

**New England HBPA**  
**Minutes - Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**Monday, December 27, 2011**  
**Via Conference Call**

**Board Members Present**

Assimakopoulos, John	Edwards, Shirley
Bramante, Bernard	Greene, James
Clark, Kevin	Loebelenz, Lee
Clark, Susan	Ricciardi, Archie
Dullea, Shirley	Roos, Manfred

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Staff Present**

Patten, Bruce

**1.) Call to Order**

President Anthony Spadea called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM stating that the only agenda item for this special meeting is further discussion on the status of the 2012 Purse Agreement negotiations and possible action on the recommendation of the Contract Committee to approve the 2012 Purse Agreement package negotiated with SSR.

**2.) 2012 Purse Agreement**

President Spadea asked who would like to present a review of the 2012 Purse Agreement package negotiated by the Contract Committee. Jim Greene offered to outline the discussions which took place during the four negotiating sessions with SSR.

Mr. Greene proceeded with a detailed review of all discussions in each negotiating session, including all items outlined at the December 12, 2011 special Board meeting.

In response to a question from Jim Greene concerning the reply of Chip Tuttle (SSR) to Condition Book changes and SSR's consideration for NEHBPA's suggestion to add five race days in 2012, President Spadea informed the Board that Mr. Tuttle has not replied as expected. The reason for Mr. Tuttle's delayed response is that he is on vacation in Europe and will return on January 4, 2012.

President Spadea polled the Board about their support for the package recommended by the Contract Committee. The consensus was strongly in support of the Contract Committee's recommendation. After some discussion, it was suggested that the Board should wait for Mr. Tuttle's reply to President Spadea's inquiries.

In the interest of expediting the contract completion so that horsemen can schedule their 2012 racing plans, President Spadea requested that Bruce Patten contact John Rizzo (SSR) to ask Mr. Rizzo to begin drafting the 2012 Purse Agreement package that was recently negotiated. He noted that if changes need to be made as a result of Mr. Tuttle's anticipated responses, they can easily be incorporated into the final version.

**President Spadea closed the meeting at 3:05 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bruce P. Patten  
Acting Executive Director