

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, June 14, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.  
By Conference Call**

**MINUTES**

Directors Attending: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander, Joe Ciaglia, Mark Dedomenico, Gary Fenton, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Bill Strauss, Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, and Wayne Atwell.

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Rick Gold, and Mike Pegram.

Staff Attending: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Patricia Chinnici, and Wayne Atwell.

- I. Approval of Minutes  
On a motion by Ms. Siegel, the minutes of May 16, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- II. Santa Anita Update  
Mr. Avioli reported on this morning's meeting in Sacramento with Secretary Podesta, who heads the agency that oversees the CHRB. He then reported that Santa Anita will continue to run through the end of their meet; and further discussion ensued regarding the new veterinary panel put in place at Santa Anita.
- III. Stabling & Vanning Committee Update  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the recent Stabling & Vanning Committee meeting. Based on a projected year-end surplus, that committee agreed to fund a detailed study on the viability of Galway as a training center and also agreed to fund the transport of horses from Del Mar to Santa Anita for nuclear scans during the Del Mar meet.
- IV. Wagering Committee / Sports Wagering Subcommittee  
Mr. Avioli updated the board on progress being made on a study of sports wagering's economic impact in California, a copy of which was provided to the board, which was funded by a TOC-led coalition of California industry organizations including tracks and CTBA. He noted that the TOC Sports Wagering subcommittee met last week to review the study. He also updated the board on a consumer research survey, asking the board to provide any comments by end of day.
- V. Legislation  
Mr. Avioli reviewed recent horse welfare hearings in Sacramento and current federal legislation status. He then reviewed AB 1606, which was introduced just last week in Sacramento. The bill would eliminate the current gambling winnings tax deduction, and we are working on a modification to the bill that would provide a \$100,000 exemption for pari-mutuel wagers.
- VI. Finance Committee  
Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for May and year to date and also reviewed projections for year end. On a motion by Mr. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Alexander, the board

unanimously approved a \$1,000 sponsorship request for Del Mar to help fund the American Youth Racing Experience at that track this summer. Mr. Avioli reviewed the new three-year contracts with NTRA and NTRA Advantage, which were provided to the board. On a motion by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the agreements were unanimously approved.

VII. Racing Affairs

Ms. Forney reviewed the overnight purse and stakes schedules for Golden Gate Summer and Sonoma Fair meets, which were approved by the Northern California Racing Affairs Committee. There were no objections from the board.

Ms. Forney then reviewed the purse reports for Golden Gate Fields and Santa Anita, which were provided to the board. She also reviewed the Northern and Southern California horse counts for May, which were also provided to the board.

VIII. Owner Relations

Ms. Forney gave a brief election update, noting that the ballot count will be performed on Friday, June 21.

IX. CHRB Agenda

The CHRB board meeting agenda and CHRB industry funding agreement for 2019-20 were provided for the board's information.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.