

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, April 10, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

AGENDA

Directors Attending: Nick Alexander, Jim Cahill (by phone), Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Mike Harrington (by phone), Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram, Bill Strauss (by phone), Kathy Walsh, and Mike Wellman.

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Ron Ellis, Billy Morey, and George Todaro.

Staff Attending: Joe Morris, Mary Forney and Richard Scheidt (by phone).

I. Call to Order

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 11:03, and there was a brief discussion regarding organizing a memorial for Mr. Morey's father, who just passed away.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Wellman, seconded by Mr. Cahill, the minutes of March 13, 2015 were unanimously approved.

III. Santa Anita Marketing

Messrs. Ludt and Cirimele of Santa Anita were in attendance to provide an update on the Santa Anita meet to date including handle, attendance, and field size statistics. Mr. Ludt discussed the current status of the conversion of ADW wagers made on track to on-track wagers. He also noted that twilight racing would begin the Friday after the Kentucky Oaks. Mr. Cirimele reviewed the Santa Anita marketing program and discussed recent efforts with regard to the significant player program. At the request of Mr. Owens, Mr. Ludt provided an update on the meeting he attended at Golden Gate Fields regarding future plans for that track. Mr. Cirimele then discussed current success with social media.

IV. Executive Session

The board adjourned to Executive Session.

V. President's Report

When the board meeting reconvened, Mr. Morris reported on the Southern California horse count as of the end of March, which totaled 2,846 (19 fewer than February). A horse count sheet with greater detail was enclosed in the board packet. Also enclosed was a Northern California horse count showing 1,413 in March. Mr. Morris then noted that the Ship and Win program started on April 2; and our hope is that our trainers will continue to use the program.

Mr. Morris advised the board that he will be meeting this afternoon with Mr. Brackpool regarding future stabling. He then gave a brief update on the board election status and the Open Forum, which was held a few weeks ago. He then added that hearings were scheduled for Monday on the current lawsuits, and he has been working with the insurance company and will receive a payment for legal fees next week.

VI. ADW/Simulcast Committee

Mr. Morris is still working TwinSpires on an arbitration process. He attended a CHRB pari-mutuel committee meeting Wednesday, at which a point of discussion was geo-locator technology. Also discussed was the need for a CHRB audit of California ADW players who have been given out-of-state addresses.

VII. Finance Committee

Mr. Alexander provided a brief financial update, noting that the year-to-date numbers were comparable to last year when recent severance and legal costs are extrapolated out. He expects final number for the year to be positive.

VIII. Owner Relations Committee

Mr. Morris gave a brief report on the recent Conformation Clinic. He indicated that staff is looking to add a seminar before the end of the current meet about racing office procedures such as the development of the condition book.

Mr. Pegram recommended Art Sherman for the Ed Friendly Industry Service Award, and the board was in agreement.

IX. Racing Affairs Committee

Mr. Scheidt provided a brief report on the Del Mar, Los Al and CARF race meet agreements, which have all been approved.

X. Medication Committee

Mr. Morris gave a brief update on recent conversations with national horsemen's groups and the current status of the USADA proposal.

XI. Legislative Committee

Mr. Morris reported on his recent meetings in Washington DC with representatives of other national horsemen's groups and U.S. Representative Andy Barr.

Regarding Internet poker, Mr. Morris updated the board on a productive meeting with San Manuel/Morongo Card Club. He said a second meeting scheduled but they canceled, and discussions are stalled at this point.

Mr. Morris gave an update on the CTBL workers' compensation insurance. They have been working for the past several months to form a new insurance company, which looks promising.

He also updated the board on recent discussions about Oak Tree running its second meet at Pleasanton, adding that Oak Tree is filing a lawsuit against SCOTWINC, Santa Anita and Hollywood Park.

XII. Race Meet Reports

Mr. Scheidt provided brief meet-to-date reports for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields. Messrs. Scheidt and Moger will meet with the racing secretary at Golden Gate Fields tomorrow to discuss the condition book, and Mr. Morris recommended asking Ms. Prospero to join that meeting.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, May 8, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at Santa Anita.

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Morris adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.