

**Meeting of the NSA Board of Directors**  
**Conference Call**  
**6 p.m., July 20, 2020**

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

**NSA Board Members absent:** Peter Fenwick

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

**Other Guests:** Alan Foreman, Kathy Neilson (SOTA)

Chairman Guy Torsilieri called the meeting to order just after 6 p.m.

1. Opening remarks.

Al Griffin welcomed the Board. He noted the challenges faced during the shortened spring season but noted the strong efforts to provide racing at Middleburg and Virginia Gold Cup. He noted the success in live-streaming for both days and thanked an anonymous donor for supporting that effort. Dr. Griffin noted the budgetary challenges faced by the NSA, the need for budget cuts for the remainder of the year, and the need to analyze the broader business model used by the NSA to support both the sport and the organization.

2. Treasurers report

Mason Lampton gave an abbreviated summary of the budget deficit faced by the NSA. He briefly discussed the NSA's reliance on entry fees and, therefore, purse money for its annual budget and the need to think about alternative funding mechanisms.

3. Racing Report

Bill Gallo gave a summary of the upcoming summer and fall schedules for racing. He noted that the fall season would not provide substantial opportunities for allowance and stakes horses but instead for maidens, apprentice riders, lower handicap horses and timber horses. This decision was made in consultation with SOTA. Jack Fisher raised the issue of covid testing at Saratoga and noted the challenges created by the lack of specificity in describing the requirements for jockeys.

4. Old business

There was no old business

5. New business

The Board discussed issues related to stewards' video for the races. Given the expense, the NSA will not provide multi-camera video as part of fall racing. The impacts on safety, jockey behavior, and potential livestreaming were discussed. Suggestions for the use of drones or other low-cost means to provide stewards video were discussed.

The decision to run horses directly from trailers for the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup was discussed and supported as a way to cut costs for that race meet.

The regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

#### 6. Executive Session

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