

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, July 17, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
BY TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Wayne Atwell, Joe Hasson, Elsa Peron, and Elizabeth Morey.

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg, the board unanimously approved the minutes of June 12, 2020.

II. Recap of TOC Membership Call Re: Del Mar Racing

Mr. Avioli updated the board on yesterday's membership conference call regarding the cancellation of the weekend's racing at Del Mar due to several jockeys testing positive for COVID-19.

III. CHRB Board Meeting Recap

Mr. Avioli updated the board on yesterday's CHRB board meeting.

IV. Los Alamitos QH License Probation Update

Mr. Avioli reviewed the Los Alamitos plan to continue live racing. A special CHRB board meeting call is scheduled for Monday to consider the Los Alamitos proposal, and call-in information will be forwarded to the board.

V. NYRA-Fox Partnership Update – Tony Allevato, NYRA Bets President Presenting

Mr. Avioli explained the purpose for having Mr. Allevato of NYRA Bets make a presentation to the board this morning. TOC's ultimate goal is to develop a longer deal for the purse account to receive increased benefits from ADW wagering. NYRA Bets could offer a potential commercial alternative to our current model with TVG and XpressBet.

Mr. Allevato then joined the call to discuss possibilities for California racing working with NYRA Bets. He reviewed the development and structure of NYRA Bets and their relationship with Fox Sports Network. He then answered questions from the board. After Mr. Allevato left the call, there was a discussion by the board.

VI. Proposal from Equine Medi-Record – Pierce Dargan CEO Presenting

Mr. Avioli introduced Mr. Dargan, who joined the call to make a presentation about Equine Medi-Record, a system that can track equine medical records in an online database. Mr. Gold, TOC representative on the RMTC, provided some further explanation about the system, which has been reviewed by the RMTC as an alternative to the Jockey Club system.

Mr. Dargan explained that the Equine Medi-Record system is currently up and running in Europe, digitizing and recording veterinary medical records on a mobile and web application used by a trainer or his vet. Their system has received approval from the CHRB for use in California. He requested that TOC consider providing \$12,000 to Equine Medi-Record to assist them in getting the system up and running in California. In return, they would offer the service to TOC members free for 2020, at a 50% discount for 2021, and at a 10% discount after 2021. The current cost is \$2 per horse per month.

Mr. Gold made a motion to allocate a total of \$12,000 – consisting of a \$6,000 deposit and an additional \$6,000 when set up is complete. A discussion ensued, after which the motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander and passed unanimously.

VII. California Marketing Co-op Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the work being done by the California Marketing Co-op, as well as the recent editorial comment provided to the Times of San Diego by Oscar de la Torre.

VIII. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli provided a legislative report. The California legislature is not scheduled to come back into session until at least the end of the month due to COVID-19.

IX. Racing Affairs

Mr. Atwell reviewed the Santa Rosa and Golden Gate Fields purse proposals, which were approved by the Northern California Racing Affairs Committee and provided to the board.

Mr. Atwell then reviewed the Pleasanton purse report, which was provided to the board.

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the first week of Del Mar. He also reviewed the horse counts, which were provided to the board.

X. Southern CA Proposed Race 2021 Dates

Mr. Avioli reviewed the TOC recommended 2021 southern California race dates calendar, which the executive committee had previously approved. He noted that discussions were ongoing with racetracks to obtain a consensus for this calendar, but he believed it likely the three tracks would submit three different proposals to the CHRB.

XI. TOC Proposed Goals FY 2021

Mr. Avioli informed the board that the proposed goals for 2021 were reviewed by the Finance Committee yesterday and will be added to the August board agenda.

XII. Financial Report

Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for June as well as year-end. She also reviewed the 2021 budget, which was reviewed by the Finance Committee. Mr. Strauss made a motion to adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed budget, which was seconded by Mr. Alexander and unanimously approved.