

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Friday, October 18, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.  
COURTYARD MARRIOTT, EMERYVILLE, CA**

**MINUTES**

Directors Present: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander (by phone), Joe Ciaglia (by phone), Gary Fenton, Rick Gold (by phone), Bob Liewald (by phone), Terry Lovingier (by phone), Ed Moger, and Jack Owens.

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Mike Harrington, Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss

Staff Present: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Wayne Atwell, Elsa Peron, and Patricia Chinnici.

I. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Aldrich, seconded by Mr. Fenton, the minutes of September 19, 2019 were unanimously approved.

II. TOC Board Vacancies / Proposed Appointments

Mr. Avioli updated the board on the two vacancies existing due to the resignations of Mike Pegram and Dr. Mark Dedomenico. Two recommendations were put forward: Jeff Bloom and Richard Rosenberg. Mr. Fenton provided some background information on the candidates. On a motion by Mr. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Rosenberg was unanimously appointed to the board. Following further discussion, Mr. Fenton made a motion to appoint Mr. Bloom to the board, which was seconded by Mr. Lovingier and approved unanimously.

III. TOC Committees Update

Mr. Avioli informed the board that, due to Dr. Dedomenico's retirement, the Medication Committee needs a new chair. He recommended Mr. Gold, who is the TOC representative on the executive committee of the RMTC. A discussion ensued regarding the board's position on the use of Lasix. Following discussion, Mr. Alexander made a motion to appoint Mr. Gold as chairman of the medication committee. Mr. Owens recommended that we enlist some input from parties with scientific credentials to provide research that will be of use to the medication committee, and further discussion ensued. Mr. Fenton then seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Gold, and the board unanimously approved the appointment.

IV. 2020 Race Dates

Messrs. Swartzlander and Doutrich of CARF joined the meeting. Mr. Swartzlander reviewed the CARF position on 2020 Northern California race dates, emphasizing that CARF's top priorities include raising purses and balancing purses going forward. Additionally, CARF is working with Santa Rosa to unite the fairs. He also noted that CARF is willing to put up the 2% of handle to pay for stabling at Golden Gate Fields. He added that the CARF board believes that Humboldt cannot survive with overlapped race weeks. Messrs. Swartzlander and Doutrich then left the meeting, after which further discussion ensued.

- V. Santa Anita / Breeders' Cup Update / Response to WA Post Article  
Mr. Avioli informed the board of the latest public relations pieces and articles on the industry in California. He also updated the board on the current status of Breeders' Cup ticket sales, etc.
- VI. CalRacingCares Media Report  
Ms. Forney provided an update on the Calracingcares media campaign. A social media report was included in the board packet.
- VII. Legislative Report  
Mr. Avioli provided an update on the status of sports wagering legislation. He then reviewed a memo from the NTRA, which was provided to the board, on the federal legislation initiative.
- VIII. Finance Committee  
Ms. Chinnici provided financial reports for September and year to date, as well as an update on investments.
- IX. Racing Affairs
  - A. Purse Account Status Statewide  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the purse reports provided by email to the board this morning.
  - B. September Horse Counts  
Mr. Avioli reviewed the horse counts for southern and northern California, which were provided to the board.
  - C. Mr. Avioli noted that the CHRB will ask for the Santa Anita and Golden Gate winter-spring race meet agreements at their November meeting. We will determine our official position on the Lasix issue; that issue will be covered in depth at the November TOC board meeting.
- X. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.