Present: Betty Holt, Jean Brown, Dave Kane, Noelle Igoe, Anne Zweig, Wanda Polissini, Dan Henry, Pete Arrigenna and Jeff Gural

Minutes: 5/14/2015 @ 2pm

Phone conference

Office Items for discussion:

1) Received no changes to Hobble Letter so she sent out support letter to Gaming Commission.
2) Please let her know if any issues with disclaimer.
   a. Wanda’s opinion is that owners are going directly to the track websites and there may not be a need. Betty’s concern is that we would not be able to archive races.
   b. The consensus; pay for this year; then see what the traffic is for the videos. If traffic is good then it could be renewed in 2016.
4) Elections
   a. Should we change by-laws to allow for people or organizations? Pete said we should have 3 breeding farms (each farm would choose person to represent). He said members need to vote for organizations-not person.
   b. Suggest following by-law change: When a Commercial Breeder loses status they can stay on until next election following the year they lose their status.
5) Succession
   a. If Betty not here-who will be fall back director? Betty wants us to think about this.
6) Department of Ag and Markets: Committee Meeting.
   a. $.15 tax on bagged feed. To be used for equine advertising in NY. Estimated amount $400,000. To be used for Surveys etc. Consensus was to table vote to support right now until get more information.
7) NYS gave $50 million to State Fair Grounds to develop a “horse park” for equine activities. Big track will be demolished.