

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, March 20, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
BY TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

Directors Participating: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Jeff Bloom, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Richard Rosenberg, and Samantha Siegel.

Directors Absent: Bill Strauss.

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

- I. Mr. Avioli reviewed a joint letter from TOC, Stronach Group, and Del Mar being sent to the Governor today requesting to keep racing operating, a copy of which was emailed to the board. A discussion ensued.
- II. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Ms. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Ciaglia, the minutes of February 14, 2020 were unanimously approved.
- III. 2020 Board Election / Special Process to Forego Election
Mr. Avioli and Ms. Forney reviewed the process for foregoing the election due to the fact that the number of candidates up for election is the same as the number of seats open. This will save the TOC an expense of approximately \$14,000. However, a decision must be made as to which of the six directors up for election will take a one-year term, while the other five will be given three year terms. Mr. Avioli will canvass the candidates after call to determine if anyone is willing to take a one-year term; otherwise, a random selection process will be employed.
- IV. Potential Impacts to Racing and Training from Coronavirus
Mr. Avioli reviewed the emails that were sent to the membership this week as well as the responses received. He also reviewed the anticipated effects of the closure of most of the SCOTWINC off-track wagering sites.
- V. Del Mar 2020 Summer Meet Purses & Overnights Proposal
Mr. Avioli noted that the Racing Affairs Committee has unanimously approved the Del Mar summer purse proposals, which were provided to the board. Mr. Fenton briefly reviewed discussions with Del Mar. Mr. Fenton then made a motion to ratify the Racing Affairs Committee's approval of the Del Mar purse proposals, which was seconded by Mr. Alexander and unanimously approved.
- VI. CHRB Agenda: Lasix/Entry
Mr. Avioli reviewed the agenda for the CHRB board meeting teleconference scheduled for next week. He noted that the Lasix rule they are going to propose would eliminate Lasix for

two year olds only. Regarding entry fees, the CHRB intends to modify the rule that went into effect a couple weeks ago, clarifying the stand down time for race day medications.

- VII. **Sports Wagering: April 21 Signature Deadline**
Mr. Avioli updated the board on the status of the sports wagering ballot initiative.

- VIII. **Elite #17 – Special Wagering Terms**
Mr. Avioli reviewed the proposals from Monarch and Del Mar regarding Elite #17. The Stronach Group has indicated they have decided not to go forward with the deal. Del Mar has elected to negotiate a separate deal, the terms of which were provided to the board. These proposals were considered by the Wagering Committee this week. Following discussion, Ms. Siegel made a motion to approve the recommendations of Wagering Committee regarding the Del Mar proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fenton and unanimously approved.

- IX. **Workers' Compensation Update**
Mr. Hasson presented the report on Workers' Comp that he presented to PostTime Insurance at their recent board meeting. He has done a risk assessment on racing and training, identifying a number of areas of concern. He reviewed his results and recommendations and answered questions from the board.

- X. **Mr. Avioli reviewed the purse accounts for Santa Anita and Golden Gate, projecting purse status if racing is suspended.**

- XI. **Legislative Report**
Mr. Avioli gave a brief update on the current status of federal legislation.

- XII. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.