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Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2010

Chairman Viola called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. Members present included Vice Chair Keeley and Representatives Barbieri, Hocker, Hudson, Lee, Longhurst, Mitchell, Schwartzkopf, Scott, and B. Short. A list of guests present is available upon request.

Chairman Viola chose to address **HB 389 AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO LOTTERIES**. Since the bill was discussed in depth at the previous meeting, there was no further discussion. Comments were opened to the public, and Bill Fasy, of Delaware Park, addressed the committee, repeating that the committee members are aware of his sentiments. Next Karl Agne addressed the committee with an update that the Delaware Development Associates have scheduled to meet with the Thoroughbred Owners Association. Rep. Mitchell asked Mr. Agne the membership distribution anticipated. Mr. Agne said they anticipate only about 5% to be in-state members.

Chairman Viola commented that he sees this bill as a purely economic opportunity for the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware and that he believes it is a win for all. Rep. Mitchell asked whether or not the 150 jobs anticipated would be permanent, which is the case. Vice Chair Keeley expressed opposition to the bill, which would establish a new private club in her district.

Rep. Hudson motioned to release the bill; Rep. Schwartzkopf seconded the motion. The bill was released from committee on a 4-2-0 vote.

Chairman Viola adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaylynn Palaio