

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Special Meeting
Friday, September 8, 2023**

MINUTES

A concurrent special meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, September 8, 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, Jerome Hoban, Dan Jacobs, Tom Martinez and Dana Stoehr.

CARF Live Racing Committee members joining by conference call: Jerome Hoban and Tom Martinez.

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Louie Brown, Mike Francesconi, Matt Cranford, Terry Gonsalves, Ruben Gastelo, Kyle Brown, Benjamin Kenney, Chris Schick, Stacey Lapham and 859-221-9895.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: October 5, 2023 at the Big Fresno Fair. Mr. Hoban reported that the next CARF Board Meeting would originate at the Big Fresno Fair on October 5 at 11:00 AM.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Mr. Hoban brought the meeting back to open session and requested legal counsel report on action taken during closed session. Ms. Grottveit reported that Mr. Martinez moved to support AB 1074 (Alanis), as proposed, to be amended to address racing in Northern California after July 1, 2024. Ms. Stoehr seconded the motion.

Mr. Hoban asked for further discussion. None. Mr. Hoban called for the vote. **{ACTION}** Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Stabling and Racing Transition from Golden Gate Fields. Mr. Swartzlander stated that he has been in discussions with the Sonoma County Fair racing committee to potentially lease the Santa Rosa track and

racing facilities for temporary use, if needed. Mr. Swartzlander has toured the backside and staff from both organizations are working together to draft a potential lease agreement in the event that CARF requires an interim facility other than member fairgrounds for racing after the closure of Golden Gate Fields.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Director’s Report. No report.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland