

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS

Live Racing Committee
Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Minutes

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 9, 2008. The meeting was conducted at the California Authority of Racing Fairs Conference Room, 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 205, Sacramento, California, 95815.

Live Racing Committee Members attending: John Alkire, Norb Bartosik, Debbie Cook and Rick Pickering. Joining by conference call: Chris Carpenter, Mike Paluszak and Stuart Titus.

Staff and Guests attending: Chris Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Heather Haviland, Margot Wilson, Rick Wood, Raechelle Gibbons, Kevin Wong, Dave Elliott and Dan White. Joining by conference call: Richard Lewis, Kate Phariss and Dan Jacobs.

Agenda Item 1 – Determination of Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting. The next CARF Board and Live Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2009 in Sacramento, same time and location.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes from Sept. 3, 2008. Mr. Bartosik moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented with one grammatical correction. Mr. Pickering seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Election of Chair. Mr. Bartosik moved to nominate Mr. Alkire Chairman of the CARF Live Racing Committee. Mr. Pickering seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Executive Director's Report. Mr. Korby reported on the state of the racing industry in California, specifically MAGNA Entertainment which operates Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields and the imminent closure of Hollywood Park. MAGNA Entertainment is facing significant debt and their long-term future is uncertain. Fairs need to remain attentive to ongoing changes in the racing landscape and the opportunities and challenges that might be created for Fairs.

Mr. Carpenter provided an update on the Bay Meadows racecourse property. The grandstand and barn area have been leveled. The San Mateo satellite is in full operation and is handling at a level just slightly below Golden Gate Fields running live. The satellite is facing challenges by being approximately one mile from the old Bay Meadows CalTrans drop off but attendance and handle are steady and both renovated halls are being utilized.

Mr. Bartosik requested the next agenda include an update on harness racing.

Mr. Alkire reported that the current Harness horsemen's organization has contacted Fresno regarding potentially running at the Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Haviland