

RACING COMMITTEE
July 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisors Southworth, Veitch, Yepsen; Ryan Moore, Management Analyst; Charles Hayward, NYRA; Press.

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

On a motion by Joanne Yepsen, seconded by Matt Veitch the minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Peck introduced Charles Hayward of NYRA to give an update on the 2011 Racing Season.

Mr. Hayward provided a handout to those in attendance as a visual for his presentation. He then spoke on the extended meet and how that affected the track attendance and handle. Mr. Hayward gave an overview of the highlights of this season which includes 9 Steeplechases, 52 Graded Stakes, and Party at the Spa with post time at 2:30 pm on Friday, July 29th & Friday, September 2nd. He said the races will be televised on NYRA Network and spoke about the new personalities that will be seen as well as ones that will be familiar. NBS Sport Group on NBC will be televising 3 races and VERSUS will be broadcasting 5 of the races. Mr. Hayward said the special giveaways this season will be a baseball cap, a short sleeved t-shirt, a duffle bag and a long sleeved t-shirt. He then gave an overview of the special events, i.e. college day, occurring this season. He spoke about the vendors & prices charged in the past and what changes will be seen this season. Dunkin Donuts, he said, will be on site this season and is a sponsor. Hannaford is a sponsor also and have items in their stores available to purchase he said and Northeastern Fine Jewelry and IWC Schaffhausen are 2011 sponsors as well. Mr. Hayward said Restaurant Row is still there but have made some changes to improve this section and said the restaurants are rotated to be fair. He spoke about some renovations and changes that are being researched specifically the back stretch and the kitchen area.

Mr. Hayward provided all those in attendance with a book that Mr. Paul Roberts wrote called The Spa which gives a history of the track. He told the committee about three events that Mr. Roberts will be at.

A discussion was held about a meeting in August at the race track. A notice will be sent out once a date and time is agreed upon.

Ms. Yepsen asked what the value of the proposed changes will be if the Board approves them. Mr. Hayward said the changes will be approved on a project by project basis over a two-year period so there won't be one lump sum but he guesses there will be around \$75M to \$100M spent in the community. He said four of the six architectural/engineering firms were hired from this community or this general area.

Chairman Peck thanked Mr. Hayward for his presentation and said it is an exciting time for Saratoga County with the racing season approaching.

On a motion by Matt Veitch, seconded by Joanne Yepsen the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hargrave, Clerk to the Board