

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

MINUTES

Directors Attending: Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Jeff Bloom, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Stephanie Hronis, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Richard Rosenberg, and Bill Strauss.

Directors Absent: Mike Harrington and Samantha Siegel.

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

Others Attending: Michael Lyon, Post Time Self Insurance Group.

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the minutes of October 23, 2020 were unanimously approved.

II. Golden Gate Fields COVID Closure

Messrs. Alexander and Moger gave an update on training at Golden Gate Fields during the current closure. A discussion ensued.

III. Stabling & Vanning Update /Horse Counts

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

He then updated the board on the ongoing Stabling & Vanning negotiations. Mr. Alexander updated the board on his meetings with Los Alamitos management. Mr. Baffert advised the board of his discussions this week with Dr. Allred.

IV. SCOTWINC / NOTWINC Update

Mr. Avioli reviewed a chart of the satellite locations outlining handle and noting which locations are open or closed, a copy of which was provided to the board. He pointed out the trend of people in California betting on races outside of California, which provides less purse revenue than other wagering sources. Mr. Hasson commented on the current demand at the locations in light of the COVID protocols in place.

V. Arizona Simulcast Dispute Resolution

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the resolution reached between Monarch and the Arizona horsemen. Beginning in early December, the California simulcast signal will once again be allowed to be broadcast to Turf Paradise and its OTBs.

VI. ADW Negotiation Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the recent negotiations with the ADW companies regarding our request for hub fee relief. He noted that we are working on an initial deal with TVG that would include a 1% reduction (from 5% to 4%) in the hub fee

with all savings going to purses. Mr. Liewald updated the board on his discussions with the ADW companies. Mr. Fenton updated the board on his discussions with the Stronach Group with regard to purse negotiations in relationship to our request to the ADW companies. A discussion ensued.

VII. Post Time Update/10 Year Plan

Mr. Lyon joined the meeting and began with a recap of the workers' comp program in California and the funding process. He then covered the status of the claims and expenses and reviewed the projected PostTime budget for 2020-21, a copy of which was provided to the board. He also updated the board on the likelihood of PostTime receiving COVID-19 claims and the protocols being put in place to quarantine affected backstretch workers. He then updated the board on the new safety officer, who has been working for three months and is doing a great job.

VIII. CHRB Board Meeting Review

Mr. Avioli noted that Los Alamitos Quarter Horse's 12-month license application was postponed until next month's meeting, with a request that Los Alamitos provide a plan for dealing with injuries related to steroid injections. A discussion ensued. It was decided to form a TOC board subcommittee to further explore all Los Alamitos issues and set a summit type meeting with Los Alamitos management. Mr. Avioli reviewed the CHRB approved Northern California race dates for 2021, which were provided to the board.

IX. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the status of the sports wagering ballot initiative, and the discussions regarding monetizing our sports wagering media rights.

X. Racing Affairs

Santa Anita, Del Mar and Golden Gate Purse Reports were provided to the board.

XI. Financial Report

Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for October and year to date, as well as an update on investment income. Following discussion, Mr. Alexander made a motion to budget up to \$50,000 for a study on the value of our racing program to outside sports media rights interests. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fenton and unanimously approved.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.