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Office of the President
June 10, 2014

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 appointment of Benny Bell Williams and Michael Banahan and the reappointment of Case Clay and Lisa Lourie to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation for a four-year term, ending June 30, 2018.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Agriculture, 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 _____

Bios for Board of Directors

University of Kentucky Gluck Equine Research Foundation, Inc.

Benny Bell Williams, President and Founder, The Bell Group, Inc.

Benny Williams is the president and founder of The Bell Group, Inc., in Versailles, Ky., 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.

Benny 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 member of such industry organizations as Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association.

Michael Banahan, Director of Farm Operations, Darley

Michael Banahan is director of farm operations for the four Darley USA Thoroughbred farms in Kentucky. He is responsible for overseeing the care of the stallions, broodmares and yearlings on these farms. He has worked for Darley since 1993 in both England and the USA. Michael 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.

Case Clay, President, Three Chimneys Farm

Case Clay returned to the Three Chimneys Sales Team in 2004 after a year at the Irish National Stud in Kildare, Ireland and Arrowfield Stud in Scone, Australia. Prior to his departure, he worked in sales at Three Chimneys and spent six years in Chicago, where he worked at Arlington Park, Ernst & Young and Hyatt Corporation; while performing improvisation in the evenings. Case is a graduate of DePauw University with a major in Economics. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Gluck Equine Research Foundation, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, the NTRA PAC and Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass.

Lisa Lourie, Owner, Spy Coast Farm

Lisa Lourie and her husband, Robert, own Spy Coast Farm in Kentucky, New York and Florida. Spy Coast Farm Kentucky is the primary breeding facility and home to Sweet Oak Farm during the summer. Located adjacent to the Kentucky Horse Park some of the most highly regarded veterinary clinics are located within a few miles of the farm, which also has an embryo transfer facility on site. At one time the New York Farm land was prime fishing and hunting territory for the Setalcott Indians. During the Revolutionary War, the Setauket Spy Ring operated from the area. Since that time, the Strong's Neck area has been known as the Spy Coast. Spy Coast Farm South (in Florida) is home to Sweet Oak Farm during the winter. The farm specializes showing ponies and horses in the hunter, jumper and equitation disciplines. They have a terrific staff and many loyal customers ranging in age from lead line to masters. They manage and show many horses for Spy Coast Farm, from the baby green and young jumper divisions up to the Grand Prix level. For homebred horses, Spy Coast Farm South is where their skills are polished.