

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, September 20, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**MINUTES**

Directors Attending: Nick Alexander, Allen Aldrich, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Terry Lovingier, Jack Owens, and Samantha Siegel.

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Ed Moger, and Bill Strauss.

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

- I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Mr. Aldrich, seconded by Mr. Alexander, the minutes of August 9, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- III. TOC Board Resignation  
Mr. Avioli referred to a letter of resignation from Dr. Dedomenico, which was provided to the board. Additionally, Mr. Alexander informed the board that he received a call from Mr. Pegram tendering his resignation from the board.
- IV. Santa Anita Management Changes  
Mr. Avioli updated the board on the appointment of Craig Fravel to the Stronach Group.
- V. CHRB Board Changes  
Mr. Avioli updated the board on the two new commissioners on the CHRB, and a summary of their bios was provided to the board. Mr. Avioli also reviewed the main points covered at yesterday's CHRB board meeting.
- VI. 2020 Race Dates
  - A. Southern CA Calendar Status  
Mr. Avioli reviewed yesterday's discussions and decision of the CHRB regarding southern California race dates for 2020. The approved calendar is the same as presented at our last meeting with the exception of an additional week at Los Alamitos in December, now giving Los Alamitos a total of five weeks. Mr. Fenton moved for board ratification of the calendar, which was seconded and unanimously approved.
  - B. Northern CA Calendar / Stabling Status  
Mr. Avioli informed the board that Mr. Swartzlander will attend our October board meeting at Golden Gate to provide information on CARF's proposed dates calendar and overpayment status. At yesterday's CHRB meeting, TOC did not take a position on those race dates. A compromise was tentatively agreed to that will keep Golden Gate Fields open for summer stabling, with the first week of Ferndale running un-overlapped. Mr. Aldrich added the latest information he has regarding cost for stabling at Golden Gate.

Mr. Aldrich made a motion to support the Northern California race dates and stabling proposal to be negotiated by TOC's representatives Aldrich and Atwell. His motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

VII. CHRB Medication Committee Update

Mr. Avioli noted that Dr. Ferraro is the new chair of the CHRB medication committee. He reviewed the discussions at Wednesday's meeting, which included methods for dealing with wet tracks during heavy rain events.

VIII. CalRacingCares Update

Ms. Forney updated the board on the CalRacingCares program, which is going extremely well with more than 60 videos created and posted to date. She called attention to a contract, which was provided to the board, which CMC has entered into with Oscar de la Torre, who has been heading the public relations campaign involving the backstretch workers. The contract is to retain his services through Breeders' Cup. Ms. Forney also noted that discussions are ongoing with the I Am Horseracing group with the thought to help reduce their costs by coordinating video production efforts with Calracingcares.

IX. RMTTC Meeting Update (Rick Gold)

Mr. Gold briefly reviewed his memo on the recent RMTTC meeting, which was provided to the board.

X. TVG Change re: NYRA

Mr. Avioli informed the board that NYRA has severed its relationship with TVG for television broadcasting. All of NYRA races now will be shown on Fox Sports beginning in October; however, wagering will still be available on TVG.

XI. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the status of sports wagering legislation, as well as other federal legislation outlined in a memo from the NTRA, which was provided to the board. He also reviewed current discussions about medication regulations including Lasix. Mr. Avioli then reviewed a meeting he and Messrs. Liewald and Strauss attended with TVG regarding the future of sports wagering in California.

XII. Finance Committee

A. August Financials

Ms. Chinnici reported on the financials for August and year to date.

XIII. Racing Affairs

Mr. Avioli informed the board that staff is currently working on a statewide report of purse over/underpayments, which will be available at the next board meeting.

Mr. Fenton provided a brief overview of a Monarch issue involving their biggest player, who has made a specific proposal regarding his rate. The Wagering Committee will meet before the October board meeting to consider the proposal.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.