

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS  
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee  
Concurrent Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

**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, April 4, 2023. The meeting was held via teleconference originating at the CARF office, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, CA 95815.

CARF Board Directors joining by conference call: Stephen Hales, Dan Jacobs, Lauri King, Tom Martinez, Dana Stoehr and Kelly Violini.

CARF Live Racing Committee members joining by conference call: Lauri King and Tom Martinez.

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles, Matt Cranford, Bill Nader, Angel Moore, Jeanne Wasserman, Greg Gomes, Tag Wotherspoon and Stacey Lapham.

**Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:** The next CARF Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee meetings will be held Tuesday, May 2, 2023 via teleconference.

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.** Item deferred.

**Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Live Racing Committee Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2023.** {ACTION} Ms. King moved to approve the February 28, 2023 CARF Live Racing Committee meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hales seconded, unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 5 – Approval of Board of Director’s Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2023.** {ACTION} Ms. King moved to approve the March 14, 2023 CARF Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee concurrent meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hales seconded, unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Legislative Program.** Mr. Boyles reported that the members of the legislature are on spring break this week and back in their home districts for constituent services and local meetings, but will reconvene April 10.

April 28 is the deadline for policy committees to hear and report on fiscal bills introduced in their house of origin. The last day for non-fiscal bills to be heard in committee is May 5. The CARF-sponsored spot bill, AB 1074 (Alanis) was referred to the Committee on Governmental Organization and will be heard April 26. The bill will subsequently be amended prior to being reviewed by the Senate Appropriations Committee and any language changes will be shared at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 7 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Fantasy Sports.** Mr. Swartzlander reported that the CARF Finance Committee met to review the BetMakers’ Global Tote agreement. That document is currently undergoing minor changes and will be brought back to the Finance Committee for final approval and recommendation to the full Board.

Mr. Swartzlander reported that one major change to the tote agreement is that no hardware will be installed initially at the satellites and all contest entries will be made via the Internet. Mr. Swartzlander feels this change is a net positive and will help facilitate the Beta test in June and full rollout August 1.

**Agenda Item 8 – Financials.** Ms. Gibbons presented the financials provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Martinez called for questions; no questions at this time.

Ms. Gibbons reported that the field work for CARF’s 2022 audit is scheduled for May 1-5, 2023.

**Agenda Item 9 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any on Live Racing Operations.** Mr. Swartzlander reported on three areas specific to live racing operations:

**CHRB License Applications:** Mr. Swartzlander welcomed Bill Nader, President & CEO of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC). Mr. Swartzlander reported that CARF’s purse structure, stakes schedule and incentives are being reviewed by the TOC and a meeting of TOC staff and representatives will be convened next week to discuss the package.

Mr. Swartzlander stated that the Pleasanton California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) license to conduct racing will be heard May 18 in Sacramento and the Cal Expo license will be heard June 15 in Pleasanton.

**Horse Recruitment:** Mr. Doutrich stated that he had a successful recruitment trip at Turf Paradise in Arizona. The decision of Arizona Downs management to not race this summer has created an opportunity for 6-7 trainers with 70-100 horses to join the CARF circuit. Stall applications are due April 15.

**Other:** Mr. Swartzlander reported that Golden Gate Fields (GGF) has officially announced that they will close the stabling area this summer through the first week of Santa Rosa, necessitating a stabling agreement between CARF and Santa Rosa.

Bill Nader greeted the group and added that TOC has reached out to GGF to explore the possibility of them opening for stabling earlier, if possible, to accommodate the Santa Rosa meet.

**Agenda Item 10 – Executive Director’s Report.** No report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Haviland