

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, February 15, 11:00 a.m.  
Santa Anita Park**

**MINUTES**

Directors Present: Bob Baffert, Dennis Cardoza, Mark Dedomenico, Mike Harrington, George Krikorian, Ed Moger, Billy Morey, Jack Owens (by phone) Mike Pegram, John Sadler (by phone), Pablo Suarez (by phone), George Todaro (by phone), Kathy Walsh, and Mike Wellman (by phone)

Directors Absent: Madeline Auerbach

Staff Present: Lou Raffetto, Kellee Breen, Mary Forney, and Richard Scheidt (by phone)

- I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Pegram at 11:03 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Harrington, the minutes of the January 11, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. President's Report
  - A. Election Deadline Reminder  
Mr. Raffetto reminded that March 1 is the deadline for nominations. Mr. Pegram suggested extra publicity at track, such as program and overnight notices to alert members.
- IV. Finance Committee  
Ms. Breen provided a comprehensive update including a budget versus actual report and previous year comparison. January's surplus was \$14,000, and the year-to-date surplus was approximately \$206,000. She will provide an insurance report at the next meeting.
- V. Executive Session
- VI. ADW/Simulcast Committee  
  
Mr. Raffetto provided a brief report on recent discussions with Mr. Daruty of Monarch.
- VII. Racing Affairs Committee
  - A. Reconsideration of Purse Carry Forward, Fairplex Park  
Mr. Raffetto updated the board on the Racing Affairs Committee's discussion and unanimous vote recommending that the Fairplex money, in the amount of \$275,000, be carried forward. Discussion ensued. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harrington, that \$150,000 be carried forward as previously voted

by the board. Following further discussion, the motion passed with two opposed (Sadler and Suarez).

Messrs. Seder, Henwood, and Lloyd of Fairplex and Mr. McKenzie of Los Alamitos came in as guests. Messrs. Henwood and Lloyd gave a presentation on the future possibilities for Fairplex as a racetrack. A plan was presented to expand the racetrack and add a turf course. Mr. Seder discussed the financial scope of the proposal. They then answered questions from the board.

Mr. McKenzie spoke regarding the Los Alamitos proposal, which would include expanding the 5/8 mile track to 7/8 mile and adding 700 new stalls to be put on the golf course property adjacent to the racetrack property, for capacity of 1,100 Thoroughbreds. He then took questions from the board.

Following the presentations, the board continued a discussion of the two proposals. It was decided to delay a decision until after Fairplex comes back with firm costs. Mr. Pegram noted that the board would be updated on the status as discussions proceed.

B. Hollywood Park's Fall Purse Underpayment & Spring Contract Update

Mr. Raffetto reported the committee's recommendation not to carry forward to fall, but take no action at this time. The matter will be put to a vote at the March meeting.

VIII. Marketing Committee

A. Pick-6 On-Track Rebate Program Report

Mr. Raffetto reported on the status of the Pick-6 on-track rebate program at Santa Anita. Pick-6 pools on track are down compared to last year. Although it has only been six days of meaningful comparison, it does not seem to have had an impact on total on-track Pick-6 handle.

IX. Medication Committee

A. Report on January Forum on EIPH

Mr. Pegram thanked Dr. Dedomenico for hosting and organizing the forum in January. Dr. Dedomenico distributed a summary for board members to assist in answering questions they may receive and provided a brief summary of the key points.

Dr. Dedomenico suggested that a TOC committee be formed to follow up on ways to raise funding for research.

B. Reconsideration of RMTC Funding

Mr. Pegram explained that, although the board voted at its last meeting not to fund the RMTC, since that time information has come to light regarding the fact that RMTC is pro-Lasix. Based on the fact that board members have come to him saying they did not realize RMTC is pro-Lasix, a re-vote is being called for. It was suggested that we follow up with NTRA on a regular basis to determine what steps they are taking to protect our interests. On a motion by Dr. Dedomenico,

seconded by Ms. Walsh, the board voted with two opposed (Sadler, Harrington) to re-establish funding to RMTC.

C. Discussion re: Letter to Breeders' Cup

Mr. Raffetto updated the board on the recent discussions and proposed letter to Breeders' Cup with regard to Lasix, and the board provided input. Dr. Dedomenico, who agreed with the letter in principal, had some suggestions on the technicalities regarding testing and research. Following discussion, it was decided that the wording should be changed to reflect that TOC recommends that Breeders' Cup consider post-race testing of all horses racing with Lasix, as long as they employ a scientifically approved, peer-reviewed type study that would indicate the efficacy of Lasix. The letter would then be reviewed and approved by Mr. Cardoza and Dr. Dedomenico before being sent to Breeders' Cup. On a motion by Dr. Dedomenico, seconded by Mr. Cardoza, the board voted with one abstention (Krikorian) to make the suggested changes to the letter.

X. Legislative Committee

Mr. Cardoza provided a brief legislative update.

XI. Race Meet Reports

Mr. Raffetto gave a brief report on the meet-to-date figures for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields. A brief discussion followed regarding expanded distribution of the Northern and Southern California signals. Mr. Pegram suggested the board spend a couple hours at the next meeting on the ADW issue.

Mr. Scheidt provided a brief update on the Northern California Stabling and Vanning situation. CTT has called a meeting for this coming Monday, and they have invited TOC Northern directors and Mr. Scheidt, who will attend. A discussion ensued, including concerns about closing Pleasanton as an off-site stabling location.

XII. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, March 15, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Santa Anita.

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Pegram at 2:18 p.m.