

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, May 8, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

MINUTES

Directors Present: Nick Alexander, Jim Cahill, Mark Dedomenico (by phone), Ron Ellis, Mike Harrington, Ed Moger, Billy Morey (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Mike Pegram (by phone), Kathy Walsh, and Mike Wellman (by phone).

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Terry Lovingier, Bill Strauss, and George Todaro.

Staff Present: Joe Morris, Mary Forney, Jennifer Saavedra and Richard Scheidt (by phone).

I. Call to Order

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Ms. Walsh, the minutes of April 10, 2015 were unanimously approved.

III. Executive Session

The board adjourned to Executive Session.

IV. President's Report

Upon reconvening the full board meeting, Mr. Morris gave an update on current horse counts and stabling, and a discussion ensued.

Mr. Morris then informed the board about the Santa Anita backstretch clinic, where he had a meeting yesterday. He is on the board of directors of CTHF, which operates the clinic, and he is very impressed with the diversity of that board and effectiveness of the clinic. CTHF will be opening a clinic at Los Alamitos, which will also cover SLRD and Galway. He added that this is one of the better things we do for our backstretch workers, and he suggested board members might like to visit the medical clinic.

Mr. Morris reported that he and Mr. Pegram have a meeting scheduled for Monday with CHRB representatives regarding 2016 dates.

Mr. Morris updated the board about the recent Santa Anita management change, noting that we don't know more than what was put out in the Santa Anita press release. He will continue to watch and keep the board informed.

Mr. Morris then informed the board that we received a \$158,000 check from the insurance company this week for legal fees. He added that the defamation case was dismissed, and negotiations are going on for recouping legal fees in that case. The court date for that decision is June 5. On the derivative case, we will depose Mr. Jamgotchian and then file a summary motion.

V. ADW/Simulcast Committee

Mr. Morris informed the board that the OTBs in San Diego and Norco are still under construction and hopefully will open by the end of the year. He also noted that he is working with the CHRB to resolve the Northern California OTB situation.

Regarding ADW, Mr. Morris noted that he has met twice more with CHRB and will meet tomorrow with Messrs. Couto and Charles to start the arbitration process with TwinSpires.

VI. Finance Committee

Mr. Alexander provided a brief financial update.

VII. Owner Relations Committee

Mr. Wellman reported that, due to a race dates change in Northern California, the TOC board meeting and Northern California annual meeting previously scheduled for October 16-17 will be moved to November 13-14. The October 16 board meeting will now be held at Santa Anita. Mr. Wellman also reminded board members about the upcoming Racing Office seminar on June 13 and the Open Forum at Pleasanton on June 27.

VIII. Racing Affairs Committee

Mr. Scheidt gave a brief update on the Santa Rosa proposal, which he will be sending to the committee later today.

IX. Medication Committee

Mr. Morris noted that a press release from NTRA regarding the Udall-Pitts bill was enclosed in the board packet. He briefly spoke about that, noting that the NTRA took a very strong stand. He is continuing to work with THA, New York, the mid-Atlantic, Florida and Kentucky, towards forming one national horsemen's voice.

X. Legislative Committee

Mr. Wellman pointed out the importance of supporting the tax modernization efforts of NTRA, and Mr. Morris updated on TOC efforts to date. Mr. Morris then updated the board on his recent meetings in Lexington with Breeders' Cup and NTRA. In other legislative news, Mr. Morris added that the GO Committee Chair was at Golden Gate Fields for the Cal-bred Extravaganza last week.

XI. Race Meet Reports

Mr. Scheidt provided brief race meet reports for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields to date. Mr. Morris pointed out the economic indicators for April, which show California outperforming the country.

Mr. Moger noted that the marketing for the Cal-bred day at Golden Gate Fields was very successful.

Mr. Alexander complimented Santa Anita for their support of a very nice memorial for trainer Mike Mitchell.

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, June 12, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at Santa Anita

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.