

## RACING COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 2, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Wood; Supervisors Peck, Yepsen and Keyrouze; Ed Lewi, NYRA; Charles Wheeler, NYRA; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Peck the minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Wood said Ms. Yepsen, Mr. Wickerham and he traveled to Albany to meet with Mr. Rifkin on March 5<sup>th</sup>, presenting him with several copies of the Racing Brochure, in addition to a packet of information.

Mr. Lewi gave a brief summary of the upcoming Racing Season at the Saratoga Race Track as follows:

The second day of Sunset Racing will be held on the first Friday of the meet. The first week of the meet will be the biggest amount of money in one day at \$1.75 million in purses. There will be four stake races, with two hours of coverage from ABC.

Breakfast with the British will be a new event this year with Simulcasting with the races from England.

At the third race call, the track will be selling a certain amount of tickets for people to donate \$100 to be able to stand with Mr. Durkin when he calls the race. The proceeds will be donated to the backstretch.

An Open House will take place on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with all concessions run by local charities.

The Travers Festival will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> with over 40 organizations taking part in the event.

Several giveaways will be distributed throughout the Racing season including Hat, T-shirt, Umbrella, cooler bag, and new this year will be a Saratoga folding chair.

“Proud to be an American Day,” a salute to the military and veterans, will be held on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lewi asked for the County’s consideration in sponsoring the event to underwrite the \$3,000 grandstand admission cost for the military men and women.

**On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned to a tour of some of the upgrades to the racetrack.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom