

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, March 12, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.
BY TELECONFERENCE**

MINUTES

Directors Present: Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Stephanie Hronis, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Richard Rosenberg, Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss.

Directors Absent: Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Jeff Bloom, and Mike Harrington.

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

- I. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Mr. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Rosenberg, the minutes of February 12, 2020 were unanimously approved.
- II. Board Election Update
Ms. Forney updated the board on the final slate of candidates for this year's TOC board election.
- III. Churchill Downs TCI Hub Fee Negotiations
Mr. Avioli reported that both the federal lawsuit and arbitration between TOC and Churchill Downs/Twin Spires had been mutually dismissed based on a recommendation of an ad hoc committee of the TOC Board including all the attorney TOC Board members. He then reviewed the final breakdown of the \$6.75 million in 2021 supplemental purse for each Thoroughbred track, which was provided in writing to the board.
- IV. Medication Committee Report
Mr. Gold updated the board on the meeting of the Medication Committee, at which the Stronach Group's proposal for a medication house rule was considered. The proposed rule would ban the injectable forms of iron, selenium, and medroxyprogesterone acetate, with thyroxine use being controlled by the requirement for a thyroid test. These medications have been associated with a higher incidence of anaphylaxis and sudden death in horses. The proposal and summary of the committee meeting were provided to the board. On a motion by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the board unanimously ratified the Medication Committee's recommendation to approve the house rule with CTT sign-off.
- V. NOTWINC/SCOTWINC Update
Mr. Avioli provided an update on SCOTWINC and NOTWINC, noting that total satellite business statewide is at approximately 20% of normal, and we expect that business will pick up as COVID restrictions ease.
- VI. Industry Boards / TOC Representatives
Mr. Avioli reported that, with Mr. Alexander stepping down as Chairman, Gary Fenton will replace him as one of TOC Directors on the CJWC (along with Mr. Avioli) and Bob Liewald will replace him as TOC Director on CTBL (along with Mr. Avioli).

VII. CTBL/Workers Comp Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the status of the workers comp program, reviewing several documents provided to the CTBL board relating to PostTime workers comp claims, financial results and financial projections at its March meeting. He also updated the board on the role of the new Post Time safety officer and discussions about PostTime hiring additional safety officers to provide more oversight at all California tracks and training centers.

VIII. Stabling & Vanning Update

Mr. Avioli updated the board on ongoing discussions regarding long term stabling options for Southern California which included extension of the deal with Los Al, expansion of San Luis Rey Downs, and/or year round stabling at Del Mar.

IX. CHRB Board Meeting Agenda

Mr. Avioli reviewed the CHRB board meeting agenda, which was provided to the board. He added that Commissioner Gonzalez, current vice chairman, has recently taken a position with the Department of Agriculture but intends to continue in his role on the CHRB board.

X. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli provided a report on current legislative priorities of TOC in Sacramento. He reviewed a request for a contribution to the 2021 Caucus Priorities supported by Senate Chair Atkins, a copy of which was provided to the board. On a motion by Mr. Gold, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the board unanimously approved a political contribution in the amount of \$15,000 from non-parimutuel revenues.

Mr. Avioli reviewed the confidential report on sports wagering valuations commissioned by TOC and DMTC, which was enclosed in the meeting packet.

Mr. Avioli asked board members to consider possible nominations from California for the federal HISA board. He added that authority is also in the process of hiring an executive director.

XI. Racing Affairs

Mr. Avioli reviewed the purse reports for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields to date, which were provided to the board. He noted the substantial overpayment now being projected for the meet at Golden Gate. Horse counts for Northern and Southern California were provided to the board.

XII. Financial Report

Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for February and year to date and noted that the organization remained on track to hit budgeted net income targets for the fiscal year.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.