

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS  
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee  
Concurrent Meeting  
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

MINUTES

A concurrent teleconference meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The meeting originated at the CARF Offices, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, CA, 95815.

CARF Board Directors attending by teleconference: John Alkire, Richard Conway, Rick Pickering, Dana Stoehr and Kelly Violini.

CARF Live Racing Committee attending by teleconference: John Alkire, Richard Conway and Rick Pickering.

Staff and Guests attending by teleconference: Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Louie Brown, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles, Tom Martinez, Lauri King, Jeanne Wasserman and Lisa Hindley.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: October 11, 2018 in Fresno.** The next CARF Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee meeting will be held October 11, 2018 in Fresno.

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes.** {ACTION} Mr. Pickering moved to approve the May 1, 2018 CARF Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee concurrent meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Solano County Fair’s Membership Status.** Mr. Swartzlander reported that Stephen Hales, General Manager of the Solano County Fair, sent a letter to CARF on behalf of his Board of Directors requesting the fair be reinstated as a dues-paying member of CARF. The letter included check covering dues for the last six months of 2018.

{ACTION} Mr. Pickering moved to reinstate the Solano County Fair as a dues-paying member of the California Authority of Racing Fairs. Ms. Violini seconded, unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2019 Summer Race Dates and Stabling.** Mr. Swartzlander reported that the meeting packet includes a proposed racing calendar titled “DRAFT 2019 CARF Member Fair Preferred Host Dates.” The calendar blocks are identical to the 2018 California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) approved racing calendar with the exception that CARF is requesting two weeks of host status without overlap for the Humboldt County Fair. Mr. Swartzlander stated that he is waiting for a position from Sonoma County Fair regarding the number of weeks they will request. The first CHRB dates planning meeting will be conducted August 22, 2018 at Del Mar. Mr. Pickering requested that the cover letter accompanying the CARF calendar submission reference the unresolved auxiliary stabling requirement in Northern California and respectfully ask that race dates and stabling be determined simultaneously.

{ACTION} Mr. Pickering moved to support the racing calendar as presented for discussion at the CHRB Race Dates Committee meeting on August 22. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Swartzlander reported that fairs currently have adequate stalls as a consolidated circuit to fully support summer racing in Northern California, however, Golden Gate Fields (GGF) interprets the statute to read that all stalls must be located at the host facility. Mr. Swartzlander stated that even though CARF has adequate stalls to opt-out of the Stabling & Vanning Fund, Cal Expo and Pleasanton would require a significant monetary investment to provide adequate tack rooms and housing for grooms. Mr. Swartzlander recommended that stabling and possible legislation to protect summer race dates be tabled for the upcoming CARF Retreat on Sept. 12-13.

**Agenda Item 6 – Executive Director’s Report.** Mr. Swartzlander reported that there was a NCOTWINC meeting last week and that it is expected that The Stronach Group will seek an extension of the existing satellite agreement through CARF for the fall meet.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Martinez and Cal Expo for hosting legislative staff for two Fridays during the California State Fair.

**Agenda Item 7 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.** Mr. Alkire reported that no action was taken in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Haviland