

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

MINUTES

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors was held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 3, 2016. The meeting was hosted at the CARF Board Room, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

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

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Jeanne Wasserman, John Quiroz, Tom Martinez and Allen Aldrich.

Agenda Item 10 - Closed Session (Personnel: Executive Director). Mr. Alkire stated that the CARF Board would break into closed session prior to the public portion of the meeting.

Report on Closed Session. Mr. Alkire reported that no action was taken in closed session, however direction was given from the Board to the Chairman and legal counsel.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: June 7, 2016. The next CARF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016 in Sacramento.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

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

Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2016 Legislative Program. Mr. Korby reported that the CARF bills are moving through the legislative process without opposition.

Mr. Korby reported that Assemblymember Gray's Internet poker bill, AB 2863, was heard in policy committee last week and passed unanimously through the Assembly Governmental Organizational (G.O.) Committee on a 19-0 vote despite not having full support of the tribal community. The bill has now moved to the Appropriations Committee and will be heard as part of the suspense calendar. Just as things were looking hopeful for Internet poker,

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein issued a letter in opposition of the bill, which represents an example of the political challenges facing Internet poker.

Agenda Item 5 - Report on Reimbursement of Tote Installation Construction Costs.

Mr. Korby reported that an arrangement was worked out with NCOTWInc. to develop a partial installation cost reimbursement formula for Northern California satellites. A check will be sent to CARF and then disbursed back to satellites based on the number of windows at each location. CARF is going to match that allocation with facility improvement funds held at the agency. The total contribution from NCOTWInc. is \$30,000 which includes Golden Gate Fields and fair satellites. The portion allocated to satellites will be approximately \$22,000 and will be matched by CARF.

Agenda Item 6 – Report on CARF Conference and Annual Meeting. Mr. Korby stated that many of those in attendance at today's meeting were also able to attend the CARF Membership Conference April 11-12, 2016 in San Mateo. Mr. Korby stated that all reports back from the conference were positive.

Ms. Haviland reported that there were 39 attendees and thanked everyone who participated, especially the San Mateo Event Center staff for hosting the event. Mr. Hoban congratulated staff for a conducting a successful conference and expressed the hope that attendance would grow in the future and staff would continue to develop topics to educate and assist satellites. Mr. Alkire suggested another conference be conducted in 2017 in Southern California and thanked staff for their efforts.

Agenda Item 7 - Resolution of Appreciation to San Joaquin County Fair. Mr. Korby suggested that the CARF Board formally thank the San Joaquin County Fair Board for their collaboration and efforts to transfer race dates to the Alameda County Fair. Mr. Korby stated that he drafted a letter and asked the Board to take formal action and sign the document as it is circulated. Mr. Hoban thanked Mr. Korby and stated that his Board will take similar action.

Mr. Hoban moved to present a resolution of appreciation to the San Joaquin County Fair. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 8 – Financials. Ms. Gibbons reported that the 2015 CARF audit is scheduled to begin May 23, 2016.

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director's Report. Mr. Korby reported that Balmoral Park in Illinois has declared bankruptcy and materials pertaining to that action have been handed off to legal counsel to review on behalf of all CARF-member fairs. If individual locations received any materials pertaining to the proceedings they should file them in a safe location, but no action is required unless notified by CARF staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland