

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, August 22, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and the board immediately convened to executive session.
- II. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the minutes of July 11, 2014 were approved unanimously.
- III. NTRA Presentation
Mr. Waldrop made a presentation to the board. He gave a brief report on NTRA's legislative action meeting that took place last night at Del Mar and updated on NTRA's legislative action program and PAC. Additionally, he spoke about the NTRA strategic plan, which includes a new membership policy that expands the number of those who are served by the NTRA, new board members, reduction in member dues, focus on advocacy, safety and integrity, fan development, sponsorships, and group purchasing. He also spoke briefly about medication initiatives.
- IV. EquiLottery Presentation
Mr. Brad Cummings gave a power point presentation explaining Equilottery, which incorporates wagering into the lottery and channels funds into the pari-mutuel pools. His presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session.

Subsequent to Mr. Cummings leaving the meeting, Mr. Cahill made a motion for TOC to write a letter of support for Equilottery, which was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed unanimously.
- V. President's Report
 - A. Horse Count
Mr. Morris reported that the current count is about 3400. He indicated that we may need to talk to Fairplex about staying open a little longer, and he is still in discussions with Santa Anita about expansion at San Luis Rey Downs.
 - B. Horse Recruitment
Mr. Morris reported on the success of the Ship and Win program. He noted we are still working with CMC to explore year-round recruitment, and he hopes to have more meetings and a year-round plan on paper by the end of September. The goal is to start marketing in October to have the program in place by Breeders' Cup.
 - C. CARF Satellite Proposal
Mr. Morris noted that he had a meeting with representatives from CARF and CHRB on Wednesday, and progress is being made towards a final goal.
 - D. Del Mar Turf Course
Mr. Morris reported that the Del Mar turf course seems to have stabilized.
- VI. ADW/Simulcast Committee
 - A. OTB Update
Mr. Morris reported that the OTB in Bakersfield is open, it is a great location, and handle reports are impressive already. Two more mini-satellites will open in the south within the year – Norco in November and the San Diego site by December or January.

B. On-track Wagers Update

Mr. Morris said we now have drafts of the necessary regulations and will go before the CHRB when the ADW companies' license renewals come up, at which time we will seek to require that they have geo-locaters on their systems. He noted that we are also looking into reducing the ADW percentage to generate additional funding for stabling and vanning.

VII. Finance Committee

Ms. Breen provided a brief financial report and noted that we have started the audit.

VIII. Owner Relations Committee

Mr. Wellman provided a brief report of the new owner seminar that was held at Del Mar in July, and he reminded the board about the annual meeting tomorrow morning. Mr. Morris reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting, and a discussion ensued regarding subjects that may be raised in the question-and-answer session.

IX. Racing Affairs Committee

A. Santa Anita Autumn Update

Mr. Scheidt reported that the Racing Affairs committee met two weeks ago to discuss the Santa Anita Autumn meet, which was approved as proposed. The only outstanding item is our request for Santa Anita to add back one day. Mr. Morris added that we are working with Santa Anita on the decision. He also noted we will have a meeting with all tracks at the end of September to plan a stakes schedule for the year.

B. LACF at Los Alamitos

Mr. Scheidt reported that Los Alamitos will run the same purse levels as their summer meet. According to their stakes schedule, included in the board packet, they cut back three stakes – resulting in the same gross offering as Fairplex last year. He reviewed a list of issues with Los Alamitos' proposal, as enclosed in the packet.

Mr. Owens said he opposed the Los Alamitos plan to hold one 5-furlong Thoroughbred race a night, using horses stabled on the grounds. It was noted that this would be during the Quarter Horse meet. Los Alamitos also has requested to run \$6,250 races for this year only.

Mr. Cahill made a combined motion to approve the request to run \$6,250 races for this one year only on the night program, and to give Los Alamitos a waiver to run one 5-furlong race a night with Los Alamitos stabled horses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strauss and unanimously approved. Mr. Owens added the recommendation that the Racing Affairs committee review the issue further, taking into consideration the possibility of horses shipping down from Golden Gate Fields to run at the night Quarter Horse meet.

C. Del Mar Ship & Win Update

Mr. Scheidt provided a brief update on the Ship and Win program at Del Mar.

Mr. Scheidt mentioned that an issue had come up this past week regarding shipping to certain fairs, which was not approved this summer. Mr. Morris added that he has had conversations Fresno Fair, who have requested that stabling and vanning pay shipping costs for horses that ship to Fresno then to Golden Gate Fields (and start there within 30 days of the end of Fresno). On a motion by Mr. Wellman, seconded by Dr. Todaro, the request was unanimously passed.

X. Medication Committee

A. Update on Uniform Medication Guidelines

Mr. Morris reported he spoke at the CHRB meeting yesterday, at which the Uniform Medication Guidelines were discussed. The RMTC has a three-year process for the uniform guidelines, which we are supporting. Mr. Morris is working through the process of finishing

all parts of the Uniform Medication Guidelines for California, which he hopes to have completed by January.

- XI. Legislative Committee
There was no legislative update.
- XII. Race Meet Reports
Mr. Scheidt gave brief reports on the Del Mar meet to date, Ferndale meet to date, and final numbers for the Sacramento and Santa Rosa fair meets.
- XIII. Executive Session (taken out of order following Call to Order)
- XIV. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Friday, September 12, 2014 at 11:00 at Santa Anita. *(Note: Subsequently changed to Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 11:00 at Los Alamitos.)*
- XV. Adjournment
Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.