

Racing Committee Minutes
May 9, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Barrett, A. Johnson, Richardson, Southworth, Wood and Yepsen; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Veitch gave a brief update on Casino Gambling in NYS stating that Supervisor Yepsen had put together another meeting with Mr. Leibman on May 2nd. Through an article in the Buffalo News Senator Bonacic gave some of his ideas as to where he would want to have Casino's located. One of the areas that were noted was Saratoga and Washington Counties.

Mr. Veitch said that Mr. Liebman didn't want to commit to anything, but did say that he thought Saratoga was still a prospect for the Casino location.

Ms. Yepsen said that the Casino and Raceway has plans for a \$40 million expansion that they plan to move forward with no matter what the Governor or legislators do.

Ms. Yepsen said the leaders were meeting to develop the second passage bill which will have to be done by the end of June.

Mr. Veitch said there are still some items that need to be answered. He read some of the items from an editorial in the Times Union as follows:

- Would Racino's reduce lottery betting
- What happens to Racino's, would gambling halls that run lottery terminals be allowed in the Casino competition.
- Would a Casino open near a Racino – would the State bailout the communities that lose a Racino.
- What about the extra tax that the operators would pay to help support the racing industry – would the Casino's pay what the Racino's are paying now.
- Do Casino's bring in new businesses and jobs or do they just move jobs and money around.
- How does the matter of home rule fit in – do communities have a say whether or not they want a Racino and/or Casino.
- Will there be extra money for gambling addiction problems.

Ms. Yepsen said another question that was asked at the Legislative Meeting in Albany is how the 10% to the community would be distributed between the community and horseracing industry.

On a motion made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom