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Executive Director  
Mike Mullaney

**MINUTES**  
**Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**NYS Racing & Wagering Board Offices**  
**Schenectady, NY**  
**Sept. 27, 2012**

Present: NYSR&WB Chairman & ANYSHBDF Chairman John Sabini;  
Deputy Commissioner Matt Morgan, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, and Trustee  
Keith Hamilton. Audience included: NYSR&WB staff members Kristen Buckley, Ron  
Ochrym, Robert Feuerstein, Brian Barry, Thomas Casaregola and Lee Park; Harness  
Horse Breeders of NYS Executive Director Betty Holt, Blue Chip Farms President  
Michael Kimelman, and Mike Mullaney.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM.

Agenda Item # 1. Public Comment:

Chairman Sabini called for public comment. None was offered.

The Chairman then commented on four recent items of industry importance:

- detailing activity at the Sept. 24 Morrisville Yearling Sales, where 152 yearlings were sold for an average of \$8,813;
- crediting host track Yonkers and the HHB's Betty Holt with "doing a great job" for their roles in the Sept. 22 "Night of Champions;"
- praising the contributions of John Cashman Jr., a Hall of Fame inductee and "a giant in this industry," who passed away the day of the "Night of Champions," and
- notifying the public that the NYS Comptroller's office is in the preliminary stages of auditing the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund.

Agenda Item #2 Executive Session:

Chairman Sabini asked for a motion for the board to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue with the Fund and asked that his counsel, Robert Feuerstein, Mr. Ochrym and Mr. Casaregola be included.

Motion made by Trustee Hamilton. Seconded by Trustee Morgan. All in favor.

Executive session commenced at 1:15 PM

Executive session concludes with return to public session at 1:23 PM.

Agenda Item #3 Appointment of Executive Director:

In public session, Chairman Sabini reviews executive-session topics of personnel and monies owed.

The Chairman announces the candidacy of Mike Mullaney as Executive Director of the Fund, discussing his qualifications. The Chairman offered the resolution as motion,

seconded by Trustee Hamilton. Mr. Mullaney accepted, to which the Chairman reiterated the Fund's importance and role in carrying out Gov. Cuomo's goals of "providing economic development for every corner of the state."

Chairman Sabini then praised Mr. Casaregola's role in smoothly carrying on the Fund's business through the weeks in which the Fund operated without an executive director. The Chairman said Mr. Casaregola has "done a crackerjack job" and without him "this whole thing may not have run very smoothly.")

Agenda Item #4A Final Payment for Tim Gordon:

The Chairman discussed final payment for Tim Gordon, the Fund's past Executive Director. The Chairman asked that a motion be made to pay Mr. Gordon \$2,411.86. The motion was made by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Hamilton. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item #4B Morrisville Equine Drug Program Payment:

Also discussed was a year-old bill from the Morrisville Equine Drug Program, citing work done during the Sire Stakes of 2011. As it was an older bill, the Chairman raised the topic and asked for a motion that the \$44,000 bill be paid. The motion was made by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Hamilton. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item #5 Finger Lakes Overpayment:

Finger Lakes Race Track had overpaid the New York State Thoroughbred Development Fund \$25,000, money due the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund. An agreement authored by Chairman Sabini, to the satisfaction of the three parties, would send that \$25,000 to the Fund. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Morgan and seconded by Trustee Hamilton.

Agenda Item #6 Additional Business:

Chairman Sabini then asked if there was any additional business that the trustees cared to discuss, to which Trustee Hamilton raised his concern that, in the absence of an executive director, there were pressing matters that need prompt attention. Chairman Sabini said that he, Mr. Ochrym and Mr. Casaregola had briefed Mr. Mullaney on issues such as the HHB contract and the race schedules and that Mr. Mullaney was aware that "the train was moving."

Chairman Sabini declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34.