

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, November 14, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.  
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:** Nick Alexander, Jim Cahill, Mike Harrington, Terry Lovinger, Ed Moger, Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram, Bill Strauss, and Mike Wellman.

**Directors Absent:** Mark Dedomenico.

**Directors Excused:** The following directors attempted but were unable to call in due to an error with the conference call system: Bob Baffert, Ron Ellis, Billy Morey, George Todaro, and Kathy Walsh.

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

- I. Call to Order  
Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Mr. Lovingier, seconded by Mr. Cahill, the minutes of October 17, 2014 and the October 30, 2014 conference call were unanimously approved.
  
- III. President's Report
  - A. Industry Update  
Mr. Morris reported on his recent meetings with National HBPA. He then provided an update on the most recent horse count, which is about 2,900 horses (down from 3,100). With regard to the possible use of Galway Downs as an offsite stabling facility, he noted that by law it is mandatory to be a licensed racing operation to receive Stabling & Vanning money. He has spoken to Mr. Ernst, and they are working with an attorney to find a solution. He also met with Messrs. Ludt, Hammerle and Lakow of Santa Anita on Monday, who indicated they want to push to keep Fairplex open. A general discussion ensued regarding the allocation of stall space.
  
  - B. Negotiations with Santa Anita re: Future Stabling  
Mr. Morris provided an update on the recent discussions with Santa Anita regarding additional stabling. Santa Anita is still looking for monetary help with building of any new stalls, and Mr. Brackpool will be giving us an updated proposal.
  
  - C. Horse Recruitment

Mr. Morris will meet with Mr. Dado and the CMC to discuss horse recruitment and player recruitment.

D. CARF Satellite Proposal

Mr. Morris rewrote the original proposal and sent it to Mr. Mishow to formalize. He will present it to the CHRB at their meeting next week.

E. Legal Issues

Mr. Morris gave a brief update on the current status of the two lawsuits that are active, which Mr. Yarmuth is handling.

IV. ADW/Simulcast Committee

Mr. Morris noted that the “in-enclosure” wager is on the CHRB agenda for next week. He is also trying to get the .5% ADW host fee deduction on the agenda for discussion at that meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the status of HD television at California tracks.

V. Finance Committee

Mr. Alexander provided a brief financial update.

VI. Owner Relations Committee

A. Komen Event at Del Mar

Mr. Wellman updated the board on the status of the event, which has been cancelled for this year due to complications with the writing of the race. The concept for the event will be reformulated going forward.

Mr. Wellman brought up the issue of the box seat price increase at Santa Anita and proposed a letter to Santa Anita and Mr. Stronach. Mr. Morris updated on his meeting with Santa Anita on the matter, where he discussed a proposed solution that was not well received. It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. Stronach with copies to Messrs. Ludt and Brackpool and the CHRB, which will then be posted on the TOC website.

VII. Racing Affairs Committee

Mr. Wellman brought up the issue of the racing office policy of the zero starter date – suggesting it may need to be changed, particularly for these short meets. A discussion ensued, which also included the possibility of a central repository for Jockey Club papers. Mr. Morris noted that the issue of the zero starter date was discussed at the most recent Racing Affairs committee meeting, but that committee will bring the matter back for discussion.

Mr. Scheidt gave an update report on the Los Alamitos Winter and Santa Anita Winter-Spring race meet agreements. Mr. Morris added that he has signed the Los Alamitos agreement, and everything has finally been received from Santa Anita.

- VIII. Medication Committee
- A. Update on Uniform Medication Guidelines  
Mr. Morris reported on his meeting with several other states this week, which included discussion about taking more control of the RMTTC. Regarding the process of the writing of third party Lasix protocol for California, he and Mr. Balch will take over that project from Dr. Arthur to expedite the process.
- IX. Legislative Committee  
Mr. Morris provided a brief legislative update.
- X. Race Meet Reports  
Mr. Scheidt gave a brief race meet report for the recent Santa Anita meet and provided an early look at the Del Mar meet. Additionally, he reported on the Golden Gate meet through last Sunday.
- XI. Executive Session  
There was no Executive Session.
- XII. Next Meeting  
The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at Los Alamitos
- XIII. Adjournment  
Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.