

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Thursday, April 11, 12:00 p.m.  
Santa Anita Park**

**MINUTES**

Directors Present: Madeline Auerbach, Bob Baffert, Dennis Cardoza, Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Mike Harrington, George Krikorian, Ed Moger, Billy Morey (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram, John Sadler, Pablo Suarez (by phone), George Todaro (by phone), Kathy Walsh, and Michael Wellman.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kellee Breen, Mary Forney, Elsa Peron, and Richard Scheidt (by phone).

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Pegram at 12:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

To allow additional time for review, the approval of the minutes of March 15 and April 5 was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session following Item XI, Legislative Report.

IV. Other Business

A. Racing and Stabling Discussion

Messrs. Rubenstein and Ernst of Del Mar Turf Club (DMTC) were present to update the board on race date discussions DMTC has had with Santa Anita. They indicated that negotiations are ongoing regarding a possible revenue split agreement.

Mr. Ernst indicated DMTC would not be opposed to contributing to a subsidy if a shortfall should occur in the stabling and vanning fund, as long as DMTC can break even. There was a brief discussion regarding dark day revenue, with DMTC indicating they would be open to a percentage split. Mr. Ernst also indicated that all revenue for a fall meet, as well as dark days, would go into an industry fund and purses.

The race dates that have been agreed upon would be: Santa Anita Dec. 26 – July 4, dark until DMTC opens about July 15-19 for an 8-week meet, followed by three weeks at Fairplex, a fall meet at Santa Anita through the first weekend of

November, and a fall meet at Del Mar for the next four weeks. They then took questions from the board.

Following the departure of DMTC from the room, a brief board discussion ensued.

Mr. Brackpool of Santa Anita then came in to discuss the status of negotiations with Del Mar. He indicated that Santa Anita has made a bid to host Breeders' Cup in 2014. In addition, Mr. Brackpool noted there are plans for a complete rebuild at Golden Gate Fields, with high expectations for the success of a fall turf festival there. Plans for capital improvements at Santa Anita are also going forward. Mr. Brackpool then answered questions from the board regarding stabling and training, plans for San Luis Rey Downs, Internet poker, Horse Racing United (HRU), and signal distribution. With regard to HRU, he indicated that Santa Anita is committed to participate with horsemen in some manner. He also noted that Santa Anita is prepared to support an experiment with mini-satellites within the 20-mile radius of the track.

After Mr. Brackpool left, a lengthy board discussion ensued. It was decided that a meeting should be arranged with CTT and CTBA to get some consensus at the board level of each organization, with representatives from DMTC and Santa Anita also present. At the board's request, Mr. Pegram agreed to prepare a pros and cons sheet for each of the possible stabling venues.

- V. Finance Committee  
Ms. Breen reported a surplus of \$197,000, including a \$20,000 loss for March due to the addition of two out-of-budget line items.
- VI. ADW/Simulcast Committee  
Mr. Wellman asked whether Monarch would be providing an update on negotiations for simulcast rates and high volume players, and Mr. Pegram will follow up for the May meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding clarification of rules put in place in the race meet agreements, specifically regarding the surveillance issue. The board agreed that if there are any changes to the race meet agreements they should be brought to the attention of the board.
- VII. Exchange Wagering  
The committee had nothing new to report.
- VIII. Owner Relations/Marketing Committee  
Mr. Wellman reported on the recent CMC meeting. The CMC will be voting on support of a Hollywood Park promotion involving a two-for-one Daily Racing Form past performance download. Mr. Wellman made a motion that the board support the request by Hollywood Park for the promotion, which will take a portion of the CMC marketing funds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Auerbach and passed with three opposed (Harrington, Krikorian, and Sadler).

- IX. Medication Committee  
Dr. Dedomenico had nothing to report at this time.
  
- X. Legislative Committee  
Mr. Cardoza provided a brief legislative update.
  
- XI. Race Meet Reports  
Mr. Pegram provided a brief race meet update. Mr. Scheidt gave a brief report on Santa Rosa (Sonoma County Fair) not using CARF racing services this summer. He also reviewed the current status of stabling at Pleasanton, which he has coordinated with Messrs. Moger and Morey per board direction. The board reaffirmed its position against a stall rent scenario, as stated by Mr. Scheidt at a recent Stabling and Vanning meeting in Northern California.
  
- XII. Next Meeting  
It was decided to move the next meeting to May 10 at 11:00 a.m. at Hollywood Park.
  
- XIII. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Pegram at 3:22 p.m.