

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, October 20, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Fields**

MINUTES

Directors Present: Nick Alexander, Allen Aldrich, Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Gary Fenton (by phone), Mike Harrington (by phone), Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Samantha Siegel (by phone).

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Joe Ciaglia, Ron Ellis, Terry Lovingier, Mike Pegram, Bill Strauss, and Kathy Walsh.

Staff Present: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Liz Morey, and Elsa Peron (by phone).

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the minutes of September 21, 2017 were unanimously approved.

II. The Stronach Group Management Changes

Mr. Avioli provided an update on his meeting with Mr. Ritvo on Sunday. For the present time, Mr. Ritvo will assume CEO duties at Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields in addition to his oversight roles at Laurel and Gulfstream Park.

III. 2018 Northern CA Racing Calendar / Stabling & Vanning

Ms. Morey reviewed the proposed Northern California race dates, which are on the agenda for the CHRB board meeting this month. Mr. Avioli then reviewed the current overpayment status for the Fairs and CARF's proposal to have the fairs cover the purse overpayments. Discussion ensued, including the possibility of the legislature reinstating the subsidy to the fairs and the 2018 race dates proposed by Golden Gate Fields.

Mr. Swartzlander joined the meeting to present CARF's proposal for 2018 race dates, reviewing the proposed calendar which was provided to the board. He informed the board that CARF is proposing to opt out of the Stabling & Vanning program in the summer and stable only at the fairs. He also spoke about the CARF vision for strengthening fair racing in the future.

After Mr. Swartzlander left the meeting, a discussion was held regarding stabling for the fairs and the various proposals for 2018 Northern California race dates. Ms. Morey reviewed the proposal from Sonoma, which was provided to the board.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Moger to support a similar racing calendar to 2017 in the North with the exception that Santa Rosa receive three

weeks when their fair is running, the two former Stockton weeks move to Golden Gate Fields, and reasonable accommodation be made for Humboldt when they are running overlapped. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander and following further discussion was approved with one nay (Aldrich).

IV. CMC Review

Ms. Forney provided information to the board on the CMC administrative functions that will now be handled by TOC staff, a list of which was provided to the board.

V. "Big Budget"

A. Review of Total CA Purse Revenue Generation and Expense Deductions, 2016 vs. 2015

Mr. Avioli reviewed a recap of all the monies potentially available to California owners and expenditures paid out of purses, including expected trends. He noted that this information will be useful in efforts to lower costs and increase revenue.

VI. TOC Proposed Updated Mission Statement

Mr. Avioli reviewed the proposed new missions statement, compared to the original mission statement, both of which were provided to the board. On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Dedomenico, the new mission statement was unanimously approved. Staff was directed to post the new Mission Statement on the TOC website.

VII. Staff Responsibilities Review

Mr. Alexander said he had requested that staff provide a list of all of their activities, in order to give the board a better idea of all of the work the organization does. The list was provided in the board packet.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli provided a brief legislative report including the latest on sports wagering.

B. Wagering Committee

Mr. Avioli provided a brief update on the effort by Breeders' Cup to have exchange wagering through TVG approved in New Jersey for the 2017 Breeders' Cup races. The CHRB denied the request.

C. Finance Committee

Ms. Chinnici gave a brief report on the audited financial statement. She then reviewed the September financials and year to date numbers.

D. Racing Affairs

Mr. Avioli reviewed the handle and revenue reports to date for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields to date. He also reviewed the September horse counts, which were provided to the board.

IX. CHRB Agenda

Mr. Avioli reviewed the CHRB agenda, and there was a discussion on several of the agenda items, including the instant racing proposal from Los Alamitos, the medication rule dealing with corticosteroids, and the existing claiming rule. Mr. Avioli noted that we have asked the CHRB to provide a standard for the claiming rule, and we will continue to follow up.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Avioli; the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 10, at Del Mar.