

Present: Betty Holt, Jean Brown, Dave Kane, Noelle Igoe, Anne Zweig, Wanda Polissini, Dan Henry, Pete Arrigenna and Jeff Gural

Minutes: 5/14/2015 @ 2pm

Phone conference

Office Items for discussion:

- 1) Received no changes to Hobble Letter so she sent out support letter to Gaming Commission.
- 2) Please let her know if any issues with disclaimer.
- 3) Video Replays of NYSS and Excelsior races. Are they of value? Cost \$350 per year.
 - a. Wanda's opinion is that owners are going directly to the track websites and there may not be a need. Betty's concern is that we would not be able to archive races.
 - b. The consensus; pay for this year; then see what the traffic is for the videos. If traffic is good then it could be renewed in 2016.
- 4) Elections
 - a. Should we change by-laws to allow for people or organizations? Pete said we should have 3 breeding farms (each farm would choose person to represent). He said members need to vote for organizations-not person.
 - b. Suggest following by-law change: When a Commercial Breeder loses status they can stay on until next election following the year they lose their status.
- 5) Succession
 - a. If Betty not here-who will be fall back director? Betty wants us to think about this.
- 6) Department of Ag and Markets: Committee Meeting.
 - a. \$.15 tax on bagged feed. To be used for equine advertising in NY. Estimated amount \$400,000. To be used for Surveys etc. Consensus was to table vote to support right now until get more information.
- 7) NYS gave \$50 million to State Fair Grounds to develop a "horse park" for equine activities. Big track will be demolished.