hewitt	Todd Wyatt
Keri Brion	Wendy Kingsley	Leslie Young
Sean Clancy	Alex Leventhal	Donnie Yovanovich

I. Guest Caller, Dr. Reynolds Cowles – Chairman of the NSA Safety Committee Injury Reporting

Colonial Downs -

Dr. Cowles is working with the course management to specifically address the outside of the course where we run and is hopeful that they are making positive adjustments.

Discussion ensued.

Course Changes in 2021-

There was significant improvement at several of the courses this year, Dr. Cowles asked the group for feedback on these and asked if there were any other recommendations.

EasyFix Update -

The Safety Committee has been working on the fences. Several changes have been made to their appearance and to the foam. They are currently doing impact testing to the foam. Six of the updated fences will be set-up in Camden for schooling. Dr. Cowles urged everyone to please jump the updated fences and give feedback.

Injury Reporting -

Dr. Cowles asked the group if there is a way for the horsemen to anonymously report injuries post-race. By collecting this data, the Safety Committee would be

able to determine the true injury rate and could work towards decreasing this number.

Todd Wyatt proposed that the board discuss this and get back to Dr. Cowles with some suggestions.

- II. Approve December Minutes** Kimberly Kapacziewski
The minutes were approved as written and there were no corrections.

- III. Committee Reports**
- Treasurers Report** Wendy Kingsley
Checking \$6,212.52
Savings \$14,599.27
- Race Conditions Committee** Sean Clancy
Spring Condition book came out. If you have a horse that needs a spot, let the committee know.

- IV. President's Report** Todd Wyatt
The Florida Steeplechase is planned to run in Ocala on March 5.

- V. Old Business**
- SOTA Rep Follow-Up Report** Kimberly Kapacziewski
2021 SOTA reps were emailed to submit a report. If you have not yet responded, please do so.
- 2022 Executive Committee**
Elect Executive Committee:
Sean Clancy nominated Todd Wyatt as President. Leslie Young seconded.
The board unanimously voted Todd Wyatt as 2022 President.
Todd Wyatt nominated Leslie Young as Vice President. Sean Clancy seconded.
The board unanimously voted Leslie Young as 2022 Vice President.
Todd Wyatt nominated Wendy Kingsley as Treasurer. Sean Clancy seconded.
The board unanimously voted Wendy Kingsley as 2022 Treasurer.
Todd Wyatt nominated Kimberly Kapacziewski as Secretary. Marsha Hewitt seconded. The board unanimously voted Kimberly Kapacziewski as 2022 Secretary.

- VI. New Business**
- 2022 Membership Drive** Kimberly Kapacziewski
We will have an email campaign followed by mailed letters to anyone that has not renewed.
- Fence Discussion**

Donnie Yovanovich serves on the Safety Committee as well as the SOTA board. He spoke about the injury reporting that Dr. Cowles mentioned.

Discussion ensued.

VII. Adjourn