

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Friday, June 29, 2018

MINUTES

A concurrent meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, June 29, 2018. The meeting was hosted at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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

CARF Live Racing Committee attending: Jerome Hoban. Joining by conference call: John Alkire, Richard Conway and Rick Pickering.

Staff and Guests attending: Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Juliana Gomes, Bryan Wayte, Mike Ioakimides, Stephen Hales, Rene Edes, Stacey Lapham, Randy McGee and Allen Aldrich. Joining by conference call: Louie Brown, Ann Grottveit, Heather Haviland, Mary Forney, Liz Morey, Caroline Titus and Greg Avioli (2:15 p.m.).

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 2 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Golden Gate Fields Simulcast Agreements. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the Stronach Group (TSG) has circulated a proposed satellite agreement to replace the current NCOTWINC Guest Agreement. Mr. Swartzlander asked Bryan Wayte, General Manager of NCOTWINC, to speak to the anticipated operational changes that would occur at CARF-member satellite wagering facilities if the Pacific Racing Association II Satellite Agreement was adopted.

Bryan Wayte covered multiple changes or areas in need of clarification, including but not limited to: Pari-Mutuel Labor Contract with SEIU Local 280, responsibilities to pari-mutuel labor employees (hiring, training, staffing, payroll, taxes, etc.), liability insurance and operational changes such as bankroll, auditing, IRS reporting, etc. The group discussed these concerns.

Greg Avioli, President of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), stated that the interests of TOC and CARF are aligned due to the volume of unaddressed details in the agreement and that the only viable solution is for Golden Gate Fields to come back into NCOTWINC. Mr. Avioli stated that TOC would support moving the dates in question to fair racetracks if the alternative is Golden Gate Fields running without a Northern California satellite network.

Agenda Item 3 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2018 Summer Racing Dates.

Mr. Swartzlander stated that in the June 20 meeting, the CARF Board moved to keep the Northern California racing calendar intact by utilizing fair racetracks in the event that Golden Gate Fields is not granted a racing license by the CHRB for the period of Aug. 22 through Oct. 2.

Agenda Item 4 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated

Litigation. {ACTION} Mr. Swartzlander reported that the following action was taken by the CARF Board: CARF does not accept the Satellite Agreement offered by Pacific Racing Association II (PRA) finding said offer woefully incomplete in a number of areas and not tendered in the best interest of horseracing. CARF remains willing to participate in the NCOTWINC Satellite Network to support summer racing in 2018 and to work with PRA to strategically and constructively restructure NCOTWINC in the best interests of future horseracing.

Mr. Swartzlander added that he will be sending a letter incorporating this information to the Stronach Group and CHRB.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland