

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, July 19, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.
Del Mar Racetrack**

MINUTES

Directors Attending: Allen Aldrich (by phone), Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss.

Directors Absent: Mark Dedomenico, Mike Harrington, and Mike Pegram.

Staff Attending: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Wayne Atwell, Elsa Peron, Patricia Chinnici, and Joe Hasson.

I. I Am Horseracing Presentation (Jill Baffert)

Mr. Avioli introduced Ms. Baffert and Ms. McGill, who made a presentation about the I Am Horseracing campaign.

Mr. Avioli reviewed the results of a horse racing survey, which was provided to the board.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the minutes of June 14, 2019 and July 2, 2019 were approved unanimously.

III. Seating of 2019-20 Board, Ratification of Past Actions

Mr. Avioli reviewed the list of proposed board committees, which was provided to the board and is attached to these minutes. On a motion by Mr. Strauss, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the board committees were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the board unanimously ratified past actions of the TOC board.

IV. Del Mar Update

Messrs. Rubinstein and Robbins of Del Mar joined the meeting to give an overview of the new veterinary panel at Del Mar, followed by a question and answer session. Mr. Robbins then gave a brief update on the status of the stakes program and entries.

V. Hollendorfer / CTT Motion for TRO

Mr. Avioli reviewed the current status of the Hollendorfer and CTT lawsuit seeking injunctive relief against DMTC.

VI. CHRB Meeting Report / GGF Horsemen Agreement Issues

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the CHRB meeting yesterday, particularly the agenda item regarding the Golden Gate Fields race meet agreement, which TOC has not signed pending agreement with the tracks on updated language regarding removal of an owner or trainer's horses from stalls at the track. He added that an update was received today regarding the Golden Gate purse account, which we now expect will be underpaid going into their fall meet. Mr. Avioli also updated the board on the CHRB board agenda item to approve the Santa Anita Fall meet application, to which we objected based on the fact that TOC has not yet received any race meet agreement or purse proposals from Santa Anita.

VII. NTRA Meeting

Mr. Avioli reported on yesterday's NTRA board meeting. There was general agreement that we could collectively use federal legislation to adopt a uniform set of rules nationally, to let the public know that we are working together. Such rules would potentially be mandated federally but with state oversight. There will be a follow up two-day special NTRA "constitutional convention" in New York next week, which Mr. Avioli will attend.

VIII. Possible Expense for Vet Check Entry Form

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the recent concerns expressed by owners in Northern California regarding possible fees for the mandated vet checks. He confirmed the TOC had not had any discussions with any track or the CHRB regarding additional fees for additional vet or vet panel check. He noted that the possibility of TOC considering an increase to the participating purse if such new fees were ultimately imposed. TOC staff will continue to monitor any developments in this regard.

IX. 2019 Race Dates

Mr. Fenton updated the board on the status of the CHRB consideration of 2020 race dates, noting that there is no date set as yet for their race dates committee meeting. He covered some of the core issues that will be considered with the Racing Committee re 2020 dates and noted he is working with TOC staff and SA, Los Al and DMTC representatives to develop a proposed calendar.

X. Sports Wagering / Consumer Research

Mr. Avioli reviewed results of the in-depth consumer research commissioned by the racing industry in CA, including the TOC, and explained how the research would be used going forward.

XI. Staff Objectives and Accomplishments

Mr. Avioli reviewed the 2019 staff accomplishments and 2020 objectives, which were provided to the board. He asked that the board provide any input to Mr. Alexander or himself as we finalize the 2020 objectives before the next meeting.

XII. Finance Committee

Mr. Chinnici reported on the June financials, preliminary fiscal year-end financials, and the proposed 2020 budget, which was provided to the board. On a motion by Mr. Strauss, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the board unanimously approved the 2020 budget as proposed.

XIII. Owner Relations

Ms. Forney updated the board on the Partnerships & Syndicates seminar scheduled for this Sunday. Mr. Lovingier reiterated the importance of building our social media platform for Calracingcares.com.

XIV. Racing Affairs

Mr. Atwell reviewed the Fair season report, including purse levels for the recently completed Pleasanton meet.

Mr. Avioli and Mr. Atwell then reviewed the Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita purse reports through the end of the winter-spring meets.

Mr. Avioli reviewed the June horse counts, which were provided to the board.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.