

Racing Committee Minutes

October 8, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Veitch; Supervisors Hargrave, Southworth, Wood, and Yepsen; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the September 14, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Veitch said at the last NYRA meeting there was an hour long meeting describing where Saratoga Racing fits in globally and in the United States. Saratoga Racetrack ranks between 5th – 7th as best racetrack in the world. NYRA is planning to spend approximately \$1 million in capital improvements at the Saratoga Racecourse.

Mr. Veitch said it has just been announced that the meet at the Saratoga Racetrack will be extended four days next summer.

Mr. Veitch introduced June McCleneghen and Nick Caras from the Racetrack Chaplaincy. A video was presented to the committee about the Racetrack Chaplaincy.

Mr. Caras said the Chaplaincy is present at all three racetracks, Saratoga, Aqueduct and Belmont. Every month the families are gathered to keep the sense of family especially when the racing season is over by providing social activities, many funded through donations and grants. Brochures were distributed to all in attendance for their review and information on how to make donations.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Wood the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom