

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors was held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The meeting will be hosted at the CARF Board Room, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

CARF Board Directors attending: John Alkire, Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban and Rick Pickering. Joining by conference call: Chris Carpenter, Dan Jacobs and Kelly Violini.

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Kelly Olds, Jeanne Wasserman and Caroline Titus.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: April 5, 2016.** The next CARF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2016 in Sacramento.

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

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

**Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2016 Legislative Program.** Mr. Korby reported that CARF has arranged for the introduction of two bills. AB 2011 (Cooper) contains the Northern California vanning and stabling language from last session with very minor amendments. AB 2226 (Bigelow) would authorize a fair to contract with two or more fairs within Northern California for the operation and management of a mini-satellite wagering facility within the protected radius.

Mr. Korby stated that since AB 2011 was introduced, principals from Northern and Southern California tracks have come together and determined that there should be one statewide vanning and stabling bill. Legislative staff introduced AB 2011 as a failsafe in the event that racing parties did not reach an agreement before the deadline.

Mr. Korby reported that Assemblymember Adam Gray is continuing his efforts to further Internet poker legislation. The current language includes a \$60 million annual mitigation fund that would benefit fairs and racing. As written, the bill would require the first

\$60 million collected to be deposited into the California Horse Racing Internet Poker Account, which the bill would establish in the General Fund. The bill would continuously appropriate 95% of the funds in the account to the California Horse Racing Board for distribution, as specified, and would transfer 5% of those funds to the Fair and Exposition Fund to benefits fairs in Classes I to IV+. The language was intended to serve as a compromise between the horse racing industry and tribal gaming interests, but is now facing pushback from some tribes and the Stronach Group. Mr. Korby reported that the Live Racing Committee requested that Mr. Brown approach Assemblymember Gray's office in regards to removing the fair class requirements currently in the bill.

**Agenda Item 5 – Discussion and Action, if any, on Racing Dates for 2017 and Beyond.**

Mr. Korby reported that the Live Racing Committee took formal action to request that the CHRB grant a combined fair race meet designation for CARF member fairs from June 15 to October 16, 2016. If granted, that request would enable the San Joaquin County Fair Board to move their September 2016 race dates to a fair that is both receptive to running them and working through the necessary mechanisms for implementation. Mr. Korby stated that this development poses an opportunity to keep those dates within the CARF circuit and that Pleasanton has requested to host the 2016 Stockton race dates. Mr. Korby stated that the meeting packets include an agreement formally memorialized by CARF fair representatives in 2009 to enter into a combined fair meet and to thereby consolidate the administration and distribution of purses. The CARF Live Racing Committee took unanimous action to reaffirm that agreement and apply the mechanism to 2016.

Mr. Korby noted that no further action is required by the CARF Board of Directors at this time but that the group will be kept informed as the matter progresses.

**Agenda Item 6 – Update on Membership Meeting in April 2016.** Ms. Haviland reported that staff is working with the San Mateo County Event Center to host the membership conference April 11-12, 2016. A draft agenda is included in the meeting packets. Monday, April 11 will focus on topics pertaining to satellite wagering facilities and a half day on Tuesday, April 12 will focus on live racing and agency matters. Mr. Carpenter has graciously offered to host the event and invitations will be mailed next week.

Mr. Carpenter requested that the topic of attracting a younger audience be included on the marketing portion of the April 11 agenda.

**Agenda Item 7 – Financials.** Mr. Alkire noted that financials are included in the meeting packet and that Ms. Gibbons is available to answer questions. No questions at this time.

**Agenda Item 8 – Executive Director's Report.** Mr. Korby reported that the Southern California Fair in Perris has signed a waiver to allow a mini-satellite wagering facility at the

Sahara Dunes Casino in Lake Elsinore, California which falls within the 20-mile radius. Mr. Korby reported that the 20-mile radius topic is once again becoming a topic of interest at the CHRB level and possible resolutions are being discussed. The Board will be kept informed as those discussions become more specific.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Haviland