

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.  
Santa Anita Racetrack**

**MINUTES**

Directors Present: Allen Aldrich (by phone), Nick Alexander, Joe Ciaglia, Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Gary Fenton, Mike Harrington, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram (by phone), Samantha Siegel, Bill Strauss (by phone), and Kathy Walsh (by phone).

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert and Ron Ellis

Staff Present: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Liz Morey, and Patricia Chinnici.

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the minutes of February 16, 2017 were unanimously approved.

II. SCOTWINC / Pechanga Update

Mr. Avioli provided some background information on SCOTWINC and introduced Mr. Haines. Mr. Haines gave an update on the SCOTWINC network, noting that his primary focus is on building the network by opening new mini satellites and upgrading existing ones. Pechanga Casino has recently been added, and the expansion at Commerce Casino is expected to bolster handle at that site significantly. He also pointed out the benefits expected from the reduction of the Santa Anita radius from 20 to 10 miles, which will make it possible to open new sites in strategic areas.

III. Del Mar 2017 Report

Ms. Morey gave an update on yesterday's Racing Affairs committee meeting, at which the Del Mar Summer purse and stakes proposals were reviewed. Mr. Avioli then addressed the current overpayment situation at Del Mar. A discussion ensued about the current status and costs of stabling and vanning in southern California.

Messrs. Jerkins, Robbins and Rubinstein joined the meeting. Mr. Rubinstein addressed Del Mar's overpayment situation and how that will be handled going forward. He indicated that Del Mar does not intend to attempt to recover any of that overpayment during the upcoming meet and would like to keep purse levels where they have been. Mr. Robbins reviewed the purse proposals for the meet. Mr. Rubinstein also addressed projections for handle and planned measures to mitigate breakdowns such as changes to training protocols and track maintenance. Mr. Rubinstein then reviewed Del Mar's Ship & Win proposal for 2017, which includes a request to increase the supplement from \$1,000 to \$ 1,500 per starter.

Ms. Morey summarized the recommendation of the Racing Affairs Committee to approve stakes and purse proposals as provided in the meeting packet and increase the Ship & Win supplement to \$1,500. On a motion by Ms. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ciaglia, the recommendation was approved with one “no” (Harrington).

Ms. Morey then reviewed a request from Santa Anita for a horse recruitment program, which would pay transportation costs amounting to \$3,000 for a Grade 3 stakes, \$4,000 for a Grade 2 stakes, and \$5,000 for a Grade 1 stakes, to be shared equally by TOC and Santa Anita. Ms. Siegel made a motion to approve the Santa Anita request; however, following ensuing discussion the board decided to table the vote until the April board meeting, with a request to invite Mr. Morris to attend that meeting to provide further details.

IV. Stabling & Vanning Update / North & South

Mr. Avioli reviewed the TOC proposal, which was approved by the Stabling & Vanning Committee, to assume administrative responsibilities for the Southern California Stabling & Vanning Committee for a fee of \$8,750 per month. On a motion by Mr. Lovingier, seconded by Mr. Alexander, the board unanimously ratified the decision.

V. Legislative Update

Mr. Avioli gave a brief update on the current legislative session, initiatives, and pending federal legislation.

VI. ADW Geolocation Update

Mr. Avioli noted that geolocation begins today, and we expect to begin getting data tomorrow.

VII. TOC Board Election Update

Ms. Forney updated the board on the 2017 election process. The slate of candidates is: Mark Dedomenico, Gary Fenton, Mike Harrington, Terry Lovingier, Jack Owens, Bill Strauss, Andrew Lerner, and Bing Bush. Candidate statements are due April 1, and ballots will be mailed May 15.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Mr. Alexander distributed the completed 2015-16 audit. On a motion by Mr. Lovingier, seconded by Mr. Moger, the audit was unanimously approved. Mr. Alexander then provided a brief financial report for the month of February as well as year to date.

B. Medication Committee

Mr. Avioli gave a brief recap of the medication rules currently being considered by the CHRB, noting that the CHRB has abandoned the rule amendment on medication testing for morning workouts. They are moving forward with the rule amendments on horses returning following 120 days or more and the ARCI model rules for out-of-competition testing, both of

which we will have a chance to comment on publicly within the next two months.

- C. Owner Relations Committee  
Mr. Avioli provided a brief update on the industry working group meeting on the “We Care” project and informed the board that TOC staff is working on video vignettes and developing a YouTube channel and website banner showcasing the videos.
  
- IX. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Santa Anita.
  
- X. Adjournment  
Mr. Avioli adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.