

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

MINUTES

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

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

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Amelia White, Raechelle Gibbons, Brian May, Richard Conway and Allen Aldrich.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting.** The next CARF Board of Directors meeting will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2014 in Sacramento.

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

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

**Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Legislative Program for 2014 and beyond.** Mr. Brown reported that we are currently in the bill introduction phase of the legislative cycle and activity is minimal. CARF staff is working to have at least two spot bills introduced so that the agency has a vehicle working through the process as we develop our legislative program. Legislative staff is currently talking to prospective authors.

SB 777 (Hernandez) will be a bill to extend and/or reinstate the additional takeout provided for worker's compensation. The sections of the law providing the takeout were scheduled to sunset at the end of last year and legislative staff is in the process of working with the entire industry to reinstate those sections. At this point, SB 777 faces no opposition. The bill, as it is currently written, will be revised and introduced as an urgency bill to reinstate or extend the law by March 1, 2014.

AB 1301 (Hall) will also be revised and introduced as an urgency bill. The revised bill will put language into statute to allow a non-profit association to run at a Fair in the Northern zone. This bill will allow Oak Tree Racing Association to operate at a Northern Fair. It is expected that this bill will

move through the process quickly as both committees and the racing industry are supportive. If everything goes according to plan, AB 1301 will be signed in law by March 1, 2014.

Mr. Brown reported that the Governor's budget was issued in early January. The budget does not include an allocation for Fairs, but an effort is being made by WFA and CFA in an attempt to get general fund monies back to Fairs.

**Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on CHRB Deliberations Regarding Racing Dates for 2014, 2015 and Beyond.** Mr. Korby stated that the 2014 racing schedule has been set by the CHRB. The prominent unresolved area in regards to dates allocation is in mid-summer 2015. The CHRB Northern California Dates Committee, consisting of Commissioners Beneto and Choper, have put forward a recommendation for three weeks of racing at Cal Expo which would necessitate moving Santa Rosa an additional week and would affect Humboldt County Fair. As part of a 2014 dates resolution, the full CHRB Board did take action to approve the concept of three weeks of racing at Cal Expo in 2015, but left the calendar dates unspecified.

Mr. Korby stated that this item was placed on the agenda for informational purposes and in the event that Board action is required. No action is required at this time.

**Agenda Item 6 – Financials.** Mr. Korby reported that financials are included in the meeting packet and Ms. Gibbons is available to answer questions.

**Agenda Item 7 – Executive Director's Report.** Mr. Korby reported that staff is in discussions with Oak Tree Racing Association as a participating association in our racing circuit. Oak Tree may race at the Alameda County Fair during their three weeks of racing.

Mr. Korby reported that the CHRB has filled the office of Executive Director. They have hired Rick Baedeker, former executive at Hollywood Park with a recent background in mini-satellite development.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Haviland