

**THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, January 17, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
Santa Anita**

MINUTES

Directors Attending: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander, Jeff Bloom (by phone), Gary Fenton, Rick Gold (by phone), Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger (by phone), Jack Owens (by phone), Richard Rosenberg (by phone), and Samantha Siegel.

Directors Absent: Bob Baffert, Joe Ciaglia, Mike Harrington, and Bill Strauss.

Staff Attending: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Wayne Atwell (by phone), Patricia Chinnici, and Joe Hasson.

- I. Approval of Minutes
On a motion by Mr. Aldrich, seconded by Mr. Lovingier, the minutes of December 6, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- II. TOC January Newsletter – President’s Report
Mr. Avioli reviewed his President’s Report, which will be part of the January newsletter.
- III. Update on TOC- Vet Meeting 1-16-20
Mr. Avioli summarized the meeting held yesterday with four veterinarians and TOC representatives to begin a dialogue for working together. Subjects of discussion included the new fees for vet checks and the idea of a common medication dispensary.
- IV. Stabling & Vanning/CTBL/Post Time Update
 - A. Backstretch Safety Reform Update
Mr. Avioli reviewed the situation regarding escalating workers comp costs due to injuries and initiatives to implement safety measures through PostTime Insurance, which are being headed by Joe Hasson. Mr. Hasson then reviewed his memorandum outlining the WC Risk Reduction Project. A discussion ensued.
 - B. Ratify Increase in Participation Fees
Mr. Avioli reviewed the increase in Participation Purses and owners per start fees that were instituted as of January 1. The increase was approved by the Executive Committee in December. On a motion by Mr. Liewald, seconded by Ms. Siegel, the board unanimously ratified the Executive Committee’s decision.

V. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli reviewed the Karla Bill regarding animal rights, which was emailed and handed out to the board. He also reviewed the Dodd Horse Welfare Bill that was put out last week, and on which TOC is working with Sen. Dodd to refine. He updated the board on his meetings with the Axiom Group and the new special advisor to the Governor for horse issues, Jackie Roberts.

Mr. Avioli updated the board on last week's sports wagering hearing in Sacramento. A copy of the agenda for the hearing was provided to the board.

VI. Wagering Comm Report

A. Elite Fall Experiment Results

Mr. Avioli reviewed the results of the fall experiment with Elite #2, which were outlined in a memo to the board.

B. 2020 ADW Hub Agreements/Geolocation Update

Mr. Avioli reviewed the memo from Joe Hasson regarding the Geolocation agreements.

VII. CalracingCares Update

Ms. Forney and Mr. Avioli updated the board on the current status of Calracingcares, including social media and video activity, and newly hired consultant Oscar de la Torre, who will work for Calracingcares particularly in the legislative and Hispanic community areas.

VIII. TOC Mid-Year Review of 2019-20 Priorities

Mr. Avioli reviewed the 2020 TOC Objectives and Priorities, a copy of which was provided to the board as a handout and by email. A discussion ensued.

IX. Finance Committee

Ms. Chinnici provided a financial report for December and year to date.

X. Racing Affairs

A. Purse Reports – Santa Anita and Golden Gate

Mr. Avioli reviewed the purse account status reports for Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields, which were provided to the board. Mr. Fenton reviewed discussions with Santa Anita regarding possible condition changes affecting dirt/turf race eligibility, and the proposal for an enhanced Ship & Win program at Santa Anita. A brief discussion ensued.

B. December Horse Counts

December horse counts for Northern and Southern California were provided to the board.

XI. CHRB

A. January Agenda

Mr. Avioli reviewed the items scheduled to be heard at next week's CHRB board meeting in Sacramento.

B. Maddy Lab Cost Increase

Mr. Avioli reviewed the latest update to the CHRB's budget to include additional costs for veterinary and Maddy Lab expenses. Messrs. Avioli and Gold will be visiting the Maddy Lab.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 a.m.