

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS

Live Racing Committee

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Minutes

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs Board of Directors at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 1, 2007. The meeting was conducted by teleconference from the CARF offices located at 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 205, Sacramento, California, 95815.

Live Racing Committee members attending: Stuart Titus. Joining by conference call: John Alkire, Joe Barkett, Chris Carpenter (joined at 12:11 P.M.), Jim Moore (joined at 11:45 A.M.) and Forrest White

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Heather Haviland and Louie Brown.

Agenda Item 1, Call to Order/Establish Date for Next Meeting. At 11:05 A.M., with a quorum present, Chairman Barkett called the meeting to order. Ms. Haviland served as secretary and recorded the proceedings. Mr. Korby confirmed the next meeting date as Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

Agenda Item 2, Adoption of Minutes. Mr. Barkett requested the minutes be amended to reflect that under Agenda Item 5, the first sentence in the second paragraph should read, "Ms. March explained that Emerging Breed runners are unique *from* Thoroughbreds..." Also, under Agenda Item 6, Mr. Barkett asked that Mr. Brown inquire as to the Horsemen's position on AB 649, not the Associations' position. Finally, Mr. Titus reminded the group that he abstained from voting on Agenda Items 7, 8 & 9. The items should be amended to read "unanimously approved with one abstention. Mr. White moved approval of the minutes as amended, Mr. Titus seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3, Program Covers and Program Ads. Mr. Korby introduced the proposed 2007 Program Cover and stated that Staff would prepare files and oversee printing for those Fairs choosing to use the cover. Ms. Haviland stated that she would contact each Fair individually to gauge interest, receive modification requests and review quantities order in 2006.

Ms. Haviland requested that each Fair provide program ads in electronic format two weeks prior to each Fair's opening day. This timeframe will ensure that the fonts and images are compatible with the printer's software.

The 2007 Northern California Fair racing Schedule needs to be modified to reflect Stockton's post time as 1:05 P.M., Vallejo's post time as 12:35 P.M. and Vallejo and Santa Rosa's Friday post time will be 2:15 P.M.

Agenda Item 4, CMC Allocations and Guidelines. Ms. Haviland introduced the California Marketing Committee (CMC) allocations for live racing in 2007. The CMC will provide a \$30,000 match to the \$60,000 CARF/CMC Starter Series and each Fair will receive

\$5,715 in matching funds for racing advertising buys (must be 100% horse racing with mention of Fair and/or Fair activities). For the media match, invoices and appropriate back-up must be submitted to CARF at the conclusion of each Fair (to be received no later than Nov. 25, 2007).

Agenda Item 5, Horsemen's Agreements. Staff will be meeting with TOC on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 to finalize the purse schedule and categories of conditions. In lieu of TOC's problems in Northern California last year, they have become very sensitive to the concerns of horsemen in the North and have formed a large committee to oversee the purse agreements. The agreements with the Emerging Breeds are in place and the TOC will be reviewing issues regarding the wording of five conditions.

Mr. Moore expressed his opinion that the wording of conditions and filling races should be left to the racing secretaries who create racing programs daily. Mr. Korby indicated that Staff would carry that opinion forward in negotiations.

Agenda Item 6, 2008 and Future Racing Dates. Mr. Barkett reported that the Dixon Downs project was voted down by the voters of Dixon and that Bay Meadows is taking a strong position with the CHRB to race in 2008.

In regards to Fair planning, there is still an issue as to whether a synthetic surface is required for meets that run four weeks or more than four weeks. If the language means four weeks, then any day past the third week could qualify as four weeks. The Chairman of the CHRB interpreted the regulation to mean anything less than four weeks (i.e. three weeks and four days is less than four weeks). However, it could end up going to the Attorney General for a legal opinion.

Agenda Item 7, Condition Book Schedule. Staff is awaiting approval of Horsemen's Agreement from TOC to finalize condition books.

Agenda Item 8, Summer GGF Stabling. Staff is meeting with all Racing Secretaries and Stable Superintendents this week to get firm count on the number of stalls needed. Golden Gate Fields stall applications are due May 1, 2007. The current estimate regarding stabling needs are 600 to Vallejo, 350 to Pleasanton and 250 to Bay Meadows.

The Stabling and Vanning costs can be reduced in Workmen's Compensation (from 50% to 30%), number of days open prior to Fair opening and after closing, cost of portable stalls and cost of vanning horses from Golden Gate Fields. Costs are currently \$8,000-\$9,000 per day, so cost saving can be maximized in staying open for stabling a minimum number of days. Sept. 4, 2007 is a firm end date.

Agenda Item 9, Cal Expo Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Korby introduced the Cal Expo Memorandum of Understanding included in the packet which provides compensation to California State Fair for not running a Thoroughbred meet in 2007. The memorandum does not specify Fair obligations, percentages or a cap.

Staff will work to get a precise definition of what the percentages might be and establish the amount Fairs were capped at.

At 12:10 P.M., with no further business before the Live Racing Committee, the Chairman moved to the CARF Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting Secretary