

Racing Committee
September 8, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Peck; Supervisor Wood and Veitch; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Mr. Wheeler, NYRA.

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

Mr. Wheeler, of NYRA, presented a recap of the 2011 Meet at the Saratoga RaceCourse as follows:

- Daily attendance was up slightly; Total attendance and the all source handle dropped slightly from 2010 and total attendance and the all source handle were down slightly.
- Totals were impacted by the loss of a Sunday race day due to the hurricane: 871,772 down .07% compared to 878,284 in 2010.
- The daily attendance average was 22,353 up 1.8% from 2010
- The track handle was up 5.6% to \$12,101,606

Mr. Wheeler said with the demise of the NY OTB Saratoga RaceCourse was able to capture roughly 35% of that business.

- Wagering downstate at Belmont Café and Aqueduct simulcast facilities were \$19,175, resulting in a combined track handle of \$140,227,615, up 10.7% from last year.
- The average betting interest per race was 8.2%, or \$3,269 Vs 8.4% horses per race or \$3,314.

Mr. Wheeler said the number of grade 1 races that we have in this area places us in the top three or four in the world as far as competitiveness. This makes it even more important for the organization to invest in the infrastructure.

- The Travers Ball raised \$105,000.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom