

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, November 13, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Fields**

MINUTES

Directors Present: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander, Ron Ellis (by phone), Terry Lovingier (by phone), Ed Moger, Billy Morey, Jack Owens, Mike Pegram, Bill Strauss (by phone), and Mike Wellman (by phone).

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Mark Dedomenico, Mike Harrington, George Todaro, and Kathy Walsh.

Staff Present: Nick Coukos, Mary Forney, Jennifer Saavedra, and Richard Scheidt.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Coukos at 1:01 p.m., and attendance was noted in the record.

II. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Owens, the minutes of October 16, 2015 were unanimously approved.

The board then adjourned to Executive Session, reconvening to the general board meeting at 2:10 p.m.

III. Executive Session

A. NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association) Representation

On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Morey, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Coukos as TOC representative on the NTRA board.

IV. President's Report

A. Annual Meeting Agenda

Mr. Coukos reviewed the annual meeting agenda, and a discussion ensued regarding possible questions that might be raised by members at that meeting. Regarding the issue of the number of stalls available in Northern California, the board agreed on the stance that 1,650 stalls are necessary for Northern California given the current horse count of 1,450.

B. Industry Update / Horse Count

Mr. Coukos reviewed the horse counts and reported on his recent visits to San Luis Rey Down, Los Alamitos and Galway Downs to obtain this month's counts.

C. Security Cameras Update

- Mr. Coukos updated the board on the project, which is moving forward, although no time frame has yet been determined for installation. A brief discussion followed, and it was noted that it is important to make sure that the \$150,000 contribution to the project voted by this board be fairly allocated among the tracks.
- D. **Stabling & Vanning Update**
Discussed in executive session.
 - E. **CHRB November Board Meeting Agenda**
Mr. Coukos distributed copies of the agenda for the CHRB November board meeting. Messrs. Pegram, Strauss and Avioli will be in attendance at that meeting. A discussion ensued regarding agenda items that may require TOC input. Mr. Scheidt noted that with regard to race meet applications, purse contracts for Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita are still outstanding. The board agreed with Mr. Scheidt's recommendation that we hold firm about one-year agreements. Mr. Coukos asked for board input regarding Item 11, vesting of title of claimed horses. After a brief discussion, the board agreed that the rule itself cannot be objectively implemented and we are not supportive of it and have not been since the beginning.
 - F. **Review of Santa Anita Significant Player Program, Winter-Spring Meet**
Mr. Coukos reported on his meeting with Santa Anita yesterday regarding this program, which the board supported last year. In light of our current surplus, he recommended continuing with the program. On a motion by Mr. Pegram, seconded by Mr. Moger, the board unanimously agreed to support the program for the Santa Anita Winter-Spring meet.
- V. **ADW/Simulcast Committee**
Discussed in Executive Session.
- VI. **Finance Committee**
- A. **Financial Update**
Mr. Alexander provided a brief financial update. He reported we are in receipt of the written audit, which is very clean with no issues, for which he congratulated Ms. Saavedra. He also informed the board that the date for the court hearing on the derivative lawsuit has been delayed 65-70 days.
 - B. **CTT Request for Contribution to Backstretch Holiday Party Cost**
Mr. Alexander recommended approval of \$10,000 to CTT for this year's backstretch holiday party costs. On a motion by Mr. Morey, seconded by Mr. Moger, the board unanimously approved the expenditure.
- VII. **Owner Relations Committee**
- A. **Proposed 2016 TOC Event Calendar**
Mr. Coukos reviewed the TOC calendar of events for 2016 and asked for any input. Mr. Alexander asked about the possibility of changing the weekday for TOC board meetings from Fridays. Mr. Coukos said the item will be carried forward to the next board meeting to allow staff to explore the possibility of

moving meetings to Thursdays to better accommodate those driving and flying from out of town.

VIII. Racing Affairs Committee

Mr. Scheidt reported that the Los Alamitos race meet agreement is completed. The agreements with Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields are still outstanding; however, we have approved the stakes and overnights schedules for both meets. Mr. Scheidt then provided a brief update on this morning's Northern California Racing Affairs meeting. Mr. Pegram requested that Mr. Scheidt send the approved Southern California stakes calendar to the board.

IX. Medication Committee

Mr. Avioli provided a brief update, noting that there were no major developments since the last TOC board meeting. He will have a more detailed report at next month's meeting.

X. Legislative Committee

Mr. Avioli provided a brief legislative report.

XI. Race Meet Reports

Mr. Scheidt provided race meet reports for the Del Mar and Golden Gate Fields meets to date. There was a brief discussion about the current Del Mar meet.

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Friday, December 11, 2015, 1:00 p.m. at Los Alamitos.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Owens moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Alexander, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.