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*Representing the
Thoroughbred Horsemen and
Horsewomen of Ontario*

Dear Members,

As most of you are now aware, Ontario Racing and the Standardbred Alliance have merged to create a new industry association.

The Board of Directors of the HBPA are pleased to support the merger as it unites the industry under one umbrella. Horse people will have a more effective voice.

The newly created Ontario Racing Management (ORM) will utilize Woodbine's infrastructure and management experience. ORM will report to and be accountable to an industry board.

As always, securing long-term funding and sustainability of Thoroughbred racing continues to be our number one goal.

The directors of the HBPA care deeply about Thoroughbred racing in Ontario. They are committed to representing horse people to the best of their ability. As owners and trainers invested in the industry, they recognize that the instability of the past few years has created havoc, uncertainty and lack of investment in our ranks. Rest assured that they are doing all they can to try and improve the lives of those who participate in Thoroughbred racing.

We believe that working with and not against, our racetrack partners, Woodbine and Fort Erie, is the best way to grow racing and consequently help owners and trainers. This does not mean we don't disagree or have our share of heated discussions with our tracks, it just means that we attempt to drive fairness and compromise through negotiation to benefit horseracing.

Please join me in thanking my fellow HBPA directors for their dedication, commitment, and effort.

In turn, on their behalf, I thank all of you the owners and trainers for your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas, the happiest of holidays and many winners in the New Year.

Warm wishes on behalf of the Board,

Sue Leslie
President