## THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Friday, April 17, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. BY TELECONFERENCE

## **MINUTES**

- Directors Present: Allen Aldrich, Nick Alexander, Bob Baffert, Jeff Bloom, Joe Ciaglia, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Mike Harrington, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Richard Rosenberg, Samantha Siegel, and Bill Strauss.
- Staff Present: Greg Avioli, Mary Forney, Joe Hasson, Patricia Chinnici, Wayne Atwell, Elsa Peron
  - I. Approval of Minutes On a motion by Ms. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Alexander, the minutes of March 20, 2020 were unanimously approved.
  - II. Update on Impacts to Racing and Training from Coronavirus
    - A. Update on Santa Anita, Dept. of Public Health Discussions Mr. Avioli updated the board on Santa Anita's submission to the city of Los Angeles yesterday, which focused on areas that the city considered of most concern. The Stronach Group was able to speak with the head of the LA County Board of Supervisors and they hope to hear something by early next week.

Mr. Avioli then discussed the process of communicating this latest information to our membership.

- B. Membership Conference Call 4/10/2020 Mr. Avioli updated the board on last week's membership conference call and the resulting emails from members.
- III. CHRB Agenda

Mr. Avioli reviewed the CHRB board meeting agenda, which was provided to the board. He then reviewed an email he sent to the CHRB yesterday regarding the CHRB budget funding, a copy of which was provided to the board. CHRB has advised Mr. Avioli to work with the assistant executive director to review their budget and projected shortfall.

IV. PostTime / Workers' Compensation Update Mr. Avioli reviewed the materials provided to the board regarding the workers' comp system, safety initiatives, and Post Time Insurance. He also updated the board on recent discussions with Post Time and the CTT about potential solutions. A discussion ensued.

V. Legislative Report

Mr. Avioli provided a legislative report including current status of the State legislature and horse related bills, and the deadline for ballot initiative signature gathering.

- VI. Racing Affairs
  - A. Del Mar Racing Update (taken out of order as first Agenda Item) Mr. Avioli was joined by Messrs. Rubinstein and Robbins to give an update on the Del Mar summer meet. Mr. Rubinstein updated the board on efforts by DMTC to get Del Mar open for the summer. They are working on a detailed plan of procedures and protocols that would allow them to race this summer, and they are speaking regularly with local and state officials. Del Mar was scheduled to open on July 18 (Saturday) with the stabling opening July 12. They are now looking at opening Friday, July 10, racing three days a week for nine weeks. They plan to open the barn area beginning June 26, coordinating with horsemen to schedule times for checking in. They then answered questions from the board.
  - B. Los Alamitos Summer Meet Approvals

Mr. Avioli reviewed the Los Alamitos purse proposals, which were provided to the board. He informed the board that the Racing Affairs Committee had approved the purse schedules subject to OTBs reopening prior to the Los Alamitos Summer meet, otherwise TOC reserves the right to renegotiate the purses prior to the meet.

- C. CARF Purse Proposals / Summer Stabling Update Mr. Avioli reviewed the CARF purse proposals, which were provided to the board. He noted that they were approved by the Northern California Racing Affairs committee subject to NOTWINC being open and satisfactory resolution of Northern California Stabling.
- D. Auxiliary Stabling Status / Horse Counts
  - Mr. Avioli reviewed the horse counts, which were provided to the board. He also reviewed a stabling and vanning spreadsheet, a copy of which was emailed to the Board this morning. It showed that if the OTBs do not open up for the rest of the year, the fund will be in a \$7 million deficit by end of year. There will be a Stabling & Vanning Committee sometime next week to discuss whether to keep both SLRD and Los Alamitos open, maintaining the status quo as long as we can, or to consolidate them to one facility.

Following discussion, the board agreed that at the upcoming Stabling & Vanning Committee meeting Mr. Avioli should support keeping the training facilities open until July and reassessing after Del Mar opens.

E. Purse Reports

Mr. Avioli reviewed the Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields purse reports, which were provided to the board.

VII. Financial Report

Ms. Chinnici gave a financial report for March and year to date, as well as an update on the status of TOC investments.

VIII. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.