



*Division of Racing*

## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Horse Racing Forum

October 16, 2013

Hynes Convention Center  
900 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02115

9:00 Sign-in and coffee

### Part 1 – The Racing Industry at the National Level

9:25 **Call to Order** Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman

9:30 **Welcome/Introduction** Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing

### 9:35 **State of the Thoroughbred Industry**

Matt Iuliano, Executive Vice President & Executive Director, The Jockey Club

The Jockey Club is the breed registry for all Thoroughbred horses in North America. As such, it is responsible for maintaining *The American Stud Book*, which includes all Thoroughbreds foaled in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico as well as Thoroughbreds imported into those countries from nations around the world that maintain similar Thoroughbred registries.

The organization is dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing, and it fulfills that mandate by serving many segments of the industry through its wholly owned subsidiaries, strategic partnerships and charitable foundations by providing support to a wide range of industry initiatives, including several focused on the safety of both horse and rider.

### 10:10 **State of the Standardbred Industry**

Mike Tanner, Executive Vice President, United States Trotting Association

The U.S. Trotting Association is a not-for-profit association of Standardbred owners, breeders, drivers, trainers, and officials, organized to provide administrative, rulemaking, licensing and breed registry services to its members.

Our mission is to:

- License owners, trainers, drivers and officials
- Formulate the rules of racing
- Maintain and disseminate racing information and records
- Serve as the registry for the Standardbred breed
- Endeavor to ensure the integrity of harness racing



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- Insist on the humane treatment of Standardbreds
- Promote the sport of harness racing and the Standardbred breed

10:45 **Question and Answer Session**

11:00 **Break**

11:15 **The Federal Perspective**

Alex Waldrop, President and CEO, National Thoroughbred Racing Association

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) is a not-for-profit, membership-based trade association for the Thoroughbred racing and breeding industry. NTRA membership is broadly defined and consists of leading Thoroughbred racetracks, owners, breeders, trainers, horseplayers, veterinarians, jockeys, wagering service providers, and affiliated horse racing associations. The NTRA is charged with increasing the popularity of horse racing and improving the economic conditions for industry participants.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association uses political advocacy in Washington, D.C. to protect and grow the horseracing and breeding industries. As a 501(c) (6) membership organization and trade association, the NTRA lobbies and raises Political Action Committee funds through Horse PAC to help federal candidates who understand our industry's issues. The Alpine Group, a Washington, D.C.-based lobbying firm, and the American Horse Council, representing more than 130 equine breeds, assist the NTRA in its advocacy efforts.

*Potential topics:*

- Congressional interest in regulating horse racing
- Proposed federal legislation pertaining to internet gaming and its potential effects on horse racing, simulcasting, and pari-mutuel wagering
- Efforts to clarify the calculation of pari-mutuel "winnings" for federal tax purposes

11:45 **Question and Answer Session**

12:00 Lunch (on own)

## **Part 2 – The Racing Industry at the Local Level**

1:00 **Welcome/Introduction** Jennifer Durenberger, Director of Racing

1:05 **Policy Discussions - Commission**

Moderator: Director Durenberger

*Panelist invitees: Representatives from local stakeholders; TBD*

A. *Race Horse Development Fund - Timing and Mechanisms.*



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- B. *Timing of the Award of Commission Licenses (racing and gaming) – practical effects on the horse racing industry in Massachusetts for 2014.*

2:45 **Break**

3:00 **Resume Policy Discussions**

- C. *Who is the applicant entity? Live racing requirements of potential gaming licensees in sections 19, 20, and 24 of c.23K in the face of a changed applicant landscape.*
- D. *What happens to purse monies if a facility goes dark? The meaning of “payment of purses to horse owners in accordance with the rules and established customs of conducting horse racing meetings” found in c.128A(5) and c.128C(2).*
- E. *Effects of the state pari-mutuel tax reporting and withholding requirements on handle and the industry’s stakeholders.*

*Additional questions TBD*

4:30 **Closing Remarks –**

Thoughts on the future of c.128A and 128C, our existing pari-mutuel and simulcast laws  
Stephen Crosby, Chairman, Massachusetts Gaming Commission



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