

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, February 14, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.  
Santa Anita**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:** Allen Aldrich (by phone), Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold (by phone), Mike Harrington (by phone), Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Richard Rosenberg (by phone), and Samantha Siegel.

**Directors Absent:** Jeff Bloom, Joe Ciaglia, and Bill Strauss.

**Staff Present:** Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Joe Hasson, Patricia Chinnici, Elsa Peron (by phone), and Wayne Atwell (by phone).

**Others Present:** Kevin Eikleberry, Bob Hutton, Leroy Gessman, Mike Chambers, and Aidan Butler.

- I. Arizona Simulcast Signal / Monarch Dispute  
Mr. Avioli introduced the representatives from Arizona, Messrs. Hutton, Eikleberry, Gessman, and Chambers, who provided an update on the current situation with Arizona racing and simulcasting. A board discussion ensued. They are asking for TOC support in their negotiations with Monarch with regard to bringing the Monarch signals into Arizona. After the Arizona representatives left the meeting, a board discussion ensued. It was the board's feeling that TOC staff should meet with Mr. Daruty and urge Monarch and urge them to consider a one-year temporary resolution.
- II. Santa Anita Update – Aidan Butler  
Mr. Butler came into the meeting to provide an update on Santa Anita. He covered recent safety measures, horse population, plans for a new Ship & Win program in conjunction with Del Mar, and plans to x-ray all horses following injury on the track. He then answered questions from the board.
- III. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Mr. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Liewald, the minutes of January 17, 2020 were unanimously approved.
- IV. NOTWINC / SCOTWINC Update

Mr. Avioli reviewed information provided to the board regarding the Northern California signal lawsuit, the NOTWINC operating budget, and the current unfunded pension liabilities for SCOTWINC and NOTWINC.

V. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli gave a brief legislative report including updates on the Dodd-Gray Bill, Karla Bill, work being done in Sacramento, federal legislation, and sports wagering legislation.

VI. Hi-Volume Player Analysis for 2019

Mr. Avioli reviewed the Hi-Volume Player Analysis, which was discussed by the Wagering Committee yesterday and which was provided to the board.

VII. Co-Op Marketing

Mr. Avioli reviewed the information on the California Marketing Co-op program, which was provided to the board.

VIII. Finance Committee

Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for January and year to date.

IX. Racing Affairs

A. Jockey Mount Fee Increase

Ms. Forney reviewed the recent legislated increase in jockey losing mount riding fees, which are tied to the increases in the California minimum wage.

B. Purse Reports

Mr. Avioli reviewed the purse reports for the Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields meets to date.

C. January Horse Counts

Mr. Avioli reviewed the horse counts for Northern and Southern California, which were provided to the board.

D. ADW – New CHRB Reg

Mr. Avioli reviewed the proposed regulation that Mr. Hasson has been working on, which was provided to the board.

X. CHRB

Mr. Avioli updated the board on current CHRB issues. He informed them of the proposed bisphosphonate rule, a copy of which was provided to the board.

XI. Recap of TOC Tax Webinar

Ms. Forney provided an update on the TOC Tax Webinar held earlier this month.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.