

**NEW YORK STATE THOROUGHBRED BREEDING AND
DEVELOPMENT FUND CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS HELD AUGUST 16, 2007**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation (the "Fund") was held at 10:00 a.m. on August 16, 2007 at the Fund's office in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Present

Lorraine Power Tharp	Chair
Harry Snyder	Commissioner, State Racing Commission
John Tesiero	Chairman, State Racing Commission
Dan Hogan	Chairman, Racing and Wagering Board
Cathy Durand	Deputy Commissioner, Agriculture and Markets
Phil Trowbridge	Breeder
Ed Kelly	Breeder
William Wilmot, DVM	Breeder
Howard Nolan	Breeder
Joseph McMahon	Breeder
Chris Dragone	NYTB Executive Director
Martin Kinsella	Executive Director
William McCabe	Comptroller
Jim Zito	Field Identification Team
Kyle Flaherty	Counsel
Dennis Brida	Guest
Honorable Valerie Keehn	Mayor of Saratoga Springs
Michael Englert	Corporation Counsel, Saratoga Springs

Chairwoman Lorraine Power Tharp called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. As the first order of business, the Chair directed that the Board members review the Minutes of the Board's May 2007 meeting. After some discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes without any changes.

As the next order of business, the Chair directed Mr. Kinsella to review the Fund's June 30, 2007 Financial Report. Mr. Kinsella went through the highlights of that report with the Board. After some discussion, the Board unanimously approved the June 2007 Financial Report.

As the next order of business, Chairwoman Power Tharp invited Dennis Brida to give a presentation concerning the creation of a New York-bred park in Saratoga Springs, New York. Mr. Brida introduced Honorable Valerie Keehn and Michael Englert to the Board. Mr. Brida and Mayor Keehn explained that the Town is interested in purchasing a small parcel of property in Saratoga on the corner of Broadway and Route 50, with the intent of developing a park on the property dedicated to New York-bred thoroughbred horses. They explained that the Town of Saratoga Springs is prepared, subject to approval from the Saratoga City Council, to pay a portion of the cost of the property, but is looking for a partner to bridge the initial funding gap necessary to acquire the property. They further explained that the Town of Saratoga Springs would own the real property, and that a not-for-profit foundation would be established to raise funds to maintain the park. The Board members asked Mayor Keehn and Mr. Brida a number of questions concerning the proposal, including whether the proposed site location is appropriate, why the Town is not prepared to acquire the property with its own funds and how the park would be erected and maintained. Senator Nolan inquired whether the Fund's enabling statute would even allow the Fund to make this proposed expenditure. After some further discussion, the Board agreed to table the issue until further details were provided.

As the next order of business, Mr. Zito gave the Fund's Advertising Report. Mr. Zito reviewed the highlights of the Fund's advertising campaign during the Summer meet.

As the next order of business, Chairwoman Power Tharp asked Mr. Dragone to report on NYTB's promotional activities on behalf of the Fund since the prior Board meeting. Mr. Dragone distributed a Report dated July 31, 2007 identifying the various promotional activities engaged in by NYTB over the last several months, and setting forth the costs associated with same. Mr. Dragone also gave a brief legislative report, as NYTB's lobbyist was unavailable for the meeting.

As the next order of business, Chairwoman Power Tharp noted that the Board had discussed the development of a mission statement at the May meeting, and had tabled the issue for consideration at the August meeting. Mr. Kinsella circulated several proposed mission statements for the Board's consideration. After some discussion and collaboration, the Board agreed upon the following mission statement:

To promote and encourage the breeding, raising and racing of quality thoroughbred horses in New York for the purpose of protecting and preserving New York's green belt sector and rich agricultural heritage.

The Board adopted the foregoing by unanimous resolution of the Board.

Chairwoman Power Tharp noted that prior to the full Board meeting, the Fund's Audit Committee and Governance Committee met with the Fund's Executive Director and counsel.

As the final order of business. Deputy Commissioner Durand noted that as part of legislation passed several years ago, a Retired Horse Task Force was authorized for the purpose of addressing issues relating to the humane treatment of thoroughbred horses in New York State reaching advanced ages. Deputy Commissioner Durand explained that while the Task Force was never convened, recent legislation has extended the Task Force for an additional two years, and inquired whether any of the Board members had any suggestions for potential appointees.

With no further business pending before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2007 at the Fund's office in Saratoga Springs, New York.