

## RACING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 14, 2008 – 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman Wood; Supervisors Hunter, Lawler, Peck, Veitch and Yepsen; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the February 6, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Lewi gave a brief update on the 2008 Saratoga Racing Meet as follows:

One of the most successful things to happen was that the Chamber of Commerce did some early advertising. There will be a story about Saratoga County in Town and Country Magazine as well as Rachel Ray's magazine.

There will be more events this year. A press conference will be held at the Hotel Desmond on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to announce those events.

Centerplate, the food operator is bringing in the 18<sup>th</sup> Master Chef in the United States, he will be bringing a new dimension, not just to the dining room, but to some of the concessions as well.

In continuing to work with the community there will be over fifty events during Travers Week at the track.

Mr. Wood suggested having a representative from NYRA attend the next Racing Committee meeting to give updates and developments.

Mr. Lewi said there would be a hardhat tour, he invited all County Supervisors to attend. He will contact the Board of Supervisors with a specific date and time.

Ms. Yepsen said a new organization is being organized entitled, Thoroughbred Racing Fan Association. The mission statement is as follows: The Thoroughbred Racing Fan Association (TRFA) is a non-profit, membership based corporation designed to foster growth of the thoroughbred racing industry by providing racing fans with an organization that will actively support their interests. Our goal is to enhance fan enjoyment and knowledge of thoroughbred racing and skills in handicapping. TRFA, in cooperation with other organizations in the thoroughbred business community, seeks to retain existing racing fans and develop new one for the industry by creating membership rewards.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom