

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, September 13, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

MINUTES

Directors in Attendance: Nick Alexander, Madeline Auerbach, Dennis Cardoza (by phone), Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Ron Ellis (by phone), Mike Harrington, Ed Moger, Billy Morey (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram, Pablo Suarez (by phone), Kathy Walsh, Michael Wellman.

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert and George Todaro.

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Morris called the meeting was called to order at 11:05 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Wellman, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the minutes of the August 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

III. President's Report

Discussed in Executive Session.

IV. ADW/Simulcast Committee

Mr. Morris provided a quick update on the Sporttech LOI. Mini-satellite negotiations are progressing with SCOTWINC, and in Northern California some issues are still being worked through with CARF and NOTWINC.

In response to a question by Mr. Wellman, Mr. Morris gave an update on plans for the casino at Hollywood Park once the track closes. There are plans to remodel the venue to include an upscale sports bar as well as an OTB, and there are criteria in place for the satellite location to qualify to receive the 1% commission. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Harrington asked for results of the Hollywood Park promotion to attract Spanish-speaking patrons that was approved by this board for the 2013 Spring meet. Mr. Morris will request a report from Hollywood Park.

V. Finance Committee

The proposed 2013-14 budget was enclosed in the packet, and a brief recap was given by Ms. Breen. On a motion by Ms. Auerbach, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the 2013-14 budget was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pegram noted that we went over budget by approximately \$6,500 for the Player report on exchange wagering in Australia due to the fact that Oak Tree did not contribute and CTBA contributed only \$5,000 rather than \$10,000.

VI. Racing Affairs Committee

A. Hollywood Park Fall Meet

Ms. Auerbach reported that the Racing Affairs Committee received the proposals from Hollywood Park, and the committee will meet next week to discuss. She has reviewed the proposal and found it to be very fair, and the committee will have a recommendation for the board before next week's CHRB meeting. Following discussion, it was decided that the committee's recommendation should be sent to full board for approval before the race meet agreement is signed.

B. Stockton Fall Meet

Mr. Scheidt provided a brief report. A request was received from Stockton to reduce purses and eliminate one overnight stakes race, as they are currently overpaid. Following discussion, the board agreed with the Northern California Racing Affairs Committee's recommendation to decline the Stockton request for a purse reduction.

The board then discussed procedure for a decision to split stakes races. Mr. Morris will work with the committee to develop a policy.

VII. Owner Relations/Marketing Committee

Mr. Wellman updated the board on CMC negotiations with Breeders' Cup regarding SB 1072 funds. Mr. Cardoza added some background on progress in the legislature.

Mr. Wellman recommended that TOC have a presence at Clockers' Corner Santa Anita during Breeders' Cup week with promotional information on California racing. Mr. Wellman moved that TOC allocate up to \$3,500 to be used to promote California racing during Breeders' Cup. On a second by Mr. Harrington, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Medication Committee

Dr. Dedomenico noted that he has a meeting next week in Washington DC to discuss funding for research, and he will update the board following that meeting.

IX. Legislative Committee

Mr. Cardoza lauded Ms. Black for her efforts this year and asked the board to consider her in the budget negotiations for next year. He then provided a brief update on pending legislation.

X. Race Meet Reports

Mr. Morris reviewed the race meet reports included in the packet and gave a brief update. Mr. Scheidt then reviewed a Stabling & Vanning proposal for shipping horses to Fresno from Golden Gate Fields. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Walsh to accept the conditional proposal. On a second by Mr. Harrington, the motion was unanimously approved.

XI. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

XII. Executive Session

The board adjourned the full meeting and convened Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.

XIII. Next Meeting – Friday, October 18, 2013 at Golden Gate Fields