

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS  
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee  
Concurrent Meeting  
Tuesday, October 12, 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, October 12, 2021. The meeting was conducted via teleconference originating at the Big Fresno Fair, 1121 S. Chance Ave. Fresno, CA 93702.

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

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, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles, Allen Aldrich, Mike Francesconi, Michael Flores and Justin Aquino.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:** The next CARF Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee meeting will be held in November, 2021 with a specific date yet to be determined.

**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 Fantasy Sports.** Mr. Swartzlander presented the Calypso agreement to the board for approval. Ms. King moved to accept the Calypso agreement; Mr. Pickering seconded.

Mr. Pickering noted that this agreement process has consisted of months and months of negotiations, with all parties represented by legal counsel. Outreach has been made with concerned board members and all questions have been answered. Mr. Pickering noted that this is new ground in the State of California so input was solicited from industry principals including: the California Horse Racing Board, representatives of organized labor, Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), SCOTWINC, NCOTWINC, and CHRIMS – all reporting with positive feedback.

Mr. Pickering congratulated Mr. Hoban, Mr. Jacobs and those involved in their work to involve and consult relevant parties via in face meetings, Zoom and Finance Committee meetings. In addition to the outreach, Mr. Pickering reminds CARF members that involvement in the Calypso program is voluntary and encourages further open communication.

Mr. Hoban called for a Roll Call Vote: Yes: Ms. Violini, Mr. Pickering, Ms. King, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Hoban. Abstain: Ms. Stoehr. Yes Votes: 5, Abstain: 1. Motion passes.

**Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any on Legislative Program.** Mr. Boyles reported that October 10 was the last day for the Governor to sign bills into law. At this time, there are no bills or legislation that will affect CARF.

**Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Live Racing Operations.** Mr. Swartzlander briefed the Board on the current race meet conditions at the Big Fresno Fair. After having to cancel races due to unhealthy air quality on Monday, October 11, Mr. Swartzlander was happy to report the cancellation had boosted entries for Friday, October 15 and will now showcase a 10-race card for Friday.

Mr. Swartzlander was happy to report, as of now, there are zero fatalities on the fairs and ADW handle numbers continue to increase. At this time, Mr. Swartzlander predicts a large purse underpayment for the entirety of the race meets.

**Agenda Item 7 – Financials.** Ms. Gibbons presented preliminary financials through August and was happy to report that due to the forgiveness of CARF’s \$130,000 PPP Loan, that that number has now been removed from the budget liability and into revenue. Ms. Gibbons was reported on progress in moving forward with Calypso banking and financial plans.

**Agenda Item 8 – Executive Director’s Report.** Mr. Hoban congratulated Mr. Flores on his appointment as the new CDFA Deputy Secretary and welcomed future meetings between CARF and CDFA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliana Gomes