

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, April 5, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Allen Aldrich (by phone), Nick Alexander (by phone), Joe Ciaglia, Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss (by phone).

Board Members Absent: Bob Baffert, Mike Harrington, and Mike Pegram.

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

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Lovingier, seconded by Ms. Siegel, the minutes of Feb. 14, March 6, March 14, and March 16, 2019 were unanimously approved.

II. Del Mar Racing Summer 2019 Presentation

Messrs. Rubinstein, Robbins and Ernst joined the meeting to discuss the 2019 summer meet. They indicated DMTC is planning for their first condition book to be similar to last year, and they will adjust accordingly if field sizes are greatly impacted by the situation that is currently playing out at Santa Anita. Mr. Robbins reviewed the stakes schedule, which has been presented to the Racing Affairs committee. Purse levels saw increases in most categories based on the success of the past two seasons. The Ship & Win program will return, with \$2,500 paid per start to qualifying horses and a winning bonus of 40% of the purse for non-stakes races. The increase over 2018 (\$2,000 per start and 30% winning bonus) is intended as one way to incent trainers to return to California for the Del Mar meet who have left during Santa Anita's meet. Mr. Ernst reviewed the current overpayment status and agreement from DMTC to "roll" forward approximately \$1 million of overpayment to maintain competitive purses in 2019. Mr. Fenton noted that the Racing Affairs committee has unanimously approved their purse proposals. The Board unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Racing Committee.

III. Santa Anita Racing & Training Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on this morning's meeting with CHRB, Del Mar and the Stronach Group regarding safety measures and contingency planning in the event of any near term catastrophic injuries during live racing.

IV. Stabling & Vanning – Updated Projections

Mr. Hasson reviewed the S & V projection, which accounted for the allowed reimbursement for horses to ship from Santa Anita to Golden Gate Fields and back while racing was suspended at Santa Anita, in addition to allowing reimbursement for horses shipping from Santa Anita to SLRD or Los Alamitos for workouts. These expenses have resulted in the S&V Fund being approximately \$41,000 over budget. This extraordinary reimbursement has now ended with the resumption of racing at Santa Anita.

V. NOTWINC / ADW Café Update

Mr. Avioli informed the board that the Stronach Group is planning on opening their first ADW café up north. The TOC has been reviewing the legal and regulatory framework with the CHRB and it appears the current law would allow such an operation.

- VI. CalRacingCares Update
Ms. Forney provided an update on the Calracingcares program.
- VII. PostTime Board Meeting Update
Mr. Avioli reviewed the PostTime board meeting, a summary of which was provided to the board.
- VIII. Legislation
 - A. Sports Wagering / Economic Impact Study
Mr. Avioli informed the board that the California economic impact study has been commissioned by a new consortium led by the TOC (known as CHC 2020 Group) with members including TOC, Del Mar, Los Alamitos, CARF and CTBA.
 - B. 2020 Ballot Initiative
There was a discussion about one or more animal rights groups calling for a ballot initiative in California that would restrict or prohibit horseracing. Mr. Avioli reviewed for the board the possibilities and agreed to review the detailed process and timeline for a ballot initiative at the next TOC meeting.
- IX. Finance Committee
Ms. Chinnici gave the financial report, including March financials, year to date, and year end projection.
- X. Owner Relations Committee
Ms. Forney gave an update on the TOC Racehorse Retirement Webinar, which was successfully held on March 30.
- XI. CARF Request for Reduced Takeout Exacta
Because the projections on the reduced takeout exacta wager provided by CARF were incomplete, the board tabled this agenda item.
- XII. Race Meet Reports
Mr. Avioli provided an update on the purse account status for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields. He also reviewed the horse counts in the North and South.
- XIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.