

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS  
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee  
Concurrent Meeting  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

MINUTES

A concurrent meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The meeting was conducted via teleconference originating at the CARF Office, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, CA 95815.

CARF Board Directors joining by conference call: Stephen Hales, Jerome Hoban, Dan Jacobs, Lauri King, Rick Pickering and Dana Stoehr.

CARF Live Racing Committee members joining by conference call: Jerome Hoban, Lauri King and Rick Pickering.

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Heather Haviland, Tom Doutrich, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Mike Knapp, Mike Francesconi, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles, Tiffany Burrows, Caroline Titus, Jeanne Wasserman and Allen Aldrich.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:** The next CARF Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee meeting is To Be Determined via teleconference.

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.** The Board of Directors heard from legal counsel, no action taken.

**Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Legislative Program.** Mr. Boyles updated the board on SB 820, Senator Dodd, to shore up sales tax funds from the Franchise Tax Board. At this time, Mr. Boyles and Mr. Brown do not anticipate any “No” votes or issues with this bill passing.

Mr. Francesconi added that his agreements with all California fairs has helped distribute monies to fairs within a 30–60-day timeframe upon receipt of their application.

**Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Fantasy Sports.** Mr. Swartzlander revealed that the Fantasy Sports initiative by CARF will be named the Calypso Challenge. At this time, Mr. Swartzlander is working on an LLC agreement with Mike Knapp and

class B partnerships. Mr. Swartzlander plans to have meetings with both AmTote and Pegasus and discuss what they need to have an August 1<sup>st</sup> launch. At this time, TOC has stated that CARF does not need the approval of the TOC to move forward with Calypso since it is not a horseracing product, but at this time, CARF does have TOC's support.

Mr. Hoban reported on his visits to Lake Perris fairgrounds and various sports bars in Southern California and encouraged the board to visit these sites. The "sports bar" experience is a family-friendly operation that encourages wagering and is currently very supportive of the Fantasy Sports initiative by CARF.

**Agenda Item 6 – Western Fairs Association Update.** Ms. King reported that there is a quarterly board meeting for WFA that she plans to report on next meeting.

**Agenda Item 7 – Financials.** Ms. Gibbons reported that the CARF 2021 financial review was currently ongoing, to bypass a full review for cost-saving measures, and plans to have a report within two weeks. Ms. Gibbons plans to have a more final true-up of funds after the review.

Ms. Gibbons noted that the PPP loans for \$126,000 with Pacific Mercantile Bank is currently being used for the CARF payroll costs and will be working towards loan forgiveness after the monies are utilized.

**Agenda Item 8 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Live Racing Operations.** Mr. Swartzlander noted that the upcoming CHRB meeting will include the license for the Alameda County Fair. With auxiliary stabling being an issue, Mr. Balch, from the California Thoroughbred Trainers Association, was currently withholding his support for the upcoming meet until stabling is solved.

At this time, the Stronach Group plans to close Golden Gate Fields on June 15 and open back on July 27 – which leaves CARF having to cover stabling for roughly 1,100 horses. Mr. Doutrich adds that Golden Gate trainers are irate with the unknown plans coming from the Stronach Group on if they will be required to stable in Sacramento or Pleasanton for the time period while Golden Gate Fields is closed. Mr. Doutrich plans to set criteria, preferentially choosing horses that are ready to run on the fair circuits.

**Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director's Report.** None.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliana Gomes