

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, June 9, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander, Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Ron Ellis, Mike Harrington, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Billy Morey (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram, and Bill Strauss (by phone).

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Samantha Siegel, Kathy Walsh, and Mike Wellman.

Staff Present: Nick Coukos, Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Jennifer Saavedra, and Richard Scheidt (by phone).

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 by Mr. Coukos.

II. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2016

Mr. Coukos noted one change, that Mr. Baffert should have been listed in attendance. On a motion by Mr. Aldrich, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the minutes of May 12, 2016 were unanimously approved as corrected.

III. Executive Session

Taken out of order following Item XIII.

IV. President's Report

Mr. Coukos reviewed the horse counts for May, which were enclosed in the board packet. He then briefly updated the board on the status of the TOC board election, noting we have received over 1200 ballots to date, more than enough to meet the quorum requirement.

Mr. Coukos asked the board to confirm its position on stabling in the North with regard to horse population that should be in place before any decision is made on stabling needs. Following discussion, the board concurred that the actual horse population in place should be the peak population of total horses stabled at GG and Pleasanton for the prior 12 months plus 10 percent.

Mr. Coukos provided a brief recap of the Walk of Champions event, as well as the Barretts May sale results. He then reported on the CHRB May meeting, noting the announcement of changes to the CHRB standing committees. With regard to the agenda for the upcoming June CHRB board meeting, Mr. Coukos briefly reviewed pertinent items on that agenda. He noted Agenda Item 7, in which Del Mar will apply for a modification to its Pick 6 wager. A brief discussion ensued with regard to that

item. Mr. Avioli briefly addressed Agenda Item 9, which deals with geo-location. Mr. Coukos requested feedback regarding an agenda item on a proposed amendment to the jockeys' riding fee, which was initiated at the last meeting by a jockey's agent. The amendment would adjust the pay scale to 10% for first, second and third in stakes races. The board unanimously agreed to oppose this. The board then reaffirmed its support for 3rd party administration of Lasix, which will also be addressed at the CHRB meeting.

- V. CHRB Race Dates Committee June 15
Discussed in Executive Session.

- VI. ADW/Simulcast Committee
Mr. Avioli gave a brief report on current geo-location discussions with TVG and the status of the new CHRB regulation of on-track ADW.

- VII. Finance Committee (Alexander)
Mr. Alexander provided a financial update for the year to date. He will distribute the final budget at the next meeting for ratification by the newly seated Board.

- VIII. Owner Relations Committee
Mr. Coukos reminded the board about the open forum next Saturday and asked for attendance support.

- IX. Racing Affairs Committee
 - A. Golden Gate Fields Summer Meet
Mr. Scheidt is awaiting the Golden Gate Fields summer proposal, which he expects in the next couple of weeks.
 - B. LACF at Los Alamitos Meet
Mr. Scheidt said he has received their proposal and should have information to the Racing Affairs committee by the end of next week.
 - C. Santa Anita Autumn Meet
Mr. Scheidt reported that a draft of the Autumn meet stakes schedule has been requested, and he is waiting for a formal proposal and does not expect any problems.
 - D. 2017 Race Dates North and South
Discussed in Executive Session.

- X. Medication Committee
Dr. Dedomenico had informed the board that he would provide an update on the Zika virus at the next meeting.

- XI. Legislative Committee
Mr. Avioli provided a brief legislative report. The i-Poker bill will be heard by the Assembly Appropriations Committee next week. Also, the stabling and vanning legislation to increase funding for Stabling and Vanning from 1.25% to 2.0% from satellite wagering should be heard in the Assembly GO committee in June.

- XII. Race Meet Reports
Mr. Scheidt provided brief race meet reports for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields to date. He also reviewed some comparisons for the Golden Gate Turf Festival.
- XIII. Mr. Coukos updated the board on a request from the Santa Anita racing office to increase bottom level purses to help boost field sizes during the last three weeks of the meet. He noted the Executive Committee had declined the proposal. Mr. Coukos highlighted the reasons behind the Executive Committee decision.
- XIV. The board adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to Executive Session.
- XV. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, July 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at Santa Anita.