

# *New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc.*

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Atty. Danielle Holmes, Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 23rd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Economic assistance pursuant to MGL c.128A s. 5(h)(4)

Dear Atty. Holmes:

I am writing as a follow up to our telephone conversation, earlier this month, concerning additional information required to complete our January 7, 2015 request for economic assistance pursuant to MGL c.128A s. 5(h)(4) and 205 CMR 10.00. As you requested, the following information is presented in a format consistent with 205 CMR 10.00

## 205 CMR 10.02: Eligibility

The NEHBPA is a non-profit organization representing 900 members consisting of trainers and owners of Thoroughbred racehorses are stabled and race at Suffolk Downs, East Boston, MA.

NEHBPA's financial resource is the Thoroughbred purse account funded by wagering proceeds allocated pursuant to MGL c. 128A and c. 128C. Since Sterling Suffolk Raceway, LLC (SSR) decided to discontinue live Thoroughbred racing in October 2014 and subsequently chose to discontinue financial obligations for payment of funds earned by NEHBPA under our 2014 purse contract with SSR, NEHBPA is encountering an unforeseen financial hardship.

These circumstances when combined with stalled negotiations between SSR and NEHBPA for lease of the Suffolk Downs racetrack and temporary simulcasting (without a live racing obligation) awarded to SSR by legislative action creates additional unforeseen results that release SSR from its obligation to share 2015 simulcasting revenue with the NEHBPA.

Since the NEHBPA is blocked from receiving its share of SSR simulcasting revenue, which traditionally begins in January each year, the NEHBPA is currently left without a revenue source in 2015.

NEHBPA hereby requests the maximum amount of money available under Chapter 128A. Since the application requires documentation of employment, we offer copies of our 2014 Assistance Fund Budget and 2014 Benefit Trust Budget (attached).

### 205 CMR 10.03: Criteria

2015 annual income has been terminated for each of our three corporations. Our accounts are listed below along with their traditional annual income:

- Benefit Trust (medical & life insurance) \$180,000
- Assistance Fund (Old Age assistance program & backstretch benevolence) \$72,500
- Administrative Operating Account \$267,400

### 205 CMR 10.04: How to Apply

The following information is submitted according to 205 CMR 10.04:

- (a) Date of application:
  - January 7, 2015
- (b) Name and job title of applicant.
  - New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, Inc.
- (c) A narrative describing the hardship due to illness or unforeseen tragedy, and the financial impact of those events.
  - Please see Eligibility statement (above)
- (d) A statement that lists available resources or a statement stating that no assets are available.
  - No resources available beginning January 1, 2015 for any of our accounts (Administrative Operating Account, Assistance Fund and Benefit Trust)
  - Estimated assets (account balances) for each corporation on January 31, 2015:
    - i. Benefit Trust \$33,167 [February disbursements estimated at \$12,662]
    - ii. Assistance Fund \$21,435 [February disbursements estimated at \$3,150]
    - iii. Administrative Operating Account \$8,789 [February disbursements estimated at \$9,515]
- (e) Amount of requested assistance.
  - Maximum funding available (\$20,000)
- (f) Statement of how the money will be spent, to whom, for what purpose, and how much.
  - Additional funding for medical premiums and administrative expenses to operate the following programs:
    - i. \$8,442 - Additional funding for Benefit Trust medical premiums
    - ii. \$4,958 - Administrative expenses for Tufts health insurance and MEDEX premium supplements
    - iii. \$6,600 - Administrative expenses for Old Age Assistance program and benevolence (backstretch workers)
- (g) A statement certifying that the money will be spent only for the items included.
  - The money received shall be allocated and spent as delineated in item (f) above.

Thank you for your assistance and continued concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bruce P. Patten, Acting Executive Director

Cc: Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing, Massachusetts Gaming Commission