

SARATOGA GAMING AND RACEWAY FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT AT MEETING: Chairperson Matthew Veitch, Supervisor-Saratoga Springs; Vice Chairperson Scott T. Johnson, Mayor-Saratoga Springs; Treasurer George “Skip” Carlson, Saratoga Gaming and Raceway and Secretary Arthur J. Johnson, Chairman-Saratoga County Board of Supervisors

ABSENT FROM MEETING: Director George Karam, Saratoga Harness Horsepersons Association, Inc. and Mark M. Rider, Saratoga County Attorney-Counsel to the Board

Mr. Veitch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance

Mr. Veitch gave a quick run down of how grants are awarded. He said that basically what we do is go through the applications and talk about them and then we decide what we are going to give out and how we are going to give it out, our biggest thing is just make sure they are within the mission. Mr. Veitch said that last year we gave out grants to fifteen different organizations. He stated that some of the same applicants are back again this year and one of the focuses he would like to see this year is maybe move more into a countywide direction, we don't get a lot of applications out of Saratoga Springs and this year we got a few and he would like to spread it around a little bit this year. Mr. Veitch said that some of the real players that apply every year didn't apply this year, one was late and the Prevention Council didn't even send us anything. A few of the groups that we funded pretty highly in the past are not even here. Mr. Art Johnson asked if there was a rule on how many times a group comes back? Mr. Veitch stated no, some come back every single year. Mr. Veitch said that last year we tried to move the grants around so the same people are not getting the big grant every single year, so it gets spread around a little bit.

Mr. Carlson said that one thing we should set before we get started is the amount. He stated that we have \$4,500 in our account and we are going to have an additional \$30,000 added, how much do you want to give away \$27,500 or something like that. Mr. Veitch agreed.

Mr. Art Johnson asked how we funded organizations in the past? Mr. Carlson stated that we have been all over the board, last year we picked organizations that we all felt strongly about. He said that the policy last year was to try to touch as many organizations as we could rather than giving \$15,000 to one organization.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications were reviewed and the following grants were awarded:

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| ASPIRe N.Y., INC. | \$2,000 |
| Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association for the Ballston Spa Film Festival | \$1,000 |
| Capital District Senior Softball, Inc. | \$1,500 |
| Dance Alliance, Inc. | \$ 560 |
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| Empire State College, SUNY | \$1,500 |
| Franklin Community Center, Inc. | \$1,910 |
| The Friends of Ulysses S. Grant College | \$2,000 |
| Mediation Matters | \$3,500 |
| Saratoga Bridges, NYSARC, Inc., Saratoga Co. Chapter | \$2,500 |
| Saratoga Center For the Family | \$1,116 |
| Saratoga Children's Theatre, Inc. | \$1,500 |
| Saratoga County Children's Committee | \$1,000 |
| Saratoga Reads! Inc., c/o Skidmore College | \$ 800 |
| Saratoga Sponsor-A-Scholar (SSAS) | \$1,000 |
| The Saratoga Springs History Museum | \$2,000 |
| Stillwater Area Community Services Center, Inc. | \$2,000 |
| Things of My Very Own | \$1,500 |

Mr. Veitch abstained from voting on the Saratoga Springs History Museum application.
Mr. Scott Johnson abstained from voting on the Saratoga Sponsor-A-Scholar (SSAS) application.

On a motion made by Mr. Scott Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Art Johnson the list of grant recipients was approved. **Unanimous**

ADDENDUM TO NOVEMBER 4, 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Veitch stated that Capital District Senior Softball, Inc. was approved for \$1,500 by unanimous e-mail vote.