

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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 3, 2022. 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, Dana Stoehr and Kelly Violini.

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

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Heather Haviland, Tom Doutrich, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles and Allen Aldrich.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: The date for the next CARF Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee meeting is to be determined and will be conducted 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 was taken.

Agenda Item 4: Approval of Minutes. {ACTION} Ms. King moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee concurrent meeting for March 1, 2022 and April 5, 2022 as presented. Ms. Stoehr seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any on Fantasy Sports. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the discussion process continues to move forward with the Calypso Challenge and within the next 10 days should have updates on a date for the pilot test.

Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any on Legislative Program. Mr. Boyles reported that the CARF spot bill and WFA bill have moved through the legislature and will be available for anything should the need arise.

Mr. Boyles added that last week was the deadline for fiscal bills to be presented to the policy committee, but nothing related to fairs or horseracing had been put forward.

Mr. Swartzlander asked for an update regarding the sports betting initiatives and Mr. Boyles confirmed that both the tribal casino initiative, A.G. No. 19-0029 supporting in-person gambling, and the Fan-Duel-backed initiative, A.G. No. 21-0017 supporting online sports wagering, had acquired enough signatures to be on November's statewide ballot.

Agenda Item 7 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any on Employee Handbook. Mr. Hoban reported that the Finance Committee met and would recommend the Employee Handbook as presented to the board with minimal changes from Ms. Stoehr. Mr. Hales moved to approve the Employee Handbook and Ms. Stoehr seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 8 – Western Fairs Association Update. Ms. King reported that the Western Fairs Association planned to vote on their bylaws within two weeks and enquired as to how the meeting with Mr. Swartzlander and Ms. Cummings went.

Mr. Swartzlander added that he and Ms. Haviland met with Ms. Cummings and had a good conversation clearing up a few questions regarding the change in bylaws. A copy of the proposed bylaws would be made available to the board members for their review.

Agenda Item 9 – Financials. Ms. Gibbons presented the preliminary financials from February 2022 and noted that the 2021 audit with Gilbert & Associates was currently in progress. No questions.

Agenda Item 10 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any on Live Racing Operations. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the final race meet application for the Alameda County Fair has been submitted and that he predicts no issues with its approval. Additionally, the California State Fair's application is in the works and requires an expedited fire clearance due to the auxiliary stabling of horsemen from Golden Gate Fields.

Mr. Doutrich estimated that roughly 450 horses plan to be stabled in Sacramento from Golden Gate Fields.

Agenda Item 11 – Executive Director's Report. Mr. Swartzlander reported that he attended a gala at Golden Gate Fields hosting both horsemen and industry leaders and was happy to note the positive energy regarding the impending auxiliary stabling move.

Mr. Swartzlander added that the Kentucky Derby was this week and that he recommends Zandon as the winning horse.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliana Gomes