



## **NSA Official Notices**

### **Friday, April 10, 2020**

#### **NSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2020**

Please see the attached NSA BOD Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2020.

#### **Ratings**

Please see the attached current ratings list. If your horse is not listed and you submitted your Spring Horses in Training, please let Bill Gallo know. If you did not submit a list, please do so and your ratings horses will be added. **Note: Fillies/Mares and Four-Year-Olds will be allowed 4 lbs. additional in a Ratings Handicap.**

#### **NSA Spring Revised Condition Book**

Please see the attached most recent version of the 2020 Spring Conditions. Please click [here](#) for the full version of the book.

#### **NSA Apprentice Rider Policy and Guidelines**

Please be advised that the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, after another review, has concluded that the NSA Apprentice Rider Policy adopted in 2018 will remain intact (see attached). It is important to note that these regulations are meant to enhance the safety of our horses and riders, not to inhibit or limit the opportunity for new young riders entering the sport. With that in mind, the Stewards Advisory Committee continues to focus on limiting the exposure of inexperienced horses ridden by our least experienced apprentice jockeys. While the Committee is aware of the abbreviated schedule of racing this spring, it is unwilling to make changes that might compromise the purpose of the policy.



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THE 100th ANNUAL  
MIDDLEBURG SPRING RACES  
GLENWOOD PARK COURSE  
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020  
FIRST RACE – 1:00 P.M.  
TOTAL PURSES \$250,000

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, JUNE 8  
SCRATCHES BY 10:00 A.M. -WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

FIRST RACE 1  
THE GLENWOOD HURDLE  
(Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

SECOND RACE 2  
THE MIDDLEBURG HUNT CUP  
(Timber Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 1

Purse \$30,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. (Amateur apprentice timber races not considered). Nomination fee \$75; \$75 additional to enter; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$300, may be made at the time of entry.

Three Miles and One Quarter over Timber.

THIRD RACE 3  
THE TEMPLE GWATHMEY (Grade II)  
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)  
Nominations Close Monday, June 1

Purse \$100,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Nomination fee \$250; \$250 additional to enter; \$500 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$2,000 additional to start. **No Supplementary Nominations.** In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

FOURTH RACE 4  
THE VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE  
RUN IN MEMORY OF PAUL R. FOUT  
(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$500 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

This race may be split with a \$20,000 purse in each division.

Note: This race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.

FIFTH RACE 5  
(Maiden Filly/Mare Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle. For Maidens Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 149 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Entry fee \$100, \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$400 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences

SIXTH RACE 6  
THE SONABANK CUP  
(Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Claiming price \$20,000.

For each \$2,500 to \$10,000, allowed 3 lbs. Entry fee \$75, \$75 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$300 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences

SEVENTH RACE 7  
THE DBM WEALTH MANAGEMENT TRAINING FLAT  
(Training Flat)

For Three Year Olds and Upward. Three-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. Jump riders are eligible for applicable jump apprentice allowances. The result of this race does **not** count toward a horse's official record. A \$1,500 award to the owner and a \$1,000 award to the trainer of the winner.

One Mile and One Half on the Turf.

EIGHTH RACE 8  
THE ALFRED M. HUNT STEEPLETHON  
(Steeplethon Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 1

Purse \$30,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 160 lbs. Nomination fee \$75; \$75 additional to enter; \$150 additional if not scratched not time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$300, may be made at the time of entry.

Two Miles and Five Furlongs over the Alfred Hunt Course.

NINTH RACE 9  
(Maiden Timber)

Purse \$10,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward which have never won over timber. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$200 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber

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THE INAUGURAL RUNNING OF  
THE LOUIS NEILSON, III  
CHESHIRE POINT-TO-POINT RACES  
AT THE CHESHIRE POINT-TO-POINT RACES  
COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA  
SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020  
POST TIME - 1:00 P.M.  
TOTAL PURSES \$20,000

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, JUNE 8  
SCRATCHES BY 10:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

THE LOUIS NEILSON, III 10  
Sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management  
and Selkirk Partners  
Presented by Don Cochran  
(Amateur Apprentice Timber)

Purse \$10,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of a timber stakes, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race over timber, 10 lbs. Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. **No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$200 additional to start.

**About Three Miles over Timber.**

*It is the intention of the race committee to split this race with a \$10,000 purse in each division.*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This race is sanctioned by the NSA, and as such, all rules apply.

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THE 95th RUNNING OF  
THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP  
GREAT MEADOW RACE COURSE (Irrigated)  
THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA  
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020  
FIRST RACE - 12:30 P.M.  
TOTAL PURSES \$260,000

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, JUNE 15  
SCRATCHES BY 10:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

FIRST RACE 11  
THE VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE MAIDEN HURDLE  
(Maiden Hurdle)

**Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward.** Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$500 additional to start.

**Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.**

**This race may be split with a \$20,000 purse in each division.**

*Note: This race is sponsored in part by the VEA for the promotion and growth of steeplechase racing in Virginia.*

SECOND RACE 12  
THE STEEPLETHON STAKES  
(Steeplethon Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 8

**Purse \$30,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward.** 160 lbs. Nomination fee \$75; \$75 additional to enter; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$300, may be made at the time of entry.

**Three Miles over the Steeplethon Course.**

THIRD RACE 13  
(Four Year Old Restricted Hurdle)

**Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds.** 148 lbs. Winners, other than claiming 4 lbs. extra for each race won. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start.

**Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.**

FOURTH RACE 14  
THE DAVID SEMMES MEMORIAL (Grade II)  
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 8

**Purse \$75,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward.**

Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners of \$45,000 twice in 2019-2020, allowed 4 lbs.; of \$45,000 once in 2019-2020, 8 lbs.; of \$45,000 once at any time, 12 lbs. (Novice races not considered in estimating allowances). Nomination fee \$150; \$225 additional to enter; \$375 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$1,500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$750, may be made at the time of entry. *In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.*

**Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences**

FIFTH RACE 15  
THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP  
(Timber Stakes)

Nominations Close Monday, June 8

**Purse \$75,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward.** 165 lbs. Nomination fee \$150; \$225 additional to enter; \$375 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$1,500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$750, may be made at the time of entry.

**Four Miles over the Virginia Gold Cup Timber Course.**

SIXTH RACE 16  
(Virginia Bred, Sired or Certified Flat)

**Purse \$25,000. For Three Year Olds and Upward, Virginia Bred, Sired or Certified.** Three-year-olds, 145 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. Winners in 2019-2020, 5 lbs. extra. Stakes winners in 2019-2020, 10 lbs. extra. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$500 additional to start. **The result of this race does count toward a horse's official record.**

**One Mile and One Half on the Turf.**

NOTICES

Virginia bred are preferred in all races. Virginia bred, sired or certified horses will be eligible for a 25% owners' bonus with a \$10,000 cap for any win in all races except the Virginia Bred or Sired Flat.

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THE 79th ANNUAL  
IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE  
PERCY WARNER PARK (Irrigated)  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020  
FIRST RACE - 1:00 P.M.  
TOTAL PURSES \$380,000

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:00 A.M. - MONDAY, JUNE 22  
SCRATCHES BY 10:00 A.M. - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

FIRST RACE 17

THE BRIGHT HOUR  
(Rating Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 115 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs., not including apprentice allowances. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$500 additional to start.

Three Miles over National Fences.

SECOND RACE 18

THE GREEN PASTURES  
(Sport of Kings Ratings Handicap Hurdle Stakes)  
Nominations Close Monday, June 15

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four Year Olds and Upward which are rated 130 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs. Apprentice rider allowances may not be claimed in this stakes race. Nomination fee \$125; \$125 additional to enter; \$250 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$1,000 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry. In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.

Two Miles and One Half over National Fences.

THIRD RACE 19

THE MARCELLUS FROST CHAMPION HURDLE  
(Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes)  
Nominations Close Monday, June 15

Purse \$75,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2019 or which have never won three races, other than three year old. Four-year-olds, 144 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or restricted three-year-old race: 3 lbs. extra for each race won. Nomination fee \$150; \$225 additional to enter; \$375 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$1,500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$750, may be made at the time of entry. In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

FOURTH RACE 20

MARGARET CURREY HENLEY FILLY/MARE STAKES  
(Sport of Kings Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes)  
Nominations Close Monday, June 15

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 149 lbs.; older, 155 lbs. Non-winners of three races, allowed 4 lbs.; of two races, 8 lbs.; of a race, 12 lbs. (Claiming races not considered). Nomination fee \$75; \$75 additional to enter; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$300, may be made at the time of entry.

In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund. Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

FIFTH RACE 21

THE GEORGE SLOAN & JOHN SLOAN SR.  
(Maiden Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 154 lbs. Entry fee \$150; \$150 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$600 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Note: This race may be split with a \$20,000 purse in each division

SIXTH RACE 22

THE MASON HOUGHLAND MEMORIAL  
(Allowance Timber)

Purse \$20,000. Timber. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four-year-olds, 155 lbs.; five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Non-winners over timber, allowed 5 lbs. Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$400 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

Note: The owner of the winner of this race will receive a \$10,000 bonus if the horse is ridden by an amateur licensed by the NSA and acceptable to the Iroquois race committee.

SEVENTH RACE 23

THE CALVIN HOUGHLAND IROQUOIS (Grade I)  
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)  
Nominations Close Monday, June 15

Purse \$150,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. Nomination fee \$375; \$375 additional to enter; \$750 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; \$3,000 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$1,500, may be made at the time of entry. In addition to NSA fees, 5% of any purse money earned in this race will be deducted as a fee to the Sport of Kings Reserve Purse Fund.

Three Miles over National Fences.

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### **NSA Apprentice Rider Policy (Hurdles)**

1. New applicants shall have ridden in five (5) races (acceptable to the Stewards Advisory Committee) over fences at Point-to-Points or three (3) sanctioned races over timber prior to being granted a NSA provisional license to ride over hurdles.
  2. An apprentice jockey license shall be considered "provisional" by the Stewards Advisory Committee until the jockey wins two (2) hurdle races or completes ten (10) sanctioned rides over hurdles, whichever occurs first. Additionally, the Stewards Advisory Committee reserves the right to determine whether an apprentice jockey is permitted to ride in any hurdle race.
  3. An apprentice jockey shall not ride in a maiden hurdle race prior to having completed five (5) sanctioned hurdle rides and then must be approved by the Stewards Advisory Committee. Additionally, a horse which has fallen or lost the rider in two of the horse's last five starts or in the horse's most recent start, will not be an eligible mount.
  4. An apprentice jockey shall not ride a first-time starter over hurdles prior to having completed five (5) sanctioned hurdle rides and then must be approved by the Stewards Advisory Committee.
  5. An apprentice jockey shall not ride a three-year-old in a hurdle race prior to having completed five (5) sanctioned hurdle rides and then must be approved by the Stewards Advisory Committee.
  6. An apprentice jockey may not ride in a hurdle race at the flat tracks prior to having completed five (5) sanctioned hurdle rides and then must be approved by the Stewards Advisory Committee.
- Note: All apprentices are prohibited from riding at any major track.

### **Further Guidelines for New Rider Applicants**

1. A "Provisional License" issued by the Stewards Advisory Committee will be approved for Flat, Hurdle and/or Timber for each new applicant, as the Committee deems appropriate.
2. Flat wins do NOT count against an apprentice claim in steeplechase races.
3. An apprentice jockey shall be endorsed by two (2) licensed trainers in good standing.
4. The Stewards Advisory Committee shall review each "new" applicant and approve every license, as well as review any current licensee referred to the Committee by the Stewards.
5. All apprentice jockeys will meet with the Stewards on race day, 15 minutes prior to the mandatory jockey's meeting, to review any information pertinent to the day/individual. Additionally, apprentice jockeys will be required to participate in a minimum of one of the two continuing education Stewards Seminars conducted annually.



**Meeting of the NSA Board of Directors.  
Conference Call  
March 27, 2020 @ 1 p.m.**

**NSA Board Members:** Robert Bonnie, Sean Clancy, Tom Collins, Kate Dalton, Peter Fenwick, Jack Fisher, Doug Fout, Alfred Griffin, Michael Hankin, Mason Lampton, Virginia Lazenby, Jeff LeHew, Meriwether Morris, Guy Torsilieri.

**NSA Board Members absent:** Eve Ledyard

**NSA Staff:** William Gallo, Peter McGivney, Don Clippinger

**NSA Counsel:** Alan Foreman

**NSA Safety Committee:** Reynolds Cowles

**NSA Stewards Advisory Committee:** Duncan Patterson

**Steeplechase Owners & Trainers Association (SOTA):** Kathy Neilson

Chairman Guy Torsilieri called the meeting to order just after 1 p.m.

1. Opening remarks.

Al Griffin welcomed the Board and noted the challenging times for the country, racing and steeplechasing presented by the coronavirus. He urged us all to work together under these difficult circumstances.

2. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes from the January 17 meeting were unanimously approved without amendment.

3. Racing report

Bill Gallo provided a report on the revised spring racing schedule given cancellations as a result of the coronavirus. Middleburg, Fair Hill at Shawan Downs, Foxfield, Cheshire, Virginia Gold Cup and Iroquois have rescheduled their meets. He noted that the schedule was tentative depending on status of efforts to address the coronavirus. Mr. Gallo noted that some purses were reduced for maiden races as, if entries warranted, they would be split. He noted the work with SOTA to adapt racing conditions to the current situation.

4. Committee reports



Dr. Griffin asked Committee Chairs to report on work since the January board meeting.

**Administration.** Robert Bonnie and Mike Hankin gave an abbreviated report on the work of the Committee as the bulk of the Committee's work was later discussed in executive session.

**Promotion and Growth.** Dwight Hall summarized the Committee's work. He noted that the NSA has hired the Andrews Agency to provide public relations assistance on communications, social media and the NSA website. He noted the Committee's interest in making the website more user friendly. On social media, NSA needs to move beyond Facebook. Mr. Hall spoke of the committee's interest in attracting new owners, soliciting existing owners for patron memberships, and in improving relationships with the flat tracks. Mr. Hall then noted the committee's discussion of development of a steeplechasing app that could serve as a platform for different race meets. Jack Fisher asked about the cost and feasibility of the app and Mr. Hall said it would be expensive to develop. Mr. Hall also discussed improving the experience of horse owners by appointing ambassadors to work with existing and new owners, making them feel welcome, and enhancing their racing experience. Mr. Hall concluded by noting the committee's interest in looking for opportunities to add sanctioned races to existing point to points, such as the Cheshire Point to Point has planned for this year.

**Video Production.** Dr. Griffin reported on the evolving situation on livestreaming for NSA race meets. He noted the initial plan to use a pay-per-view service but that the vendor withdrew in February in anticipation of the impact from coronavirus on sporting events. Dr. Griffin then noted his discussions with the Stewards video vendor, Alliance, and the potential of that vendor to provide livestreaming, immediate posting of race videos on social media, and next day posting of videos on the NSA website -- all at a very reasonable cost. This is on hold as a result of the coronavirus. However, Alliance is interested in developing a weekly video program, during "down time," with Megan Connolly as host.

**Rider Relations.** Sean Clancy reported on the committee's work, noting extensive discussions on the development and mentoring of young jockeys. He noted the committee's interest in looking at racing opportunities at the point to points for young jockeys and its discussion of apprentice races at NSA meets. Mr. Clancy noted that jockey relations with stewards and race meets appear to be improving thanks in part to the Jockey Association run by Forrest Kelly. Mr. Clancy discussed immigration issues and discussions with an attorney specializing in the field on ways to better address the issue. He discussed the committee's deliberations on improving invoicing by jockeys. Mason Lampton asked about alternative ways to provide a pathway for young jockeys to become licensed. Mr. Clancy noted the two new apprentice races scheduled at Fair Hill at Shawan Downs.

**Safety.** Reynolds Cowles began his report by noting the committee has been revamped and condensed. Dr. Cowles recommended the British Horseracing Authority's strategic plan for horse safety called *A Life Well Lived*. Dr. Cowles noted the committee's work on the redesign of the Easy-Fix national fence. He then discussed the new concussion protocol worked out with the Jockey's Association and others. He noted that medical protocols have been updated for spring meets. In advance of the spring season, the committee has sent a reminder to vets updating race protocols and providing reminders about preplanning and communications.

Dr. Cowles discussed the new shoe rule worked out with Kathy Neilson and others. Dr. Cowles said the committee is working with officials at **The** Jockey Club to update steeplechase data. He noted the upcoming meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Association where voiding of claims rule and a new whip rule will be discussed. He noted that NSA **is** in compliance with most best practices but that biosecurity is one area where additional work may be needed because of the unique circumstances of steeplechase meets. Dr. Cowles notes the committee's discussions regarding continuing education needs for some steeplechase trainers to run at flat tracks. Lastly, Dr. Cowles noted the committee has produced pre-race video for vets, stewards, and race meets.

**Stewards Advisory.** Duncan Patterson reported on the committee's work. He noted the committee's work on jockey licensing and the committee's emphasis on safety of all jockeys. Mr. Patterson noted the need for confidentiality in many of the Committee's deliberations.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lampton reported that entry fees are way down given the impacts of the coronavirus. At the same time, NSA is saving on both video and staff expenses and therefore expects a net operating loss of only \$39K. He noted that the NSA will need to draw a small amount out of the investment account until racing starts in June. Mr. Lampton noted the portfolio has held up well despite the market's significant losses. He noted that if June races don't run, the NSA has some opportunities to cut additional expenses. Mr. Clancy asked about how budget decisions would be made in light of continuing challenges. Dr. Griffin explained that the executive committee would decide on routine budget issues but that his desire was to have the support of the full Board for significant budgetary decisions. Tom Collins noted that it may be possible for the NSA to take advantage of the recently passed federal stimulus legislation. Dr. Griffin asked Mr. Lampton to examine the potential for the NSA to take advantage of the law's provisions.

#### 6. President's Report

Dr. Griffin expressed his thanks to everyone during these challenging times. He noted the hard work by Bill Gallo to manage a constantly changing schedule. Dr. Griffin noted his priorities in enhancing NSA board communication with our constituencies, in developing young riders, and improving outreach to owners. With respect to the later, he noted his interest in asking board members to call new owners to check in, to thank them and to ask them about any needs they may have.

#### 7. Foundation report

Jack Fisher reported on the work of the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation. The Foundation has paid for development of the new Easy Fix fence. The Fund has budgeted \$150K to pay for drug testing, the yearbook, race splits and other expenses this year. Mr. Fisher noted that the Foundation hopes to raise \$250K annually and that 12 people have pledged \$10K per year. Mr. Fisher noted the Foundation's interest in working closely with the NSA. Dr. Griffin offered appreciation to Mr. Fisher for his leadership of the Foundation and suggested that the Foundation could work with the Administration Committee on ways to enhance the NSA's working relationship with the Foundation.

8. Old business

There was no old business

9. New business

Mr. Clancy asked that the NSA provide timely information on course reports for the revised spring schedule. He asked that the NSA regularly communicate changes to the schedule and conditions to horsemen. Mr. Clancy noted the need to also communicate the revised point to points schedule and any changes to the Saratoga conditions and schedule to horsemen. He noted the particular importance of the point to point races to horsemen this year.

Ms. Neilson asked about communications around jockey apprentice races and issues related to jockey licensing. Mr. Hall acknowledged the need to communicate on this issue.

10. Executive Session

As is its regular practice, the Board went in to executive session.

The meeting was adjourned just after 3 p.m.

Robert Bonnie  
Secretary

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