

THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA

Special Board Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023
11:00am
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

Members Present: Nick Alexander, Gary Barber, Joe Ciaglia, Tim Cohen, Gary Fenton, Rick Gold, Ryan Hanson, Stephanie Hronis, Lindsay LaRoche, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Richard Rosenberg, Sam Siegel, Johnny Taboada

Staff Present: Wayne Atwell, Patricia Chinnici, Jordyn Egan, Joe Hasson, Bill Nader, Elsa Peron

1. Member letter

Mr. Nader discussed the letter distributed to TOC members by Jerry Jamgotchian titled “Opt out and refund right for jockey insurance fees.” Discussion ensued.

2. TOC Board Election Update

Mr. Nader updated the board on the status of the 2023 TOC Board Election. Discussion ensued.

3. New Pleasanton Stakes Race

Mr. Nader reviewed the request for a Cal-bred non-Golden State Series Memorial stakes race in memory of Mary Clare Schmitt which would be run at Pleasanton on July 2. Discussion ensued. Mr. LaRoche moved to approve the proposed race for 2023 only and Mr. Lovingier seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority in favor and two voting against (Cohen and Fenton).

4. Speaker Designate Robert Rivas Fundraiser

Mr. Nader informed the board that the TOC has been asked to participate in a fundraiser for Speaker Designate Robert Rivas in Del Mar on July 20. The suggested contribution for the event is \$10,000. Mr. Fenton provided more context on the event, which the TOC has supported in the past, and moved to proceed with the \$10,000 contribution. Mr. Gold seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Del Mar Owner Parking and Key Facts

Mr. Nader listed key dates and initiatives for the upcoming Del Mar meet. He informed the board that DMTC is planning to restrict access to the backstretch area in the mornings (until 11am) again this year. Discussion ensued.

6. Any Other Business

Mr. Alexander brought up the CHRB’s equine shipping advisory related Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) which was issued by the CHRB. Discussion ensued.

For Information

1. HISA Declaration

Mr. Nader reminded the board that he had signed a Declaration in support of HISA which was submitted to the US District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas Northern Division in relation to the Iowa HBPA lawsuit against HISA.