

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, June 12, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.  
BY TELECONFERENCE**

**MINUTES**

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

**Directors Absent:** Bob Baffert, Jeff Bloom, and Joe Ciaglia.

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

- I. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Liewald, the minutes of May 15, 2020 were unanimously approved.
- II. TOC Accomplishments / Objectives / Goals  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the FY 2020 TOC Objectives and Results, a copy of which was provided to the board.
- III. CHRB Board Meeting Recap  
Mr. Avioli provided a summary of yesterday's CHRB board meeting. He explained the final resolution of the Northern California racing dates between CARF and Golden Gate Fields through the start of the Fresno meet in October. The CHRB board also passed two jockey riding crop rules relating to the physical construction and the manner of use of the crop—both of which passed over strong objection of the jockeys. Mr. Avioli noted the TOC had earlier submitted a public comment to the CHRB on the proposed rule that joined the Jockeys Guild in requesting a delay in the rule making process until a national standard could be agreed upon. He added that new whip rules will not be in place until October at the earliest due to standard regulatory processes.
- IV. PostTime Proposed Per Start Fee Increase  
Ms. Forney informed the board of the Post Time proposal to raise the per start fee to cover lower than expected Post Time revenues for calendar year 2020 with a corresponding 24% increase in trainers per stall assessment. Mr. Avioli then reviewed the Post Time projected 2020 financials to illustrate the need for the increased funding due to Covid-19 related reduced racing and horse population. On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg, the board unanimously approved the increase in the per start fee to \$149.

- V. **Stabling & Vanning Update**
- A. **Budget Shortfall / Alternatives**  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the Stabling & Vanning budget forecast, a copy of which was provided to the board. A subcommittee of the TOC board was proposed, and Mr. Alexander asked board members to let him know if they would like to be on the subcommittee.
  - B. **KC Horse Transport Vanning Update**  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the vanning budget, which was provided to the board. He then updated the board on the negotiations with KC Horse Transport for 2021, which are ongoing.
- VI. **Legislative Report**  
Mr. Avioli provided a legislative report, including the status of sports wagering legislation. Mr. Gold summarized his discussions with Jockey Club leadership on the status of the Jockey Club's proposal for federal legislation for a new national oversight agency. It was agreed that if that legislation moves forward TOC would invite the Jockey Club to present the issue to the full board.
- VII. **Wagering Committee Report**  
Request from Monarch Re: GWS  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the request from Monarch regarding selling the CA signal to GWS in the UK and EU, a copy of which was provided to the board. Ms. Forney provided the 2019 handle and purse generation for the GWS sites. The consensus of the board was to accept the recommendation of the Wagering Committee, which had unanimously approved the proposal.
- VIII. **Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita Purse Reports**  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the purse reports, which were provided to the board.
- IX. **Racing Affairs**
- A. **Del Mar Racing Update**  
Mr. Avioli gave an update on the upcoming Del Mar race meet.
  - B. **Horse Counts**  
Horse counts for Northern and Southern California were provided to the board.
- X. **Financial Report**  
Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for May and year to date, as well as a preliminary FY 2020 year-end forecast.
- XI. **Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.