



June 8, 2015

Dr. Alexandra R. Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 23rd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Dr. Lightbown:

As you know, Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC ("Suffolk Downs") has a request pending before the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (the "Commission") for authorization of three live racing dates for 2015 and an accompanying request for a disbursement of \$1.75 million from the Race Horse Development Fund. We understand the Commission is interested in hearing further about our plans and expectations for this three-day racing meeting, and I write to provide some additional information. I will, of course, also be attending the public hearing on the request on Thursday, June 11, and look forward to discussing our plans with the Commission at that time.

After our tenant Mohegan Sun Massachusetts was denied the Region A gaming license, Suffolk Downs faced a complete shutdown at the end of 2014 with the anticipated expiration of its 2014 racing license. The Legislature, however, extended our ability to operate, and to maintain the jobs of our direct and indirect employees, by extending the 2014 racing license into 2015 and authorizing Suffolk Downs to continue to simulcast and accept wagers on races run elsewhere. We are currently operating under the authority of Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2015, which extends the 2014 racing license and our simulcasting authorization through July 31, 2016, on the condition that there be a minimum of *one* day of live racing at Suffolk Downs in each calendar year this year and next.

Suffolk Downs is applying for *three* days of racing in conjunction and by agreement with our horsemen, represented by the New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (the "NEHBPA"), Massachusetts thoroughbred breeders, represented by the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (the "MTBA"), and the New England Horsemen's Agricultural and Racing Cooperative ("NEHARC").

We have applied for three days in 2015—one per month in July, August and September—to achieve three primary objectives: first, to comply with the Chapter 10 of the Acts of 2015 and thereby ensure the continued employment of our direct and indirect employees; second, to help the NEHBPA continue its business operations as it pursues its longer-term goal of finding, acquiring and building its own racing facility; and third, to provide a venue for the MTBA and its members to stage races and earn purse money

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for Massachusetts-bred horses foaled and trained in the Commonwealth over the last several years.

The legislative extension of our simulcasting authorization has already enabled us to preserve almost 100 year-round jobs related to our facility. The requested three days of live racing, while limited, will allow us to protect additional jobs in the Commonwealth related to racing and breeding while the NEHBPA continues its long term planning.


To conduct the meet, we are contracting with NEHARC to manage live racing operations. In conjunction with NEHARC, we hope to attract a mix of owners, trainers, jockeys and horses that have supported our racing program for the last several years. Many of these people are now stabled in other jurisdictions due to our announcement last year, when the Region A license was awarded to Wynn Everett, that we would cease live racing operations. In anticipation of racing at Suffolk Downs this summer, NEHARC is actively recruiting stables and horses from the mid-Atlantic, New Jersey and New York.

This would undeniably be a markedly different meet from those we have run in the past. Balancing out the limited number of racing days would be a much richer purse structure, funded from the Race Horse Development Fund. Whereas for the last several years we paid about \$100,000 per day in purses, our plan for the 2015 races, fully supported by the NEHBPA and NEHARC, is to offer approximately \$500,000 per day in purses, including MTBA funding. We believe that purses in this amount, which is competitive with top-tier east coast venues, will enhance our ability to attract horses for these three days of racing.

The Commission may be interested in knowing that we considered having three or four consecutive days of live racing, rather than one per month. Such a schedule would reduce operating costs and may make it easier to recruit horses. However, we settled on the one-day-per-month approach during our extensive consultations with the NEHBPA and the MTBA prior to making the request. One of our primary considerations in doing so is to structure the meet so as to provide the maximum potential benefit to the MTBA and its members. Thoroughbreds need considerable time off between races, and spacing the racing days out at roughly one-month intervals gives owners of Massachusetts-bred horses multiple opportunities to start them in races.

I look forward to seeing you and the Commissioners on Thursday. If I can provide any further information between now and then, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Chip Tuttle  
Chief Operating Officer



## SUFFOLK DOWNS FAX COVER SHEET

TO: DR. ALEXANDRA R. LIGHTBOWN, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF RACING  
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## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Margo Palmer <margo@margopalmer.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 06, 2015 11:22 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

I support the NEHBPA and their effort to have live racing in Massachusetts this year. I also support their plans to build a future for racing in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,  
Margo Palmer

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Dale Wyatt <dalewyatt@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 06, 2015 1:18 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

To Whom it May Concern:

I fully support the plans of the NEHBPA to help build New England racing back to their glory days when the immortals like Discovery, Seabiscuit and War Admiral raced. This three day festival will be the beginning of that rebuilding process.

Sincerely,  
Dale Wyatt

Sent from my iPad

**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** mbertoni@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 6:49 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)

I support the gaming and horse racing in Ma and this three day festival

sincerely

Geraldine and Mario Bertoni

Sent from Windows Mail

**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** mbertoni@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 6:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse racing application

To whom it may concern

we are in favor of horse racing in Ma  
and know it will provide jobs and we are in favor of the three day festival

Thank you

sincerely

Mr. and  
Mrs< Mario Bertoni

Sent from Windows Mail

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Cheryl Bentley <cjbentley1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 2:26 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

To whom it may concern:

I support the NEHBPA and their plans to build for the future of racing in new england and as part of that support, I am supporting this years 3 day festival.

Thank you,

***Cheryl Bentley***

Mobile/Text: 508-944-9123  
EFax: 508-548-3075



## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** rfd455@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

Dear Sirs and Madam, As a Massachusetts resident and registered voter, I would like to strongly urge you to favorably consider and support the NEHBPA plans for the 2015 and 2016 thoroughbred horse racing festival and the Association's long range plans to build for the future of racing in our area. As a part owner of a few thoroughbred horses, I have seen first hand the dedication, hard work, and friendliness of those workers "on the back stretch". Most importantly though, I have been impressed by the care taken for the horses. I also want to stress the importance of supporting the ancillary services from feed suppliers and farms, to nearby business that are impacted by the loss of revenue. I humbly request your favorable consideration of this matter before you. Respectfully, Robert Ferrisi, Quincy, Ma.

**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** CW Benson II <cbensonqhs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** NEHBPA 3 Day Festival

Dear Gaming Commission,

I am writing this to you as a taxpayer and supporter of gaming in Mass. I strongly urge you to support the 3 day festival planned by the NEHBPA to help rebuild the sport of racing here. I feel it is an opportunity to build jobs, revenue and to support a part of our culture. With the recent history made in the sport it is a chance for us all to capitalize on it and move forward. Thank you for reading.

Christopher Benson

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** paul.umbrello@sungard.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 8:51 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Race Horse Application

**I support the 3 day festival in 2015 and the reasons why**

**At this time It is the only financial and viable option for the NEHBPA. We have spent countless hours reviewing and discussing all possibilities options but this is the best solution that the board has agreed too.**

**As the Gaming Commission is a governing board that has to make day to day decision and some of them tough as well. We as members of the NEHBPA all VOTED in as elected officials by the horse owners and trainers we represent have also had to make tough decisions. Yes some might be opposed but in this case it is OUR decision as elected officials to try and keep racing alive (keep the public interested in the sport) (use the RHDF funds wisely) for the next 2 years while we plan for the future of a new race track facility. We've asked for comments and suggestions by those opposed only to get no responses.**

**The new facility would include an Equestrian center, Equine Medical Facility, Thoroughbred Retirement Home, 4H Club, soccer fields, farmers market. Etc. A place that becomes a destination center and saves and creates thousands of jobs to the commonwealth.**

**Racing 3 days this year is the optimal amount primarily based on finances by both parties and the effort to race anymore than 3 days creates a challenge with many different obstacles. We will offer races, that will support local horseman that raced last year at the track, which will be given first preference to enter and race their horse over any out of state horses shipping in.**

**Again it has been a challenge for the board finding the right solution but not much different than a major corporation laying off thousands of employees. What do you do as an employee? Well some start looking for another job locally. Some might have to relocate out of state to find another job. Some might have to go on unemployment. Yes some might have to sell their homes In this case racing ended in New England in October of 2014 folks lost their jobs. As a board we care about all those directly or indirectly via the NEHBPA who lost their jobs or source of income but as much as we try it is difficult to find everyone a new job or career like any other business. But in this case we are trying to save and/or bring back those jobs but it will take time, proper planning and approval from Legislation and the Gaming Commission to help support us**

**I personally as a board member of the NEHBPA ask for your support as we have with Legislation and look to the future of our new facility and keeping racing alive in New England with the funds from the RHDF primarily allocated for this purpose and it all begins with racing a 3 day festival this year.**

**Thank You  
Paul Umbrello  
Board Member of the NEHBPA**

**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Francis Arren <f\_arren@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 6:45 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

This is to inform you that I support the NEHBPA and their plans to build for the future of racing in Massachusetts .and request you to support this years 3 day festival.

Sincerely

*Francis G. Arren*

Francis G. Arren  
2 Rolling Lane  
Needham, MA 02492  
(617) 448-6083

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Mnhinkle <mnhinkle@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2015 9:29 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Racing application

Dear Chairman Crosby,

I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. The closing of Suffolk Downs has left many with livestock that has almost no value. This has created a great hardship for the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Mass-bred horses. It took me two years to GIVE away 3 TB mares when they were done racing to good homes. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs applications for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you Muriel N. Hinkle

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Sam <sam.saccardo1@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 8:26 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** FW: Horse Racing Application

I'd like to voice my support for the 3 days of racing at Suffolk Downs this summer. Any effort to keep racing in the public eye can help us realize the lofty goals of the NEHBPA that will benefit so many different groups that are associated with horse racing in this state. We've all seen that the racing fans are still very much interested in racing as an event. Racing cards comprised of steeplechase races, high quality horses and turf racing is just the right scenario to show our product in the best light. We'd all love a conventional five month race meet to continue racing but that's just not achievable in the current environment. Reality dictates that we bookmark our relationship with the fans, wet their appetite for quality racing and provide an opportunity for a fun day at the races. Racing is not dead in Massachusetts.

I'd like to see the spirited efforts for the future of racing by the NEHBPA supported by all industry participants, the State Legislators, the Mass Gaming Commission and the Governor. Why would we stand by and watch our state lose any industry. I haven't been to a basketball game in 30 years, but I wouldn't stand idly by and watch the Celtics move out of Boston. Let's not miss an opportunity.

I have owned ,bred and raced thoroughbreds in Massachusetts and New York since 1974. I've also raced in New Hampshire, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Florida. I was a member of the partnership that resurrected racing in Massachusetts as Sterling Suffolk Downs in 1992. After 36 years, I retired from Merrill Lynch as a Managing Director in 2006 and planned to spend more time on my equine interests. With a little help from you, maybe I will.

Thanks for your time

Samuel Saccardo  
15 Midland Road  
Lynnfield, MA 01940

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Joel Logan <joelklogan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 7:09 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to support the 3 day race meet that Suffolk Downs is proposing for 2015. For the better part of the past 37 years, I have been a Massachusetts licensed thoroughbred owner and breeder. In lieu of not having a regular race meet this year I fully support the concept of conducting 3 marquee days of racing giving the horseman the opportunity to showcase this wonderful sport as well as competing for sizable purses for those days. I'm totally in favor of the proposed legislation to develop a new thoroughbred racetrack in Ma. With good racing and a new plant, our fan base will emerge as they always do.

It seems that it wasn't too long ago that 22,000 people came out to Suffolk to watch the great Cigar run. It certainly can be accomplished again.

Sincerely  
Joel K Logan



**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Bernie Bramante <fishpierb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 11:21 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** HORSE RACING APPLICATION

I am a MASS. thoroughbred owner trainer who will be represented by William Lagorio at the public hearing on June 11. MY name is Bernard Bramante.Thank You

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 10:12 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Nancy Dougherty

### Email

[nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com](mailto:nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com)

### Phone

(410)392-0700

### Subject

Thoroughbred Racing Owner-Trainer License

### Questions or Comments

Cannot find an application for owner-trainer-jockey license on your website.

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** pa rea <bodababie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 6:03 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** sterling suffolk application

I am writing on the application of Suffolk Downs for there few days of racing , In now way will this help the horseman ,horse owners, trainers , farm owners , grooms. hay and grain suppliers,in MA, now or in the future.Sterling Suffolk have stated they don't want to hold any full seasons of racing anymore and they should have closed last fall .When a casino was first mentioned Suffolk Downs was going to tear down all the barns in the Revere end and when the casino was to go to the Revere end no plans to have a full barn section was ever planed on paper or submitted to as blueprints . It is time Sterling be moved out of the way once and for all. If they want to compete at a full season of racing it will be a different story. The racing industry in MA needs a home and this only hinders other industry leading race business from coming forward to build a bigger and better track like the new tracks being built all over the United States. MA needs a clean slate in racing that serves the horse people of this state .Thank You, Patricia Reardon, Revere MA

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 8:03 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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### Name

pat bonaventura

### Email

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### Phone

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### Subject

pen gaming and your casino pick

### Questions or Comments

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please take the time and read about how Penn Gaming really cares about  
racing and their casinos after they get their foot in the door!!!  
<http://www.stateofcorruption.org/20...goodfellas.html>

Forwarded to the Commissioners and copied Alex L.

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Gregg Rose <irishgbr@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2015 7:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Gaming Commission:

The Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeder's Association is proud to announce our formal participation in the proposed three day festival racing meet at Suffolk Downs to take place one day in July, August and September. The breeders look forward to showcasing our Massachusetts Bred Thoroughbred race horses in a robust stakes program totaling approximately \$ 650,000 over nine races. We would like to invite horsemen from around the country to support this meet as we look forward to the future which includes the construction of a family friendly entertainment complex that will not only include horse racing but also equestrian events and many other community activities.

Yours Sincerely

George F Brown

Chairman Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeder's Association

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** george3410@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Racing 2015

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello , I am writing this letter to show my support of the 3 day racing program at Suffolk Downs this summer. I am a second generation horse trainer that has considered Suffolk to be my home base of operations for over 30 years. My entire family has been involved in owning and breeding race horses in Ma. A successful race program this summer even though a small one would show everyone that horse racing is still of interest and would be even better given a chance to continue in the future. Thank you George Saccardo NEHBPA board member-Thoroughbred Horse Trainer

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Melody Taylor-Scott <MelodyTS@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 31, 2015 11:46 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Racing Application

May 29, 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby,

I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. The closing of Suffolk Downs has left many with livestock that has virtually no value. This has created a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Massachusetts bred horses. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you



*Melody Taylor-Scott*

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President ~ North East Thoroughbred Sporthorse Association

[Http://www.NorthEastThoroughbred.com](http://www.NorthEastThoroughbred.com)

Equestrian Protection Specialist ~ Corinthian Insurance

[Http://www.CorinthianInsurance.com/Melody bio.html](http://www.CorinthianInsurance.com/Melody_bio.html)

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Jay Budrewicz <jaybudrewicz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 9:11 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** ,MA Horse Racing

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please do not allow the three day festival meet at Suffolk Downs to take from the horsemen's development fund. Since there clearly will never be racing at Suffolk Downs again, it will not promote development of racing in the state. I would also like to emphasize the fact that whatever Massachusetts horsemen who are still able to race their horses out of state will likely not be able to attend the meet due to restrictions on shipping at the tracks they are currently at. The Massachusetts Breeders Association members are desperate to get their money for the year, however the end doesn't justify the means. The New England HBPA are not representing the horsemen in this matter, they are looking out for their own personal interests by attempting to take horse owners from trainers who cannot leave the state and cannot train horses in Massachusetts due to no training location. The money should only be given to an entity that will provide stabling privileges to the horsemen. That will truly ensure racing development.

Thank you,

Jay Budrewicz  
413-522-4019



## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Melissa Shook <Melissa.Shook@umb.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 7:08 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Melissa Shook  
**Subject:** Re: Racing Application

May 29, 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby,

I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season.

I'm sure you're more than aware of how Mass. bred Thoroughbred racing has added to the economy of Massachusetts and how devastating it was that Suffolk Downs closed.

The Thoroughbred breeders have essentially lost their livelihood. Many are left with with livestock that has virtually no value. They have gone from thriving businesses that hired farm workers, exercise riders, horse shoers, dentists and vets. They bought equipment, hay, grain, bedding and so on. The Thoroughbred breeding business not only added economic value to the economy, but protected open land from development. This loss of racing in the state has created a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Massachusetts bred horses.

Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you,  
Melissa Shook

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** holmesmaker1@netzero.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 5:07 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Racing Application / Chairman Crosby

May 29, 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby,

"I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. The closing of Suffolk Downs has left many with livestock that has virtually no value. This has created a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Massachusetts bred horses. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it."

Thank you,  
Patricia A. Holmes

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Johnson, Donna <Donna.Johnson@umassmed.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Racing in Massachusetts

May 28, 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby,

I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. I have watched the proud livelihood of many people suffer with the closing of Suffolk Downs which creates a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that breed, raise, train or race Massachusetts bred horses. I have had a chance to see firsthand how much effort and care is involved in the process of Thoroughbred racing and the statewide economy it supports. It is part of a long and storied past that is a shame to lose. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you

Donna M. Johnson  
Middleboro MA

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** ctrakas@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 12:34 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

Hello,

I have been a customer of Suffolk Downs since the 1980's and I have been an active licensed horse owner for over 10 seasons now. I support Suffolk's application.

I also support more thoroughbred racing and want this application to be the first step in more racing. I would like to see this expanded into three weekends of racing on a Friday twilight/Saturday day schedule and possibly expand this to four or even five weekends if attendance goes well which I expect it will. Hopefully Suffolk management can be educated as to how the Racehorse Development fund can be used to protect and expand racing and jobs as it currently does in states like Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Horsemen and women have been living out of state for over six months and would like to come home and deserve a chance to come home and work in jobs that they truly love.

I would also like to see racing at other locations such as Brockton and other former or new locales. Additionally I would like to see some racing at Rockingham in NH through a waiver to the Racehorse Development Fund to allow purse money to go to that meet in the interests of preserving the jobs of Massachusetts residents as they would be the primary workers at a Rockingham meet.

To summarize I support Suffolk's proposed meet and support it as a beginning to more racing so workers can be able to come home again some day to work.

I am happy to be contacted for followup.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Trakas  
Milton, MA

Sent from my iPhone

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Phreddie sienkewicz <dobegood@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 6:57 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** racing dates

Forwarded to Steve C. and copied all the commissioners and Alex L.

May 28, 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby,

I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. The closing of Suffolk Downs has left many with livestock that has virtually no value. This has created a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Massachusetts bred horses. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you

Winifred Sienkewicz

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Lee Fenton <lfenton75@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 5:19 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Racing Application

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Thank you

Lee Fenton

978-501-4123

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** James Fenton <jfenton56@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2015 5:12 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Racing Application

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Thank you

James Fenton

**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Briar Hill Farm <farmbriarhill@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 10:06 PM  
**To:** ;  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Application

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May 28, 2015

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Thank you

Arlene B. Brown



## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Briar Hill Farm <farmbriarhill@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:57 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Application for racing days

Forwarded to Steve C. and copied all the commissioners and Alex L.

Dear Chairman Crosby,

As Chairman of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. The closing of Suffolk Downs has left breeders and farm owners with livestock that has virtually no value. This has created a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Massachusetts bred horses. The 3 days of racing is not an ideal solution but it will provide some small relief to breeders and farm owners. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you

George F. Brown  
Chairman, MTBA

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Briar Hill Farm <farmbriarhill@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:43 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Application for racing days

Forwarded to Steve C. and copied all the commissioners and Alex L.

May 28, 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby,

I am in favor of the application submitted by Suffolk Downs for the 2015 race season. The closing of Suffolk Downs has left many with livestock that has virtually no value. This has created a great hardship for all the farms in Massachusetts that bred, raised, trained or raced Massachusetts bred horses. Therefore I support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and I urge the Commission to approve it.

Thank you

Michael Cram  
121 Pine Street  
Rehoboth, Massachusetts

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 8:35 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

**Name**

Anthony Gaudiana

**Email**

[tradewinds9@verizon.net](mailto:tradewinds9@verizon.net)

**Phone**

(401)397-6205

**Subject**

Current status of obligations by Suffolk downs

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** smh00a@gmail.com on behalf of Steve Holt <steve@thebostonwriter.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2015 2:18 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing, independently and as a neighbor of Suffolk Downs, to directly question whether horse racing is still the best and highest use for the Suffolk Downs site. While I am sympathetic to the few hundred workers who are being impacted by the slow demise of horse racing nationwide, extending further life support to the operation at Suffolk Downs delays the inevitable, I'm afraid, and wastes precious resources that could be utilized to fund a comprehensive study of the effects of casino gambling in the Commonwealth. The community has not supported the track with its entertainment dollar for more than a decade, indicating that while the track holds nostalgic value for some, it is no longer the economic driver it once was. What is needed on that site -- a space twice the size of the North End, on two rail lines and abutting the precious Belle Isle Marsh -- is a vision that brings residents of Revere, East Boston, and beyond back to shop, work, live, and play in healthy ways. The site is needed both for job creation and housing needs in Boston, whose mayor has called for tens of thousands of new affordable units to be built in the coming decades. Whatever is put in that magnificent space, it must meet community approval in the neighborhoods that surround it, which have, in East Boston's case, called for a higher use than a gambling center. (like many of my neighbors, I endorse the development vision of [EastBoston2020](#) for the Suffolk Downs site)

The proponents of a Suffolk Downs casino were right about one thing: East Boston and Revere have been waiting for a development on that parcel that will create jobs and drive the local economy. A casino was not the answer, but looking past casinos and horse racing, the skies are the limit for Suffolk Downs.

Thank you for your work, and for considering my input!

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**Steve Holt**  
68 D Marginal Street  
East Boston, MA 02128

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** 32ocean32 <32ocean32@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015 1:40 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Lightbown, Alexandra (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application  
**Attachments:** 2015 Comment - SSR application - 2015 race days 05 28 2015.pdf

NEHBPA Board,

Here is our submission of comments to the MGC regarding support of SSR's application for three days of live racing.

Bruce

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

*President*  
Anthony Spadea

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May 28, 2015

Stephen Crosby, Chairman,  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street 23rd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Comment on Sterling Suffolk Racecourse LLC request for race days in 2015

Dear Chairman Crosby:

On behalf of the New England HBPA (NEHBPA) Board of Directors, the owners and trainers of thoroughbred horses racing in Massachusetts, we are hereby offering comments on the Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC request for race days in 2015.

The NEHBPA, is the only recognized representative of the running horse (Thoroughbred) owners and trainers in the Commonwealth, has been vigorously and diligently working on behalf of our 900 members, whose livelihoods along with livelihoods of hundreds of workers who provided on-track care for our horses, the many Suffolk Downs' employees and numerous farm workers who grow feed or provide off-track care for our horses, were suddenly cast into a dire situation when the closure of Suffolk Downs, the only viable Thoroughbred race track in New England, was announced.

Since the closure of Suffolk Downs, the number of obstacles we have encountered and frustrations we have experienced in our countless efforts to create short and long term solutions, for our members and all those who depend on live Thoroughbred racing for their livelihood, have proven to be an exhausting mountain to climb.

Finally, after all the dead-ends and disappointments, we were able to work out a short term arrangement with Suffolk Downs that, although not an ideal solution, temporarily provides an opportunity for our members to recover a small portion of their horse care expenses, retains the presence of Thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts and allows us to finalize our plan to build a new horse park, which will include a modern racing facility.

After examining all possible aspects of securing a safe racetrack that conforms with Massachusetts law, attracting a sufficient number of horses and assuring enough funding to provide many more race days, the NEHBPA is convinced that the Commission's approval of Suffolk Downs' application, as

submitted, is the only reasonable option to bridge the short term gap until a new Thoroughbred racing facility is constructed.

We support the Suffolk Downs application for Thoroughbred racing in 2015 and we urge the Commission to approve it. We will continue to support and provide benefits for our horsemen, most of whom are racing all over the country trying to make a living, as they keep their hopes alive to return home in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Anthony Spadea, President

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Lawrence. <lmason2121@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 11:43 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

I Larry Mason (trainer) would request that the Commission allow Billy Lagorio (trainer) to speak on behalf myself and my owners (family) Shallow Water Farm and D and L Stable.

We are a small family run business that still can not believe this has happen to life long residents of this State. We all worked so hard to bring gaming to this State for the last six years only to see we got Duked!

We now will watch the money we waited for go to out of State residents while we have no avenues for these horses. More should have been done to aid and support the full time Horsemen in this State. All monies sent to the NEHBPA will NOT go to help the struggling Horsemen at all, even know our organization says Horsemen helping Horsemen. A fund should be set up within the Gaming Commission to help the Horsemen that fired at no fault of our own!

Our organization (NEHBPA) has not been open and transparent and we believe wrongdoing is happening with Lou Raffetto and Chip Tuttle that has a relationship that goes back to when Lou hired Chip years ago when Lou ran the show for the race track. All the care about is the money within the RHDF.

I'm sending a e-mail dated April 10 from a BOARD member of the NEHBPA when I requested help and assistance and his response almost stating if they don't go along with Suffolk Downs plans they have threaten to take the RHDF money. We need help Please.

Larry Mason

Sent from my iPhone



## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Lawrence. <lmason2121@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 11:38 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs Application to

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** CRR <crrstable@verizon.net>  
**Date:** April 10, 2015 at 1:27:40 PM EDT  
**To:** "Lawrence." <lmason2121@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: New England HBPA

Let's just go with racing ended in 2014 remember that. We are trying to plan for the future if folks will lets us try. The boutique meet will have restricted races for three times what we raced for in the past

Again if we don't run some sort of meet Suffolk could possibly go after our "the horsemans" funds from the RHDF anyways as could anyone else so we have to maintain control

Hope that answered your question/comment

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2015, at 12:40 PM, Lawrence. <lmason2121@aol.com> wrote:

Who is this? I hope funds are available for local Horsemen due to your "boutique"meet that eliminates local Horsemen from participating!

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**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Edgar Villanueva <redonic1990@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Horse racing

I approve the horses racing in Boston

**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Juan <jcvilla21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** approve

I approve the tree day festival

Sent from my iPhone

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Bresilla, Colette (MGC) on behalf of MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 12:40 PM  
**To:** Porche, Cecelia (MGC)  
**Cc:** Lightbown, Alexandra (MGC)  
**Subject:** FW: Horse Racing Application

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Cecilia,

FYI.

Thank you,

Colette Bresilla  
*Receptionist*

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**From:** Lawrence. [<mailto:lmason2121@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 12:38 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Re: Horse Racing Application

Dear Gaming Commission,

While the NEHBPA uses every avenue to get money from the Gaming Commission for paying the payroll of the people within the NEHBPA not one dime is going to help the Horsemen they say they represent. They keep telling members they have no money for assistance with struggling Horsemen. This after word came about the Gaming Commissioner gave over 200 thousand to the NEHBPA. They say Suffolk got the money and only gave the NEHBPA 20 thousand. Someone is not telling the truth and this needs to be addressed. Can some-one please clarify this so the Horsemen do not need to fall into a endless hole.

Larry Mason  
1-781-799-3783

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2015, at 11:42 AM, MGCcomments (MGC) <[mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The Commission receives a very high volume of emails and we'd like to respond individually to as many as possible. But since the volume of correspondence sometimes makes that impossible, I would like to take this opportunity to personally express our appreciation for your input and inquiries. If you have expressed an opinion on the licensing

process, each Commissioner will read it. If you have signed up to speak at a public forum, you will be registered as the emails are received. And if you have asked a question or requested a speaker, we will be back in touch with you.

The single most important priority for the Commission is that the public and the participants know that the licensing process is being conducted with the utmost integrity, transparency and care, and that Massachusetts is establishing a strong foundation for a robust, financially stable and rigorously ethical gaming industry. Your participation and feedback are central to that effort.

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Thank you again for your interest in this important issue.

Stephen P. Crosby

*Chairman*

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**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Mike Germanus <warcraft555@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 2:47 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** NEHBPA Horse Race

Mass Gaming Commission,

I hope you all watched the triple crown by American Pharoah. Please Please Please follow the lead of the NEHBPA and support their 3 day festival. We can bring back the sport of king's to New England. If you have any questions please let me know.

Mike Germanus

## **Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Martin Corry <marty.corry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 2:32 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Cc:** Mike Perpall; Frank Antonacci; <hhanesec@hhane.com>  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Application

On behalf of my client, the Harness Horsemen of New England (HHANE) I would like to file the following statement:

HHANE supports live thoroughbred racing at Suffolk Downs. However, given the limited number of racing dates sought by Sterling Suffolk LLC, HHANE would request that the MGC refer to the Racing Committee the review of the current 75%-25% split of the HRDF, which based upon the premise of full racing schedules (100 days) by both the thoroughbred and standardbred groups.

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## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** Lawrence. <lmason2121@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2015 2:41 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Notification and Agenda for April 30, 2015

Dear BOARD members,

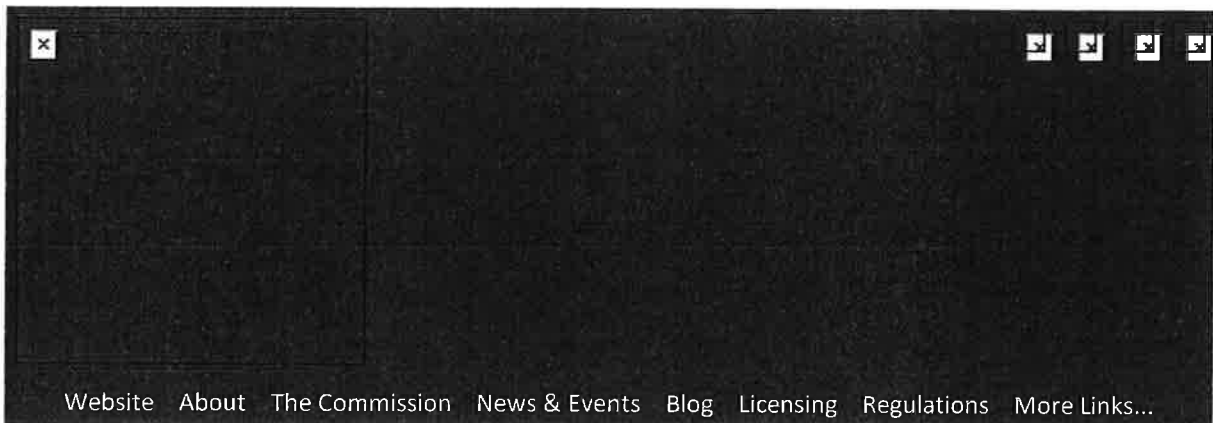
As a member of the NEHBPA this is how we get our information. From a Blood Horse article. From two sides working together to put the local horsemen out of business .

The only one who applied for a license in October now withdraws the application and eight (8) months late a track applies and now says because simulcasting was extended to 2016 racing is as well. I hope that a late fee is applied so a fund can be set up for all the horsemen effected by this.

In no way or form does this help the horsemen with a three (3) day meet.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2015, at 11:01 AM, Massachusetts Gaming Commission <[mgccomments@state.ma.us](mailto:mgccomments@state.ma.us)> wrote:



April 28, 2015

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Best regards,

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**Porche, Cecelia (MGC)**

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**From:** Lawrence. <lmason2121@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 19, 2015 2:26 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Requests Three Days of Live Racing | BloodHorse.com

<http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/92064/suffolk-requests-three-days-of-live-racing>

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# Suffolk Requests Three Days of Live Racing

May 18, 2015 2:54 PM 8 Comments Northeast Region



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Suffolk Downs

**By Lynne Snierson**

The management of Suffolk Downs, which announced last September that live racing had come to an end at the historic East Boston, Mass., facility and the 2014 meet would be its last, intends to bring back the Thoroughbreds for three days this year and operate the meet.

The track submitted an application to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission requesting one day of racing on three Saturdays: July 11, Aug. 8, and Sept. 5. The New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, which in February executed a two-year agreement with Suffolk Downs to lease the track, has instead withdrawn the "placeholder" application it filed with the MGC in October.

"Our 2014 racing license has been extended (by the state legislature) until the end of July 2016, and as part of that extension we were invited to apply for dates so we filed a supplemental application to run three days per our agreement with the horsemen," said Chip Tuttle, chief operating officer of the track. "We project purse levels at \$500,000 per day and we also look forward to accommodating the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders' Association to run some of their races on those days."

Elaine Driscoll, spokesperson for the MGC, said Suffolk Downs' application is currently under review by its legal department. Upon completion of the attorneys' findings, the application will

be released and then a public hearing will be scheduled, as required by the MGC.

A hearing date is expected to be confirmed later the week of May 17.

"We're hopeful that the commission will look favorably on our application as it provides an opportunity for the horsemen and the breeders to have at least a minimal amount of racing as they work on their long-term plans for their future and for developing their own venue," Tuttle said.

At the same time, the abbreviated meet allows the ownership of the 80-year-old track an extended period to work on development plans for the property, which is one of the most valuable in New England and perhaps the Eastern seaboard.

"We are extremely positive that we are heading in the right direction," said New England HBPA president Anthony Spadea said. "We are confident now that Suffolk has applied for these dates that we can make them very successful days of racing."

In order for the three-day meet, if green-lighted by the MGC, to be successful, purses will have to be funded by some of the Thoroughbred industry's share of the state's new Race Horse Development Fund. The RHDF is being supplied by a percentage of the license fees and revenue from future casinos and a slot-machine parlor.

Success will also be contingent upon the New England horsemen, who dispersed some of their stock and scattered to other tracks along the East Coast after Suffolk Downs closed last year, coming home to race for those three dates.

Tuttle said a portion of the barn area will only be open from the Thursday prior to each Saturday race date until the day (Sunday) afterward. The dorms will not be available and the track kitchen, which burned down last year, will not be rebuilt.

It is expected that 12 to 14 races will be carded on each of the three days, with steeplechase racing added to the mix. Preference at the entry box will be given to horsemen who supported live racing at Suffolk Downs in the recent past, provided their horses fit the conditions.

Meanwhile, the New England HBPA is moving forward with plans to construct an equine center and family-friendly facility in another part of the state that will be ready to open once Suffolk Downs shuts its doors for good.

"We're hoping in the very near future, and with the help of the legislature, that we will be building a brand new facility for racing," Spadea said. "We feel that racing in New England can and will be what it used to be. We're trying to secure a permanent racing program for our horsemen and provide good racing with a lot of fun for the fans."

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 6:20 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

**Name**

PATRICK CRONIN

**Email**

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**Phone**

(519)744-6469

**Subject**

race 4 plainridge may 6

**Questions or Comments**

dq horse 1 why I don't know track no explanation most racetracks give an explanation

Forwarded to Alex and copied Rick D.

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2015 11:51 AM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Chris Trakas

### Email

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### Subject

Suffolk Downs

### Questions or Comments

Hello,

I am a licensed Thoroughbred owner in Mass, and in NY, NJ, and PA as well.

In anticipation of Suffolk applying for three racing dates in 2015, I urge the Gaming Commission to work with both the Suffolk ownership group and the New England HBPA to eventually have a season that is longer than three days whether that be in 2015 or 2016 or beyond. I see firsthand how people in the sport and industry are hurting. They have been living out of state, they miss home, and many have been forced to rent out their homes here or even sell them. They want to continue to work and live here, and part of the casino legislation was designed to keep jobs in Massachusetts. Perhaps the Gaming Commission can demonstrate to Suffolk ownership how the Racehorse Development Fund can be helpful to preserving the jobs of these good people as well as being helpful to Suffolk Downs itself. The horsemen and women have tried to be flexible as they have watched their racing days go from 150 to 100 to 80 to 65 and now to 3 and they have tried to work and survive with this ever contr! acting schedule. Please try to help reverse this trend. If 3 is what it is for 2015 then that is what it will be, but there still could be more, and there should be more in 2016 and beyond. There are reasonable minds both within Suffolk ownership and management and within the NEW HBPA and the Gaming Commission can act as an agent to help those reasonable minds work together for a common good. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Forwarded to Alex and copied Rick Day.

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** pat <pbindi@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** horse racing application

**Categories:** Green Category

Forwarded to the commissioners and copied Alex and Rick D.,

Dear Commissioners:

this is nothing more than horse welfare!!! But for whom??? It does nothing to promote racing. The sport is dead. They want to run 3 days and give over a million dollars for purses yet there is no place to train the horses on the grounds. They can't even use the track kitchen!! This does nothing to help the local horsemen who are now at other tracks.

They are doing this to keep the simulcasting license only!!

I knew when the legislature gave them another year of simulcasting that this would happen. I actually thought a one day license.

The HBPA is also trying to get the state and the commission to give money to build a racetrack!! Are you kidding me!!!

Shouldn't they find a location and see if the town or city will vote to have a racetrack in their community before they ask for any money!!!

I would be shocked if any town or city wants that in their neighborhood. Please vote against this proposal and license.

Regards

Pat B



## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** MGC Website <website@massgaming.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2015 4:46 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Contact the Commissioner Form Submission

### Name

Katelyn Hodgetts

### Email

[Gunnar994@aol.com](mailto:Gunnar994@aol.com)

### Subject

Horse purchased from Suffolk

### Questions or Comments

I purchased a horse from Suffolk downs back in October of 2009. I am trying to reach someone who might have worked at the track and might be able to help me. I either need contact info for his owner or a notarized copy of his registration papers that show he was sold to me. They did this at the track office, but his trainer never sent me a copy. Any help or ideas would be appreciated. I sent a message to Suffolk downs on Facebook, but where the track has closed I am doubtful that I will hear back.

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2015 6:16 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** Suffolk Downs

MA trainers can not train anywhere in MA for the 6 weeks needed to get ready for these races .New York horsemen ,that are already racing in NY ,will ship in to claim the purses and leave . Patricia Reardon

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** hello <bodababie@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2015 6:08 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** suffolk downs racing

the Suffolk Downs application must be for a full racing season of 85 days ,give or take, or the trainers , breeders , farmers, and so many more citizens of MA will be no more , it is as simple as that , They have stuck it out and can not do it another season for 3 or 4 days of racing, for the horsemen from new york ,that can afford to ship in for those days, come in an take MA dollars .If you are to preserve gaming in MA you need to think outside of the box to have a full season for the people of MA that have held on so long and can not hold on any longer without a full season of racing in Boston. There must be a way to reimburse Suffolk Downs with future funds from slots. THINK out of the box and save our farms . Once they are gone THEY ARE GONE Forever, Thank You Patricia Reardon

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** pa rea <bodababie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2015 9:25 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** horse racing application

Suffolk Downs ,if granted, the days they should be done one at a time for if someone steps in to offer racing on a full time basis any remaining days will be cancelled and simulcast will also end for suffolk at that time . The horse people need a working track of the highest quality with a future no more band aids to keep it going .The equine people of this state have sucked it up on the hope of things to come for way to long. It is a matter of utmost urgency . thank you Patricia Reardon

## Porche, Cecelia (MGC)

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**From:** marciamnm@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 5:06 PM  
**To:** MGCcomments (MGC)  
**Subject:** pari-mutuel and simulcast law

I've had enough..STOP ALL DOG RACING.....These are living breathing loving animals that do not deserve this abuse... Do the right thing.....These dogs bleed, and feel pain and sorrow....I've seen dogs cry...My heart breaks everyday for these innocent, beautiful dogs.....I'm sure God's not happy...