



Trainer Candidate

TIMOTHY L. KEEFE

Tim Keefe, who began training in Maryland in 1992, has been stabled in the state since that time, has been a member of the MTHA Board since 2005 and is the current president of the organization, elected to the post in 2014.

Keefe has conditioned stakes winners such as Eightofasttocatch, Celtic Innis, Red's Round Table, Great Soul, Frisky Thunder, Anarex, Goforitstutz and Still Having Fun, a Grade 2 stakes winner. He is stabled at Laurel Park.

Keefe, an accomplished triathlete, also is on the boards of the Maryland Horsemen's Assistance Foundation and Maryland Million Ltd.

Keefe has been heavily involved in cultivating and maintaining the relationship among the MTHA, Maryland Jockey Club and Maryland Horse Breeders Association that has spurred a revitalization of racing in the state. He is extremely hands-on in Annapolis when the legislature is in session, including this year when the General Assembly passed the Racing and Community Development Act of 2020.

As MTHA President, Keefe was involved in the negotiations in 2019 that led to the plan to rebuild Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park, the latter of which is in line for a complete revitalization of its barn area and racing surfaces and the addition of an equine health and research center.

In six years under Keefe's stewardship, the MTHA has launched initiatives such as the acclaimed Horsemen's Health System, the Beyond The Wire aftercare program, a new recreation program, a shuttle service for backstretch employees, the Expedited Purse Release Program for owners, a drastically improved communication strategy and improved Board participation in MTHA affairs.

"The most important issues going forward obviously are ensuring that horsemen's concerns are being addressed and implementing the master plan authorized by the Racing and Community and Development Act," Keefe said. "I'm looking forward to that process moving along. We've been working with the Maryland Stadium Authority on the rebuilding of Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course.

"We need to ensure that our horsemen's concerns are addressed and that The Stronach Group continues to move forward and stay positive."