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Office of the President
October 19, 2018

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY GLUCK EQUINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointments to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation:

Michael Banahan and Benny Bell Williams for four-year terms, ending June 30, 2022.
Chauncey Morris and Jamie Eads for four-year terms, ending October 17, 2022.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, recommended these appointments to the Provost. These appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 1984. These nominations are supported by the President and Provost.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

Nomination of Gluck Equine Research Foundation Board Members

2nd Term: June 2018-June 2022

Michael Banahan, Godolphin USA

Michael Banahan is director of farm operations for the four Darley USA Thoroughbred farms in Kentucky, where he oversees the care of the stallions, broodmares and yearlings. He has worked for Darley since 1993 in both England and the United States. Mr. Banahan has extensive experience in all aspects of major horse operations including the business and production side. He has a vested interest in research for the health and well-being of horses.

Mr. Banahan acquired experience working for the following leading Thoroughbred industry professionals: Coolmore/Ashford, Juddmonte, and trainers Colin Hayes (Australia), Guy Harwood (UK), and Bill Mott (USA); prior to working for Darley in Newmarket UK. He currently serves as director of farm operations for Darley/Godolphin LLC (USA), whose roster of leading stallions include Medaglia D' Oro, Bernardini, as well as recently retired Frosted and 2016 Derby winner Nyquist. During his tenure he has helped raise champions on both sides of the Atlantic including Dubai Millenium and Bernardini.

He also is active as a successful breeder on a limited scale and serves on the board of Godolphin LLC, Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI) and Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH).

Benny Bell Williams, The Bell Group, Inc.

Benny Williams is the president and founder of The Bell Group, Inc., in Versailles, Kentucky, an agency dedicated to reaching the goals of their clients through marketing and communication platforms. She began the agency in 1979 as a one-person shop and quickly worked to add talented people to her staff.

Ms. Williams has spent a lifetime devoted to Thoroughbreds as a breeder, owner and farm director, as well as in leadership roles such as president of the Thoroughbred Club of America, Kentucky Horse Park Foundation board member and a member of such industry organizations as Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

2nd Term: October 2018 – October 2022

Chauncey Morris, KTA-KTOB

Chauncey Morris is the executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association/ Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. He is a University of Louisville graduate.

Mr. Morris assumed his position in August 2014. Previously, Mr. Morris served as CEO of Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Ltd. and Aushorse Marketing in Sydney, Australia, from 2011 to 2014. Mr. Morris was successful in adding horses into the Free Trade Agreement framework between Australia and the People's Republic of China during the term of Prime Minister Julia Gillard (ALP). Mr. Morris also brings extensive experience in Frankfort, having previously served in the Governor's Office as the project analyst and advisor for the Agricultural Development Fund.

Jamie Eads, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission

Jamie Eads was named director of the Division of Incentives and Development for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission in 2008, two years after Kentucky's breeder incentive fund was created. The division is responsible for three breeder incentive funds for different breeds, along with three development/purse supplement programs, the Backside Improvement Fund and the Health and Welfare Fund. A native of Lexington, Ms. Eads previously worked for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Breeders' Cup Ltd.