

**National HBPA, Inc.  
Executive Committee  
2012 Winter Convention – Hollywood, FL  
Sunday, January 15, 2012**

The National HBPA, Inc. Executive Committee meeting was brought to order by President Joe Santanna. Attendance was taken by Laura Plato and the following people were present:

**Members**

Stephanie Beattie*\*proxy to Todd Mostoller*  
Phil Combest  
Mark Doering  
Leroy Gessmann  
Ed Hagan (*advisory*)  
Rick Hiles  
Bob Jeffries  
Don Leifeld*\*proxy to Lynne Schuller*  
Ron Maus  
Tom Metzen, Sr.  
Robin Richards  
Joe Santanna  
Donnie K. Von Hemel*\*proxy to Justin Cassity*  
Bill Walmsley

**Absent**

Gary Clements  
Stanley Seelig

**NHBPA Convention Sponsor/Industry Organizations Presentation**

- **Equineline.com's Susan Martin** - National Sponsor
- **The Elite Program's Dr. Reid McLellan**

1. **Motion** to ratify the 2011 Fall Executive Committee minutes.

Motioned by Tom Metzen, Sr.  
Seconded by Ed Hagan.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

**----- EXECUTIVE SESSION -----**

**Horsemen's Credit Union Update – Santanna**

**President's Report – Santanna**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Claiming Crown; Thanks to LA HBPA & The Fair Grounds
- Congrats to Eclipse Award Nominee's – Bill Kaplan & Donnie K. Von Hemel
- Welcome new NHBPA CEO, Phil Hanrahan

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**Ownership of Purse Monies – Santanna**

**Legal Update on Alabama – Doug McSwain**

**Technology Initiative – Santanna**

- Paladin Capitol Partners proposal
2. **Motion** that the Technology Subcommittee move forward in pursuing this idea with Paladin and report back to the 2012 April Executive Committee.

Motioned by Ron Maus.  
Seconded by Robin Richards.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Legislative Affairs Follow-up – should NHBPA create a PAC Fund?**

3. **Motion** that we begin to investigate the forming of a Federal PAC Fund and report back to Executive Committee.

Motioned by Leroy Gessmann.  
Seconded by Phil Combest.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Ontario HBPA Request – Conrad Cohen**

The Ontario Racing Commission wants the Ontario HBPA to be licensed by the state as an entity, including turning over their financials and membership records. The Ontario HBPA would like a show of support from the NHBPA Full Board if possible.

4. **Motion** that the Executive Committee approve the following:

The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association supports the Ontario Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association in its attempt to challenge all Ontario Racing Commission Rules that interfere in its right to negotiate contract terms for their members with licensed race tracks.

Furthermore, and in general, the National HBPA opposes any request from any regulatory body with respect to membership rosters, financial records or similar information which is proprietary to an affiliate HBPA.

Motioned by Bill Walmlsey.  
Seconded by Rick Hiles.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

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**TOBA's Graded Stakes Rules on Lasix/Bute**

- Louisiana HBPA challenging the ruling in their state system.

5. **Motion** to adjourn.  
Motion passed unanimously.