

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, September 18, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
BY TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

Directors Attending: Allen Aldrich, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Jack Owens, Richard Rosenberg, Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss.

Directors Absent: Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Jeff Bloom, and Ed Moger.

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

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Lovingier, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the minutes of August 14, 2020 were unanimously approved.

II. Board Conflict of Interest – Aldrich and Harrington

Mr. Avioli reviewed the policy regarding board conflict of interest. Mr. Harrington then stated he would resign from the Los Alamitos board. Mr. Aldrich resigned his position on TOC board. Mr. Harrington will send a resignation to Los Alamitos, with a copy to TOC, by end of day today. Mr. Aldrich then left the meeting.

With one board vacancy now, Mr. Avioli asked the board to provide any recommendations. The matter will be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

III. 2021 Southern CA Race Dates / Stakeholders Meeting 9/17/20

Mr. Avioli updated the board on yesterday's stakeholder race dates meeting. At the request of CARF, discussion of 2021 race dates in the north was postponed. As no consensus was reached, it will be left up to the CHRB to decide on the allocation of the dates.

IV. CHRB Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. Avioli reviewed the agenda, which was provided to the board. He pointed out that the proposal to have the Fresno dates run at GGF has been approved and is on the agenda.

V. Monarch / Elite Update

Mr. Avioli reviewed the status of our research on Elite Turf Club, which is being spearheaded by Mr. Hasson. Provided to the board was an organizational chart for

TSG Developments; and Mr. Avioli explained the various relationships with TSG, Monarch, and Elite Turf Club. Mr. Avioli further reviewed the rates, handle, and revenue related to Elite Turf Club wagering in California.

VI. Post Time Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the summary of an agreement reached by CTT and Post Time regarding mod rates, a copy of which was provided to the board. He noted that this represents a sea change for trainers in policing their own safety performance. A discussion ensued. Mr. Liewald requested that transparency be provided for owners with regard to trainer safety performance, which Mr. Avioli will follow up on.

VII. SLRD As Auxiliary Stabling

Mr. Avioli reviewed the current discussions regarding the viability of continuing to keep SLRD open as an auxiliary training facility. He asked for board input, and a discussion ensued. Mr. Avioli then added that we are currently running numbers on the amount of funding needed to be generated to support the Stabling & Vanning fund. Following discussion, it was agreed that the issue would be reviewed again at the next board meeting. At that time, the board will consider the terms necessary for SLRD to stay open; and in the meantime Mr. Avioli will speak with Santa Anita to get their input.

VIII. Equine Medi-Record Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the status of the implementation of the Equine MediRecord system in California. A copy of an update from EMR was provided to the board. Mr. Fenton updated the board on the trainers who have been testing the system. The system is expected to be up and running in approximately three weeks.

IX. Legislative Report

A. McConnell Bill Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board the status of the McConnell Bill as well as last week's member conference call regarding the bill.

B. Adam Gray Fundraiser

Mr. Avioli updated the board on Adam Gray's equine welfare bill, which is making its way through the California legislature. There will be a fundraiser in Napa next week, and TOC will be allocating a donation.

X. Racing Affairs

A. Golden Gate Summer Meet Purse Report

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the purse projections going into Golden Gate's Fall meet, a copy of which was provided to the board. The list of approved stakes races and overnights was also provided to the board.

B. Del Mar Fall Updated Purse Proposals

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the current underpayment status at Del Mar.

He also reviewed a recap of the Ship & Win Program, a copy of which was provided to the board.

C. Horse Counts

The Northern and Southern horse counts were provided to the board.

XI. Financial Report

A. PPL Loan

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the status of our application, noting that it does not appear we will qualify for a loan.

B. Audit Status

Ms. Chinnici updated the board on the status of the audit, which should be completed in October.

C. August Financials

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

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.