

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, April 13, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

MINUTES

Directors Present: Nick Alexander, Allen Aldrich, Bob Baffert, Joe Ciaglia (by phone), Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Ron Ellis (by phone), Gary Fenton, Mike Harrington (by phone), Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram (by phone).

Directors Absent: Samantha Siegel, Bill Strauss, and Kathy Walsh.

Staff Present: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Elizabeth Morey, Joe Hasson, and Patricia Chinnici.

I. Update from The Stronach Group

Mr. Ritvo joined the meeting to give an update on Santa Anita's plans for the new stalls. He stated that Belinda Stronach was now fully in charge of the Stronach Group and had determined to move forward with building the 850 new stalls in the North parking lot with the Stronach group funding all costs, provided they could receive commitments from the CHRB to move the 8 racing weeks currently run at Los Alamitos to Santa Anita. He noted that they were in active discussions with the city of Arcadia and he continued to believe the stalls would be built prior to the end of 2019.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Lovingier, seconded by Mr. Aldrich, the minutes of March 15, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. NOTWINC / SCOTWINC Update

Mr. Avioli brought the board up to date on the status of negotiations regarding Golden Gate's intent to withdraw as a host site from the NOTWINC satellite network in the North. He explained how this action was impacting the labor negotiations of NOTWINC and SCOTWINC with local 280. He noted that NOTWINC has retained bankruptcy counsel to review its solvency and related issues in the event Golden Gate did withdraw per its notice.

IV. North Stabling Update

Ms. Morey reviewed the stabling agreement with Golden Gate for the summer Fair season in Northern California. The board was provided a copy of the agreement. The Stabling & Vanning Committee will be administering the process for invoicing trainers who do not make at least one start per stall during the fair racing season through and including the end of the Fresno meet.

V. South Stabling & Vanning Update

Mr. Avioli reported on his site visit to San Luis Rey Downs last week, noting that horses were beginning to move in from Del Mar. He also provided an update on the possible settlement of \$300,000 to owners from the catastrophic insurance coverage for horses that perished in the SLRD fire. He reviewed terms of a renewal for the catastrophic insurance policy, which was included in the board packet.

VI. CMC / CalRacingCares Update

Ms. Forney provided an update on CMC activities including the Calracing website, the updated Calracingcares website and last year's simulcast promotion report by John Morris. Mr. Avioli added that CMC will consider contributing to a proposed new national initiative

to support a digital marketing campaign to wealthy individuals highlighting the advantages of owning racehorses under the new tax laws.

VII. Election Report

Ms. Forney provided a brief election update. Mr. Alexander nominated Mr. Fenton to replace Ms. Walsh as chair of the Racing Affairs Committee, as Ms. Walsh will not seek reelection to the board in June. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aldrich and passed unanimously.

VIII. CHRB Meeting

Mr. Avioli reviewed the CHRB meeting agenda, which was provided to the board, along with a letter from The Stronach Group relating to Item 7 on that agenda.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli gave a brief legislative report including the latest update on sports wagering legislation, current activity in Sacramento, and the California gubernatorial race. He also advised the board of a donation that was made to a fundraiser for Assemblyman Vince Fong.

B. Finance Committee

Ms. Chinnici provided a financial update for the month ending March 31 and year to date. She will have year-end projections at next month's meeting

C. Wagering Committee

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the negotiations with Keeneland/Monarch regarding Kentucky host fees. Mr. Hasson updated the board on his current work on geo-location and the latest numbers for on-track ADW. Mr. Avioli reviewed purse reports for Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita, which were handed out to the board. Work is currently being done by TOC staff to have these reports automatically generated through CHRIMS, and a more detailed report will be presented at the May meeting.

D. Medication Committee

Ms. Morey commented on the proposed medication rules included on the CHRB board meeting agenda. A Medication Committee meeting is planned for next week in preparation for the CHRB Medication meeting and CHRB board meeting. Also included in the board packet was a memo from Mr. Balch to the CHRB regarding a Medication Committee agenda item regarding the delivery of medical records. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Board was to oppose the 120-day layoff mandatory vet check bill and out of competition testing rule because CHRB has not provided sufficient rationale for the rules or cost benefit analysis.

E. Owner Relations

i. Racing Office Open Forum Teleconference Sat., 4/14

Ms. Forney briefly reviewed information on the Racing Office Open Forum Teleconference to be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.