

SOTA MEETING AGENDA

Thursday – October 24

2:00 pm EST

Attended:

Gail Clark	Arch Kingsley
Joe Davies	Gigi Lazenby
Emily Day	Madison Meyers
Janet Elliot	Meriwether Morris
Ricky Hendriks	Kathy Neilson
Kimberly Kapacziewski	Hill Parker
	Ted Thompson

Unable to Attend:

Dalton, Kate

Goelet, Lucy

I. Call Meeting to Order

Meriwether Morris

II. Approve September Minutes

All Approved

III. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

Kimberly Kapacziewski

for Kate Dalton

- \$11,969.82 Checking
- \$17,591.28 Savings

Race Conditions Committee

Ricky Hendriks

- The races that we lost at High Hope have been plugged in at Shawan and Gold Cup.
- Charleston is going to try and split the Maiden Claimer and there will be a couple of extra races there.
- Montpelier will split the maiden claimer.

V. New Business

Welcome new member, Joe Davies

Meriwether Morris

Meriwether Morris asked Joe Davies to speak to the group about Richard Pugh (Irish Point-to-Point Services) and his involvement with NSA.

- Will O'Keefe has put together an entire database for our sport.
- The Foundation is looking at the systems that Richard Pugh has been using in Ireland to see if that is something that can be implemented here in the US.
- Richard Pugh helped to connect the Irish Jockey Club and the Irish Point-to-Point Association. As a result of this connection, the Irish Jockey Club gives a portion of their annual budget to encourage point-to-point racing. This has helped to grow the sport in multiple ways.
- Janet Elliot suggested that we nominate Will O'Keefe for an award.

Meriwether Morris will inquire about what award would be the best fit.

Atlanta Steeplecase

Meriwether Morris

- Kathy Neilson reported that Brooke Boyer has been in touch with the Atlanta race director and is working with him to get the race back up and running.

Course at Aiken

Meriwether Morris

- Aerated and they have done everything that we have asked.

Nominees for 2020 Board

Kimberly Kapacziewski

Current Board Members

1st year: Hill Parker, Gail Clark, Lucy Goelet, Arch Kingsley, Ricky Hendriks

2nd year: Madison Meyers, Kathy Neilson, Joe Davies, Lilith Boucher, Gigi Lazenby

3rd year: Meriwether Morris, Emily Day, Janet Elliot, Ted Thompson, Kate Dalton, Robert Bonnie

Nominating Committee was put into place: Kathy Neilson (Head), Janet Elliot, Madison Meyers.

- Board member must be an Owner and/or Trainer
- We will nominate and have new board in place by the 1st of the year.
- We will nominate before our next meeting, discuss at the next meeting, post ballot immediately after the November meeting, close voting on November 27.
- November meeting: November 21.

NSA Board members at Patron Level

Meriwether Morris

5 people are rolling off the NSA board. Meriwether wanted to remind people that in order to go on the NSA board, they need to be a Patron Member.

VI. Old Business

Purse Structure

How can we create more opportunities?

- 2 \$15,000 races as opposed to one \$30,000 purse. This conversation seems to be on hold with the NSA.
- Hill Parker mentioned that the High Hope board needed guidance and if someone would have stepped in and helped the meet to pull it off, High Hope may not have fallen through.

- Possible plan – let the NSA know that SOTA is willing to step-in and help organizations.
- Joe Davies will work with Richard Pugh (Irish Point-to-Point Services) to see what plan they have in place.
- Kathy Neilson spoke with Bill Gallo about having a level B meet – Example: Cheshire Bowl be a \$10,000 purse sanctioned by the NSA, one race on the day, the board does not want to be gouged with fees. Bill Gallo liked this idea and would like to work with point-to-points to create opportunities such as this.

Appeal for Apprentice Riders Success

Meriwether Morris

When Far Hills and the Gold Cup stated that they were not going to allow Apprentice Riders at these races. We worked closely to reverse that ruling and were successful.

- The appeal for allowing Amateur Riders at these races was just one of the many things that SOTA does behind the scenes for the sport.
- We also appealed to change the 10 horse fields changed.

Joe Davies suggested that we continue to do our homework on this and continue to push forward with statistics because internationally, the size of the field is based on the size of the course and width of the jumps.

- The 10 horse field is a hard-fast rule with Maidens.

Fundraiser for Apprentice Race Series

Kimberly Kapacziewski

Current Donors:

Mason Lampton, Hill Parker, Meriwether Morris, Kathy Neilson

- Kimberly Kapacziewski will send a second reminder asking for donations.

Catherine French Honor

Meriwether Morris

- Ted Thompson suggested a photography award – make it an online vote option.

VII. Adjourn

Meriwether Morris