

Racing Committee Minutes  
April 4, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Barrett, A. Johnson, Richardson, and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; League of Women Voters; Press.

Chairman Veitch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wood the minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Wait gave a brief update on the Saratoga 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration as follows: He said the kickoff day will be a family day at SPAC on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a series of four military encampments, three of which will take place in Congress Park on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the Civil War Encampment in Congress Park to take place in September.

Mr. Hendrickson and Mrs. Whitney will be sponsoring a Floral Fete & Ice Cream Social to take place on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> along Broadway and Congress Park.

NYRA is doing a reconstruction of a viewing stand from the Oklahoma Track which is almost an exact replica of the judge's stand that William Collins Whitney had built at the flat track in 1901, he said.

Each Saturday in August there will be a \$15,000 Fan Wager that will be sponsored by John Hendrickson and MaryLou Whitney.

The Philadelphia Orchestra will be performing an original piece of music that has been composed by Richard Danielpour at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and will be the first time that the Philadelphia Orchestra has invited the conductor of the Boston Pops to come to Saratoga.

There will be a \$2 Better's Ball on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga Springs City Center with a series of bands playing 50's and 60's music.

WMHT is going to do a one hour special on the history of Saratoga on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Hoof Prints Walk of Fame will be dedicated, with a date to be announced.

A reunion of Famous Horses will take place in September.

Mr. Veitch requested a resolution supporting Assembly bill A.5595 and Senate bill S.4173, a Casino Gaming Bill that was introduced on March 12, 2013 by Senator Marchione, with the

companion bill introduced by Assemblyman Jordan. A press conference was conducted at that time in Saratoga Springs to introduce it to the public.

Mr. Veitch said the way it was presented early this year at the State of the State address was that Governor Cuomo was looking for three Upstate Casinos in the Casino & Gaming Plan initially, and then there was going to be a 90/10 split of the money with 90% going to education and 10% going to local municipalities that host the casinos. In the City of Saratoga Springs and the County as well, we passed a resolution in 2012 promoting the fact that Saratoga Springs has the infrastructure and is a sight that is available for them to use and that we want to be one of the sites chosen for a full casino. The way it was presented this year is that all the Casino Gaming is in the budget. This bill takes that out of the budget and makes a couple of changes still having the 90/10 split, but will also add horsemen and breeding to receive a part of the money as well as purses.

Mr. Veitch said the other part of the bill states that the site should be where there is an existing Racino Facility and Saratoga is included in that.

**A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a resolution in support of Assembly bill A.5995 and Senate bill S.4173 for the Casino Gaming. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom