

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS  
Board of Directors  
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

MINUTES

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors was held at 12:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 4, 2014. The meeting hosted at the CARF offices, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

CARF Board Directors attending: John Alkire, Chris Carpenter, Mike Paluszak and Rick Pickering. Joining by teleconference: Chris Borovansky and Kelly Violini.

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Amelia White, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Jerome Hoban, Richard Conway, Brian May, Jeanne Wasserman, John Quiroz, Cindy Olsen, Jim Morgan, Allen Aldrich, Caroline Titus, Tawny Tesconi, Katie Young and Richard Lewis.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting.** The next CARF Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in Sacramento.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment.** None.

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes.** Ms. Violini moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Borovansky seconded, unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on CARF 2014 Legislative Program.** Hearings involving several racing related bills required Mr. Brown’s presence at the Capitol. Mr. Korby reported on AB 1303 which would allow Oak Tree to race at a Fair in Northern California.

**Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on CHRB Deliberations Regarding Racing Dates for 2014, 2015 and Beyond.** Mr. Korby reported that the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) put over the matter of 2014/2015 Northern California racing dates until the March 21, 2014 meeting. CARF staff is actively engaged in discussions with both CARF members and industry principals.

**Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Memorandum of Understanding for Monies Owned CARF by Member Fairs.** Mr. Korby reported that the CARF Live Racing Committee unanimously adopted a motion to require all live racing Fairs to sign a MOU which will

be based on the draft agreement signed by the San Joaquin County Fair in 2013. In addition, CARF staff will work with Humboldt County Fair to discuss the specifics of the agreement relating to Humboldt County Fair and the prospect of them signing the MOU, along with the rest of the racing fairs.

**Agenda Item 7 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, to Consider a Resolution Accepting Oak Tree as an Associate Member of the California Authority of Racing Fairs.** Mr. Korby reported that CARF staff and Alameda County Fair representative have been in discussions with Oak Tree Racing Association regarding racing an Oak Tree meet at the Alameda County Fair during their three weeks of racing. AB 1303 (Hall) is a CARF-sponsored bill that would allow this to happen by putting language into statute to allow a non-profit association to run at a Fair in the Northern zone. AB 1303 passed out of committee unanimously this morning.

CARF and Alameda County Fair staffs are in active negotiations with Oak Tree Racing Association to put together an operating agreement for the upcoming meet. Part of the operating agreement package is a recommendation for Oak Tree to join CARF as an associate member.

Mr. Korby asked the CARF Board to adopt the resolution which would accept Oak Tree Racing Association into the CARF membership as an associate member. Anne Grottveit, legal counsel, drew up the resolution and she is available to answer any questions.

Mr. Borovansky moved to adopt the resolution to accept Oak Tree Racing Association as an associate member of CARF. Mr. Paluszak seconded, unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 8 – Financials.** Mr. Alkire stated that financials are included in the meeting packets and Ms. Gibbons is available to answer questions.

**Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director’s Report.** Mr. Korby reported that Martin Panza, former Vice President of Racing and Racing Secretary at Hollywood Park, was hired by the New York Racing Association (NYRA) as Senior Vice President of Racing Operations. Mike Lakow, former Director of Racing at the New York Racing Association, has been hired as Racing Director at Santa Anita.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Haviland