



**Delaware Jockey's Health & Welfare Benefit Board  
Minutes of Regular Meeting Held on  
January 15, 2014**

The Delaware Jockey's Health & Welfare Benefit Board held a regular meeting on  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1:15 p.m., in Conference Room 1,  
located at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 South DuPont Highway,  
Dover, DE 19901

**Board Members Present**

Edward J. Stegemeier, Board Chairman
W. Duncan Patterson, Jr., Ex-Officio member of the Board
John E. Mooney, Board Member representing DP Management
Bessie Gruwell, Board Member representing DTHA
Pete Lizarzaburu, Board Member, Retired Jockey
Heriberto Rivera Jr., Board Member representing the Jockey's Guild
Active Jockey Board Position – currently vacant

**Also Present**

John F. Wayne, Executive Director representing DTRC
Andrew Kerber, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board
Donna Krol (Recording Minutes)

**1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:25p.m., Chairman Stegemeier called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made (Lizarzaburu) and seconded (Gruwell) to approve the October 2, 2013 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

Pete Lizarzaburu, reviewed account for Fiscal Year. Current participation is 14 Jockeys with additional 9 Jockeys that have active participation. John Wayne and Robert E. Colton met in November for a Health Conference. After review, a change in provider coverage was completed. There have been a few issues but working through them.

Nutrition Plan Update - Program runs 1-27-14 through 3-13-14.

Chairman Stegemeier revisited the Christiana Health Care reception. He suggests that the members of the Trauma Center come to Delaware Park for lunch and a tour of the track. Also discussed was the possibility of providing a copy of the race showing the accident to the Trauma

Staff so that they can see what happened and act accordingly. It now takes up to four hours post accident to fully understand what happened to an individual.

Chairman Stegemeier discussed the still pending project of the "Brag Sheet"; this should be tied in to the University.

Counseling Program options - Brandywine / St. Paul – both offer low cost and no cost. Somewhat of a lengthy process. Has been in touch with Program Director, Aaron Prince – hoping to have counseling available 1 or 2 times a week on the grounds. Both programs offer bi-lingual counselors. Will report back to the Board with an update.

Discussion on how difficult it is to get the jockeys to sign up for medical benefits. A lot do not read either Spanish or English. Board Member Patterson suggested utilizing people in the program to speak to people who need to join. Provided applications in Spanish and English. Heriberto Rivera said he has tried this, but does not seem to work.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made (Mooney) to adjourn the meeting with a second (Gruwell). Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.