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AGENDA
CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
LIVE RACING COMMITTEE MEETING
JOHN ALKIRE, CHAIR
11:00 A.M., TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs Live Racing Committee will commence at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2016. The meeting will be held in Sacramento. 1776 Tribute Road, Conference Room, Sacramento, CA 95815.

AGENDA

- I. Date, time and location of next meeting: June 7, 2016.
- II. Public Comment.
- III. Approval of minutes.
- IV. Report, discussion and action, if any, on 2016 Legislative Program.
- V. Discussion and action, if any, on Racing Dates for 2017 and beyond.
- VI. Discussion and action, if any, on Summer Racing Operations.
- VII. Report on Horsemen's Agreements.
- VIII. Update on TV Production Agreement.
- IX. Executive Director's Report.

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Live Racing Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 2016

MINUTES

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The meeting was hosted at the CARF Board Room, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

CARF Live Racing Committee members attending: John Alkire, Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban, Kelly Olds and Rick Pickering.

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Louie Brown and Caroline Titus.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting. The next CARF Live Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 in Sacramento.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes. Mr. Pickering moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hoban seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2016 Legislative Program. Mr. Brown reported a high level of activity at the Capitol as April 22 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 6. The two CARF sponsored bills, AB 2011 (Cooper) and AB 2226 (Bigelow), are expected to move through policy committee without issue.

Mr. Brown reported that the statewide stabling and vanning bill is moving forward. Senator Isadore Hall is modifying his legislation from last session to include Northern California language, Southern California language and an urgency clause. The CARF sponsored bill for Northern California stabling and vanning, AB 2011, will be moved to the Senate and will be available as a spot bill if needed.

Mr. Brown reported that racing legislation remains light and individual association legislation consists predominately of spot bills. Mr. Brown met with Assemblymember Gray's staff regarding removing the fair classification designation from AB 2863, the Internet poker

bill that supports a mitigation fund for the racing industry and for fairs in Classes I to IV+. Assemblymember Gray's office was hesitant to recommend the modification mainly due to timing and in the interests of moving the bill through the process as efficiently as possible.

Mr. Conway moved to support AB 2863 as written. Mr. Olds seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Brown reported that the \$3 million allocation to CDFA F&E from Governor Brown's proposed 2016-2017 state budget will not be heard in policy committee due to its continuous appropriation classification. The \$4 million allocation for deferred fair maintenance does not share that classification and will be heard in the Senate Subcommittee April 7. CDFA has released a proposal outlining the deferred maintenance projects selected for the 2015-2016 allocation in time for that hearing. As part of the process, fair legislative staff will address the funding cut and the inefficiencies of DGS. The end goal is to reestablish or exceed the previous level of funding and to move future monies/mechanisms for allocation to CDFA. A letter to that effect, authored by the Joint Committee on Fairs, will be sent to the budget committees.

Mr. Brown reported that in regards to fair funding, Assemblymember Gray is also carrying AB 2678, which would dedicate the state portion of the sales and use tax collected from transactions at fairgrounds, except for Los Angeles, to support small and medium-sized fairs. Mr. Pickering stated that he would prefer the bill support all categories of fairs, including the larger fairs that will be generating a bulk of the proceeds, but that the bill provides an overall opportunity for fairs and a precedent that could ultimately benefit all fairs in the future.

Mr. Pickering moved to support AB 2678 as written. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Brown provided an update on discussions with CDFA regarding license fees generated at racing fairs. Mr. Brown stated that several discussions have resulted in conflicting information and he is recommending CARF Board representatives meet directly with the Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Alkire stated that the CARF Board will provide whatever support needed to ensure those license fees are reinvested back at racing fairs.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion and Action, if any, on Racing Dates for 2016 and Beyond.

Mr. Korby reported that the meeting packets include a document titled "*Agreement - Combined Fair Horse Racing Meeting*" which follows up on action taken at the March CARF Live Racing Committee meeting to request that the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) designate the Alameda County Fair, California State Fair, Humboldt County Fair, San Joaquin County Fair and the Big Fresno Fair as a combined fair meet from June 15, 2016 to October 16, 2016.

Mr. Korby stated, as background information, that participation in a combined fair meet allows for flexibility in the selection of venues for running fair dates. The CHRB license applications would continue to be submitted for each fair, as has been done in the past. A similar agreement was memorialized in 2009. Two documents, one including a signature for the San Joaquin County Fair and one without, were circulated and signed by the group.

Mr. Korby stated that this agreement sets the foundation for the CHRB to allow the Alameda County Fair to host the 2016 San Joaquin County Fair dates in September. Mr. Korby stated this opportunity was generated by a desire on the part of the San Joaquin County Fair Board to focus on its June fair dates and move September racing dates to another fair in 2016. Mr. Olds confirmed that statement and reported that the San Joaquin County Fair Board issued a letter supporting the efforts of CARF and the Alameda County Fair in this endeavor. The letter also designated CARF to act on behalf of the San Joaquin County Fair with the CHRB on this matter. Mr. Korby stated that Oak Tree Racing Association has once again entered into a partnership with the Alameda County Fair, thereby strengthening Pleasanton's position.

Mr. Korby stated that he has been meeting with CHRB senior staff and Deputy AG regarding this matter and answering any questions staff might have to make the process as smooth as possible.

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion and Action, if any, on Summer Racing Operations. Mr. Korby stated that the meeting packets include the Alameda County Fair marketing plan and a spreadsheet outlining the results of recent out-of-state recruitment trips.

Mr. Swartzlander stated that the recruitment trips have been productive, especially in light of Les Bois Park's (Idaho) decision to cease racing operations in 2016. The horses that normally run in Idaho will fit in well on the lower level of the Northern California system.

Mr. Hoban stated that he met with Becky Bartling, new CEO of the Sonoma County Fair, to gauge the fair's interest in rejoining CARF. Mr. Hoban reported that Ms. Bartling expressed an interest in utilizing the CARF Paymaster and that he agreed to present her request to the CARF Live Racing Committee. Mr. Pickering recommended that CARF legal staff review any potential use of CARF accounts and coverage for employee liability. Mr. Korby stated that consistency in the paymaster position maintains continuity for both horsemen and accounting functionality. Mr. Alkire stated that he supports working with Santa Rosa and taking a positive step to repair the relationship by helping them fill the paymaster position.

Mr. Hoban moved to request staff develop a mechanism that would allow the Sonoma County Fair to utilize the CARF Paymaster employee. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 7 - Report on Status of Horsemen's Agreements. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) agreement is the only outstanding horsemen's agreement. The issue with the CTT agreement involves the San Joaquin County Fair meet.

Agenda Item 7 – Update and Planning for Installation of New Totilisor Equipment (AmTote) in Racing Fair Grandstands. Mr. Korby reported that the totalisator conversion from Sportech Racing, LLC to Amtote International at satellite wagering facilities is complete. Mr. Korby reported that the conversion process has begun for the racing grandstands and the meeting packets include an installation schedule.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion and Update on TV Production Agreement. Mr. Swartzlander distributed a proposal from Pegasus Communications outlining an agreement that includes enabling the fairs to broadcast the racing signal in high-definition (HD). Pegasus is proposing a \$110,000 capital contribution for HD equipment to be divided over a 6 year contract extension, resulting in a \$400 day rate increase. Staff and a representative from Pegasus have visited several fairs to estimate the cost of fiber optics for the grandstands which have ranged from \$15,000 to \$20,000. That cost does not address the upgrades that need to be made to satellite facility control rooms. Right now the satellite network cannot accept an HD signal, though many other tracks and out-of-state facilities can. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the proposed contract is contained in the meeting packet.

Mr. Hoban moved to proceed with the six year Pegasus Communications HD contract as presented. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director's Report. Mr. Korby reported that there is an active investigation of misplaced funds at the Monterey County Fair satellite wagering facility. This matter involves a NCOTWINC employee and does not reflect any wrongdoing on the part of the fair or fair staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland

**CA Authority of Racing Fairs Legislative Report - Last 10 Days
4/22/2016**

AB 1729 (Waldron R) Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.

Current Text: Amended: 3/15/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/28/2016

Last Amend: 3/15/2016

Status: 4/20/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/16/2016-A. G.O.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission and the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Department of Justice. Existing law requires the commission to establish a 10-member Gaming Policy Advisory Committee for the purpose of discussing matters of controlled gambling regulatory policy and other relevant gambling-related issues. The committee is composed of representatives of controlled gambling licensees and members of the general public in equal numbers. This bill would increase the membership of the committee from 10 to 12 members.

Organization Position

CARF Watch

AB 1786 (Cooley D) Horse racing: the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

Location: 4/21/2016-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Calendar: 4/25/2016 #103 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR 1ST DAY-ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: The Horse Racing Law establishes the California Standardbred Sires Stakes Program for standardbred horses bred in California, and provides that an offspring of a registered California standardbred stallion standing in California during an entire breeding season is eligible to race in the program. This bill would expand eligibility to race in the program to include the offspring of registered standardbred stallions standing in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, or Maine, or the Province of Alberta, Canada. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization Position

CARF Watch

AB 1890 (Dodd D) Discrimination: equal pay: state contracting.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2016

Status: 4/13/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/7/2016-A. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Existing law subjects an employer who is, or wishes to become, a contractor with the state for public works, or for goods or services, to various nondiscrimination requirements. Existing law authorizes requiring an employer to submit a nondiscrimination program to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing for approval and certification prior to becoming a contractor or subcontractor with the state, as well as requiring the provision of periodic reports of contractor or subcontractor compliance with that program. This bill would enact the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act of 2016. The bill would require an employer with 100 or more employees in the state and a contract with the state of 30 days or more to submit a description of its nondiscrimination program to the department and to submit periodic reports, no more than annually, on a schedule to be determined by the department, of its compliance with that program. The bill would authorize the department to require approval and certification of the program. The bill would permit the department to require an employer with fewer than 100 employees in state or a contract of less than 30 days to submit a nondiscrimination report. The bill would require the department to define an employee for these purposes. The bill would require the nondiscrimination program to include policies and procedures designed to ensure equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees, an analysis of employment selection procedures, and a workforce analysis, as specified. The bill would specify that its provisions are not to be construed to negate certain exemptions established by regulation that predate its enactment or to require the department to reevaluate the validity of these exemptions, as specified. The bill would

make a statement of legislative findings.

Organization **Position**
CARF Watch

AB 2011 **(Cooper D) Horse racing: thoroughbred racing: northern zone: auxiliary offsite stabling, training, and vanning.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

Location: 4/21/2016-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

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Calendar: 4/25/2016 #107 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR 1ST DAY-ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: The Horse Racing Law requires, when satellite wagering is conducted on thoroughbred races at associations or fairs in the northern zone, that an amount not to exceed 1.25% of the total amount handled by all of those satellite wagering facilities be deducted from the funds otherwise allocated for distribution as commissions, purses, and owners' premiums and instead be distributed to an organization formed and operated by thoroughbred racing associations, fairs conducting thoroughbred racing, and the organization representing thoroughbred horsemen, to administer a fund to provide reimbursement for offsite stabling at California Horse Racing Board-approved auxiliary training facilities for additional stalls beyond the number of usable stalls the association or fair is required to make available and maintain, and for the vanning of starters from these additional stalls on racing days for thoroughbred horses. This bill would increase the amount that is required to be deducted to an amount not to exceed 2% and would provide that this amount, if adjusted by the board, may be a different percentage of the handle for different associations and fairs, but only if all the associations and fairs agree to the differing percentages. The bill would establish an auxiliary offsite stabling and training facility and vanning program for thoroughbred races in the northern zone. The bill would revise and recast the provisions governing the organization formed and operated to administer the fund to include, among other things, a 50-50 percentage allocation of specified voting interests on the board of the organization, the use of funds to pay the organization's expenses and compensate the provider of a board-approved auxiliary facility for offsite stabling and training of thoroughbred horses in the northern zone, and the requirement that the organization submit its proposed financial and operational plans for the upcoming calendar year to the board for review no later than November 1 of the preceding year. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization **Position**
CARF Sponsor

AB 2102 **(Hernández, Roger D) Tribal gaming: Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/15/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2016

Last Amend: 3/15/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 21. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/21/2016-A. APPR.

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Summary: Existing law creates in the State Treasury the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for the receipt and deposit of moneys received by the state from certain Indian tribes pursuant to the terms of gaming compacts entered into with the state. Existing law authorizes moneys in that fund to be used for specified purposes, including for grants for the support of state and local government agencies impacted by tribal government gaming. Existing law, until January 1, 2021, creates a County Tribal Casino Account in the treasury of each county that contains a tribal casino, which is funded according to specified formulas. Existing law requires the Controller, in consultation with the California Gambling Control Commission, to divide the County Tribal Casino Account for each county that has gaming devices that are subject to an obligation to make contributions to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund into a separate account, known as an Individual Tribal Casino Account, for each tribe that operates a casino within the county. Each Individual Tribal Casino Account is required to be funded in proportion to the amount that each individual tribe paid in the prior fiscal year to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, and authorizes funds in these accounts to be released to make grants to local agencies impacted by tribal casinos, as specified. Existing law establishes an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee in each county in which gaming is conducted, specifies the composition and responsibilities of that committee, and requires that committee to make the selection of grants from those casino accounts. Among other things, the committee is responsible for establishing all application policies and procedures for grants from the casino accounts. This bill would require each Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to adopt and approve a Conflict of Interest Code

pursuant to these provisions. The bill would require any existing Conflict of Interest Code to be reviewed and amended as necessary to bring it into compliance with these requirements. By increasing the duties of local government entities, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

AB 2218 **(Burke D) Gambling: licenses.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 4/14/2016-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 4/14/2016-S. RLS.

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Summary: Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission and the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Department of Justice. Existing law requires every person who is required to hold a state license to obtain the license prior to engaging in the activity or occupying the position with respect to which the license is required, except as specified. Existing law also requires every person who, by order of the commission, is required to apply for a gambling license or a finding of suitability to file an application within 45 calendar days after receipt of the order. This bill would instead require the application described above to be filed within 60 calendar days after receipt of an order of the commission.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

AB 2287 **(Wilk R) Horse racing: satellite wagering: out-of-country thoroughbred races.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 3/17/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 21. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/21/2016-A. APPR.

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Summary: Existing law authorizes a thoroughbred racing association or fair to distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-country thoroughbred races during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, without the consent of the participating horsemen's and horsewomen's organization. These imported races are subject to specified conditions, including the condition that a thoroughbred racing association or fair may not accept wagers on out-of-country races commencing after 5:30 p.m., Pacific standard time, without the consent of the harness or quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live racing meeting. This bill would authorize a thoroughbred racing association or fair to accept wagers on out-of-country races up to 6:30 p.m., Pacific standard time, on the first Saturday in November, without the consent of the harness or quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live racing meeting.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

AB 2543 **(Gordon D) State buildings: efficiency.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 4/13/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/13/2016-A. APPR.

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Calendar: 4/27/2016 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary: Existing law requires the Department of General Services, in consultation with other state entities that include the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency measures in state facilities. Existing law requires the department to update the plan biennially, coordinate implementation efforts, and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to achieve energy goals for state facilities. Existing law requires the department to make these recommendations no later than March 1, 2009,

and biennially thereafter. Existing law also requires the department to report on projects under its jurisdiction, as specified. This bill would instead require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the department, to develop a plan to exploit cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation measures in state facilities. This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, to submit recommendations on energy efficiency and water conservation goals to the Governor and the Legislature. This bill would require the department, in consultation with the commission, to make these recommendations no later than January 1, 2018.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

AB 2619 **(Gray D) Horse racing: quarter horse races.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

Location: 4/21/2016-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

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Calendar: 4/25/2016 #125 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR 1ST DAY-ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Existing law establishes the California Horse Racing Board, and gives that board specified duties, including authorizing a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on specified races, including the American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge. This bill would authorize the board to authorize a licensed quarter horse racing association that is conducting a live racing meeting in this state to accept wagers on a quarter horse stakes race with a purse equal to or greater than \$100,000. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

AB 2808 **(Gipson D) Horse racing: exchange wagering: operative extension.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/13/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 4/13/2016

Status: 4/14/2016-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/14/2016-A. APPR.

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Calendar: 4/27/2016 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ, Chair

Summary: The Horse Racing Law authorizes exchange wagering, as provided, and authorizes the California Horse Racing Board to recover any costs associated with the licensing or regulation of exchange wagering by imposing an assessment on the exchange wagering licensee in an amount that does not exceed the reasonable costs associated with the licensing or regulation of exchange wagering. Existing law requires any racing association or racing fair receiving distributions from any exchange provider's exchange revenues to distribute a portion of that revenue to the official registering agency in a specified manner. Existing law makes these exchange wagering provisions inoperative on May 1, 2016, and repeals them on January 1, 2017. Violations of the Horse Racing Law are generally misdemeanors. This bill would extend those inoperative and repeal dates to May 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021, respectively. The bill, by extending these requirements, the violation of which is a crime, would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

AB 2863 **(Gray D) Gambling: Internet poker.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Last Amend: 4/20/2016

Status: 4/21/2016-Re-referred to Com. on G.O.

Location: 4/21/2016-A. G.O.

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Calendar: 4/27/2016 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, GRAY, Chair

Summary: Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure of certain individuals and

establishments that conduct controlled games, as defined, and for the regulation of these gambling activities by the California Gambling Control Commission. The Department of Justice has related investigatory and enforcement duties under the act. Any violation of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor, as specified. Existing law, the Horse Racing Law, generally regulates horse racing and vests the administration and enforcement of its provisions in the California Horse Racing Board. This bill, which would be known as the Internet Poker Consumer Protection Act of 2016, would establish a framework to authorize intrastate Internet poker, as specified. The bill would authorize eligible entities to apply for a 7-year license to operate an authorized poker Web site offering the play of authorized Internet poker games to registered players within California, as specified. The bill would require that the license be automatically renewed every 7 years upon application, as specified. The bill would prohibit the offer or play of any gambling game provided over the Internet that is not an authorized Internet poker game permitted by the state pursuant to these provisions. The bill would provide that it is unlawful for a person to aggregate computers or any other Internet access device in a place of public accommodation within the state, including a club or other association, or a public or other setting, that can accommodate multiple players to simultaneously play an authorized Internet poker game, or to promote, facilitate, or market that activity. The bill would provide that any violation of the Internet Poker Consumer Protection Act of 2016 is punishable as a felony. By creating new crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

SB 905 (Bates R) Alcoholic beverage control: club licenses.

Current Text: Amended: 4/7/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/25/2016

Last Amend: 4/7/2016

Status: 4/15/2016-Set for hearing April 25.

Location: 4/12/2016-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, defines and regulates the issuance of various types of licenses authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including a club license. Existing law authorizes the holder of a club license to exercise the rights of a on-sale general licensee, but limits sale and service of alcoholic beverages to members of the club and their guests. Existing law defines different clubs in this context. This bill would define a club, for the purposes described above, to also include a nonprofit umbrella organization established to provide a central meeting location, resources, and services for veterans, including those on active duty, and that owns or leases, operates, and maintains a facility for these purposes. The bill would require the organization to serve at least 6 veteran organizations, as specified.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

SB 1240 (Hall D) Horse racing: thoroughbred racing: northern, central, and southern zones: auxiliary offsite stabling, training, and vanning.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Last Amend: 4/5/2016

Status: 4/12/2016-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0. Page 3494.) (April 12). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/12/2016-S. APPR.

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Calendar: 5/2/2016 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

Summary: The Horse Racing Law requires, when satellite wagering is conducted on thoroughbred races at associations or fairs in the northern, central, or southern zone, that an amount not to exceed 1.25% of the total amount handled by all of those satellite wagering facilities be deducted from the funds otherwise allocated for distribution as commissions, purses, and owners' premiums and instead distributed to an organization formed and operated by thoroughbred racing associations, fairs conducting thoroughbred racing, and the organization representing thoroughbred horsemen and horsewomen, to administer a fund to provide reimbursement for offsite stabling at California Horse Racing Board-approved auxiliary training facilities for additional stalls beyond the number of usable stalls the association or fair is required to make available and maintain, and for the vanning of starters from these additional stalls on racing days for thoroughbred horses. This bill would increase the amount that is required to be deducted to an amount not to exceed 2% in the northern, central, and southern zones, and would provide that this amount in the northern zone, if adjusted by the board,

may be a different percentage of the handle for different associations and fairs, but only if all the associations and fairs agree to the differing percentages. The bill would establish an auxiliary offsite stabling and training facility and vanning program for thoroughbred races in the northern, central, and southern zones. The bill would revise and recast the provisions governing the organization formed and operated to administer the fund to include, among other things, a 50-50 percentage allocation of specified voting interests on the board of the organization, the use of funds to compensate the provider of a board-approved auxiliary facility for offsite stabling and training of thoroughbred horses in the northern, central, and southern zones, and the requirement that the organization submit its proposed financial and operational plans for the upcoming calendar year to the board for review no later than November 1 of the preceding year. The bill would also require that the 2% of funds of the total amount handled, as specified, be used to pay the organization's expenses in the northern zone. The bill would require, in the northern, central, and southern zones and at the request of the board, the organization to submit a report detailing all of its receipts and expenditures over the prior 2 fiscal years and, upon request of any party within the organization, that those receipts and expenditures be audited by an independent 3rd party selected by the board at the organization's expense. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

SB 1313 (Hall D) Gambling: California Gambling Control Commission.

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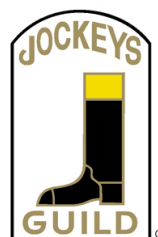
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Summary: Existing law, the Gambling Control Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments by the California Gambling Control Commission and the investigation and enforcement of those activities and establishments by the Department of Justice. The act requires 5 members to be appointed to the commission by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The act specifies that a majority of the appointed members of the commission is a quorum and that the concurring vote of 3 members of the commission is required for any official action of the commission or for the exercise of any of the commission's duties, powers, or functions. Existing law requires that a public record of every vote of the commission be maintained at its principal office. This bill would additionally require that a public record of every vote of the commission be posted on the commission's Internet Web site no later than 48 hours after the vote is taken.

Organization **Position**
 CARF Watch

Total Measures: 14

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April 21, 2016

The Honorable Adam Gray, Chair
 Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
 State Capitol
 Sacramento, CA 95813

RE: Horse Racing Industry Support for AB 2863

Dear Chairman Gray,

On behalf of the California horse racing and breeding industries, we write to express our appreciation to you and your staff for your efforts on AB 2863. More specifically, we write on behalf of the racetracks, fairs, jockeys, pari-mutuel clerks and thousands of California horse owners and trainers who have invested hundreds of millions of dollars into our state's economy to support the \$2.5 billion horse agribusiness. The Thoroughbred industry in California employs more than 50,000 people. Racing, breeding and training occurs in 28 counties within in California and attracts fans, breeders and owners from around the world.

We offer you the following background to help you understand our position on AB 2863. In 2001, the California Legislature granted exclusive authority to the horse racing industry to offer wagering on the Internet via advanced deposit wagering or ADW. This power was authorized following the passage of Tribal Gaming under Proposition 1A, which directly resulted in a 40% decline in racing industry revenues. Over the past 15 years, California horseracing has completely restructured its business model to embrace the new ADW technologies and online wagering exclusivity afforded us by the Legislature. This year we project over \$600 million in ADW wagering --- or more than 40% percent of total pari-mutuel wagering in the State.

The ADW wagering has helped partially offset the tremendous disadvantage that the California industry currently faces as the only major racing state in which horse racing does not participate in any form of alternate gaming revenues (i.e., sharing in percentage of slot machines, casino games or having the right to offer such games as is the case in other major racing states like New York, Florida, and Maryland). For comparison, in 2014 the horse racing industry in New York received over \$238 million from state casino interests to support the racing agribusiness in that state. This financial imbalance with other racing states continues

to threaten the viability of horse racing in California, tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in agricultural investment.

With our industry's increasing reliance on Internet wagering and the lack of other gaming revenue support, we are obligated to take a hard look at any new form of online gambling in California. In our assessment of AB 2863, we are also cognizant of the August 25, 2014 letter from Legislative Counsel that confirmed that under California law in the event the Legislature authorized online poker in the State, "the Legislature could authorize a licensed horse racing association to obtain a license to offer Internet poker in California."

We very much appreciate your willingness to reach out to us to learn more about our business and understand the potential impact of AB 2863 on our industry. With that background, the undersigned write to express our support for AB 2863, with the following clarifications and amendments:

- We recognize the \$60 million annual payment in AB 2863 is intended to compensate the racing industry for being excluded from eligibility for i-Poker licenses, the loss of the industry's current Internet gaming exclusivity in the State, and the projected loss of market share for ADW. Given this sizeable impact on our business, we must condition our support for the legislation on a firm commitment to maintain the \$60 million minimum payment throughout the legislative process. We are not prepared to negotiate on this baseline number.
- We note that the current draft of AB 2863 contains blanks for the up-front license fee and tax rate. Because the \$60 million fee is to be solely funded from license fees and taxes, we must look closely at what the actual fees and rates are to assess the likelihood that the \$60 million will be available. Our continued support for the legislation is predicated on the ultimate reasonableness of those numbers. On a related point, we believe AB 2863 should be amended to confirm that in the event the \$60 million minimum were not fully funded in a given year, there would be a carry over into the following year(s) with first dollars from future i-Poker license fees and tax revenues going to cure the deficiency.
- Racing's share of distributions from the fund should be statutorily limited to purses, owner and breeder incentive awards, and racing associations or fairs offering live horseracing in the state (along with the identified percentages for jockey retirement plans and a pari-mutuel employee pension plan). Any fair or association that ceases to offer live racing should no longer be eligible to participate in the fund.
- We recognize that the Assembly and Senate are separately considering Daily Fantasy Sports and sports wagering bills, and we appreciate the opportunity to submit our comments on those pieces of legislation separately. We also know that future Legislatures will consider many other bills to authorize other forms of online gambling. To protect against any misunderstandings or false precedents that could impact such other legislation, we would ask for clarifying language in AB 2863 to the effect that:

- The Chapter authorizes Internet poker only and nothing in this chapter shall preclude a horseracing association from participating in future Internet gambling activities that do not include Internet poker.
- Nothing in the Chapter will limit in any way pari-mutuel ADW as it is currently being offered by ADW licensees in California pursuant to 19601 et. seq.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,

THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA



Nick Coukos, President

DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB



Josh Rubinstein, Chief Operating Officer

CALIF. THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSN.



Doug Burge, General Manager

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Barry Broad, Legislative Representative

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS



Chris Korby, Executive Director

CA TEAMSTERS PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL



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Alan Balch, Executive Director

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Brad McKinzie, General Manager

SEIU CALIFORNIA



Rene A. Bayardo, Government Relations Advocate



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504

<http://feinstein.senate.gov>

April 28, 2016

The Honorable Kevin de León
Senate President Pro Tem
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President de León and Speaker Rendon,

I write to strongly oppose legislation that has been introduced in the State Assembly – Assembly Bill 2863 – to authorize online poker in California.

I urge you to consider the potential widespread harmful implications of online gambling, particularly for young people in California. It is my strong belief that the bill should not be enacted and that internet poker should be prohibited in California, because of its potentially harmful effects.

A recent BioMed Central Public Health study found that there was an increase of online gambling opportunities for youth in Canada, indicating a possible impact on the health of adolescents there. I am enclosing the study here, so that you can review it. There is no reason to believe that the dangers of online gambling would be any different for children in California.

In addition, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has concluded that “[o]nline casinos are vulnerable to a wide array of criminal schemes,” including money laundering and ventures by transnational organized crime groups.

The FBI has also noted that internet gamblers can “use a wide array of mechanisms to conceal their physical location, or give the appearance of operating in

a different jurisdiction, when accessing a website.” Online gambling further gives minors and addicts access to gambling with just a few easy steps on their smartphones.

Take, for example, a case study out of New York. In 2011, a federal grand jury returned an indictment of a man named Isai Scheinberg, the founder of the online gambling site “PokerStars.” Scheinberg and others were charged with an assortment of federal banking, gambling, and money laundering violations.

The massive internet gambling investigation led not only to criminal charges to multiple defendants, but also to the seizure and shutting down of the internet addresses for “PokerStars.com” and other sites.

Ultimately, nearly a year after charges were filed against Scheinberg, PokerStars reached a settlement with authorities where PokerStars agreed to forfeit \$547 million to the government, and return \$184 million to customers. Then, in 2014, some two years after the forfeiture, Scheinberg sold his interest in PokerStars to Amaya Gaming, a Canadian gaming company, for some *\$4.9 billion*, while he still remained under indictment.

Sites such as PokerStars – now owned by Amaya Gaming – therefore provide a ready avenue for money laundering and other possible offenses. And, they are harmful to children. For these reasons, I am firmly against internet gambling, and strongly oppose legislation to legalize it under California law.

Thank you for considering my views on this subject. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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Santa Rosa	11
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CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
VIP Program
for
California Thoroughbred Breeders

Proposal

The CARF Horsemen's VIP program for owners and trainers has had excellent success. We're recommending that the current Owner / Trainer VIP program be expanded to include selected Thoroughbred breeders.

A CARF VIP program which includes Thoroughbred breeders would acknowledge and show our appreciation for the important contribution they make to the California racing industry. Building on the present Horsemen's VIP program keeps administration simple.

We're proposing to start with a small pilot program for this year. Here are some program parameters which we recommend.

- Select 3-5 breeders for special acknowledgement at each racing Fair. Coordinate with CTBA management to find prominent breeders who live, work or have breeding farms in the vicinity of a racing Fair. We can also reach out to breeders we know who live or operate breeding farms near Racing Fairs.
- Issue Horsemen's VIP credentials (parking hang-tag and two ID badges, including spouse) to the selected Thoroughbred breeders. These credentials will be good for parking and admissions to all CARF member racing Fairs. We can use the same credentials which we presently use for our existing program.
- Work with each Racing Fair to select up to five (5) specially-identified parking spaces in a convenient location, near the Grandstand if possible. These spaces should be identified with signs stating RESERVED for CARF CTBA VIP. We'll need durable plastic signs made up in advance of the first Fair's opening. CARF staff can discuss further on the specific parking locations for each Fair.

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- One or more tables in Turf Club/Directors' Room held every day for VIP's. Tables can be held until specified time for VIP then released if VIP's don't use them. Here's a rundown by Fair:
 - Pleasanton: Table in Directors' Room
 - Cal Expo: Table in Turf Club / Turf Club Terrace
 - Fresno: Table in Paddock Terrace or Turf Club Restaurant 4th Floor
- Offer a named race to each of the Breeder VIP's, if they wish to take advantage of it.
- At least one named race for CTBA at each Fair. Coordinate these races with CTBA Executive staff.
- Sponsor a CTBA award for Cal-breds running at California Fairs.
- Good option if available: Jumbo screen playback of featured breeders' success stories obtained from CTBA awards video library.

We've spoken with CTBA executives about this a couple of times. They're supportive and have offered to help coordinate with Thoroughbred breeders who are members of their organization.

We'd like to explore the possibility of reaching out to California Chrome connections for Cal Expo, since one of the breeder/owners lives in Yuba City, which is not far from Sacramento. It's been suggested that we might request a display of the Kentucky Derby trophy at the California State Fair. This would be an excellent promotion, if we could obtain consent of the owners.

Staff requests action confirming that Racing Fairs will participate in developing a VIP program for California Thoroughbred breeders as described above.

See Page 2 for reference to "Reserve Purse Overpayment Fund."

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Live Racing Committee
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

MINUTES

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Live Racing Committee was held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The meeting was hosted at the CARF Board Room, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

CARF Live Racing Committee members attending: Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban and Kelly Olds. Joining by conference call: John Alkire.

Staff and Guests attending: Christopher Korby, Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Jeanne Wasserman and John Quiroz. Joining by conference call: Louie Brown.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting. The next CARF Live Racing Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 in Sacramento.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes. Mr. Hoban moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2016 Legislative Program. Mr. Brown provided an update regarding the legislative calendar; Jan. 31, 2015 was the last day for bills introduced in 2015 to leave their house of origin and Feb. 19, 2016 is the deadline to introduce bills for the second year of the 2015-16 session.

Mr. Brown reported that CARF staff is continuing to have positive discussions with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) regarding the opportunity to reinvest license fees derived from horse racing handle back to the fairs that generate them. Mr. Quiroz reported that Fairs & Expositions (F&E) staff are working internally to develop a process to allocate those funds back to racing fairs through an annual request by CARF in either an memorandum of understanding (MOU) or letter of understanding (LOU) format.

Mr. Brown reported that Governor Brown released his proposed 2016-2017 state budget containing a \$3 million continuing allocation to F&E for the operation of fairs and a \$4 million allocation for deferred maintenance at fairs, down from \$7 million provided in 2015-16. Fairs

are working with legislators in districts containing county fairs to reestablish funding at a level that will benefit all California fairs. Budget hearings are scheduled to begin in March.

Mr. Brown reported that we can expect potential racing legislation to include the introduction of several spot bills as placeholders. CARF staff is seeking an author to introduce a mini-satellite spot bill and is in discussions with Assemblymember Jim Cooper to reintroduce the Northern California vanning and stabling language from the previous session. Assemblymember Adam Gray has circulated language regarding Internet Poker that will be introduced this session in a new bill. Assemblymember Gray feels that the racing industry will receive greater benefit from a mitigation fund than the opportunity to compete for a license. A mitigation fund would also serve as a compromise between the state's horse racing industry and key tribal gaming interests.

Mr. Brown reported that the daily fantasy sports (DFS) wagering bill AB 1437 (Gray) passed through the Governmental Organization Committee nearly unanimously. Assemblymember Marc Levine, who has been an outspoken critic of the DFS industry, was the only "no" vote. Mr. Korby reported that he met with Assemblymember Gray on January 25th in Turlock to discuss another variation of DFS, which is pari-mutuel DFS wagering, which could become an opportunity for satellites to provide an additional wagering option.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion and Action, if any, on Racing Dates for 2017 and Beyond.

Mr. Korby stated that an initial draft calendar for 2017 is included in the meeting packets. Mr. Conway requested that the initial CARF supported calendar show Ferndale operating as the sole racing signal in Northern California from Aug. 23 through Sept. 4, 2017. The group discussed reclaiming a block of fair dates from mid-June to mid-October.

Mr. Conway moved to approve the 2017 race dates as presented with the modifications that Ferndale run as the sole signal in Northern California Aug. 23 through Sept. 4 and that a two week meet conducted at Pleasanton occur in September, thereby filling the gap between Ferndale and Stockton. Mr. Hoban seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion and Action, if any, on Summer Racing Operations and Budget for 2016. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the CARF Race Track Safety and Maintenance Program (RTSM) expenditures in 2015 were significantly more than anticipated due to increasing equipment repairs for maintaining an aging tractor fleet. Mr. Swartzlander stated that options for funding the 2015 RTSM program include fairs paying the overage now in total or spreading the costs out over five years. The group discussed payment options and Mr. Alkire stressed to Mr. Quiroz the high costs of keeping fair racing surfaces safe and the critical need for additional funding.

Mr. Hoban moved to approve a five-year interest free payback loan floated by CARF to cover the 2015 RTSM program overage with the caveat that monies held in the reserve purse

overpayment fund be utilized to the greatest extent possible after the 2015 combined purse account has been reconciled. Mr. Conway seconded, unanimously approved.

Mr. Swartzlander reported that he has put together a \$500,000 five-year RTSP program that will include adding one new treaded tractor, replacing a water truck, upgrading a grater with hydraulics and a new engine, retrofitting a harrow, maintaining the existing equipment and trading in one tractor which will need major repairs. Mr. Swartzlander stated that he received bids from three tractor distributors and BelKorp Ag (formerly MidCal), with a National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) discount, was the most competitive bid for the new tractor. Mr. Swartzlander stated that he explored lease options and found them to be cost prohibitive.

Mr. Conway moved to approve the RTM Transportation & Maintenance, RTM Prior Year Repairs and RTM Support Costs budget line items and defer the RTM Capital Improvement Allocation pending further research/discussion. Mr. Hoban seconded, unanimously approved.

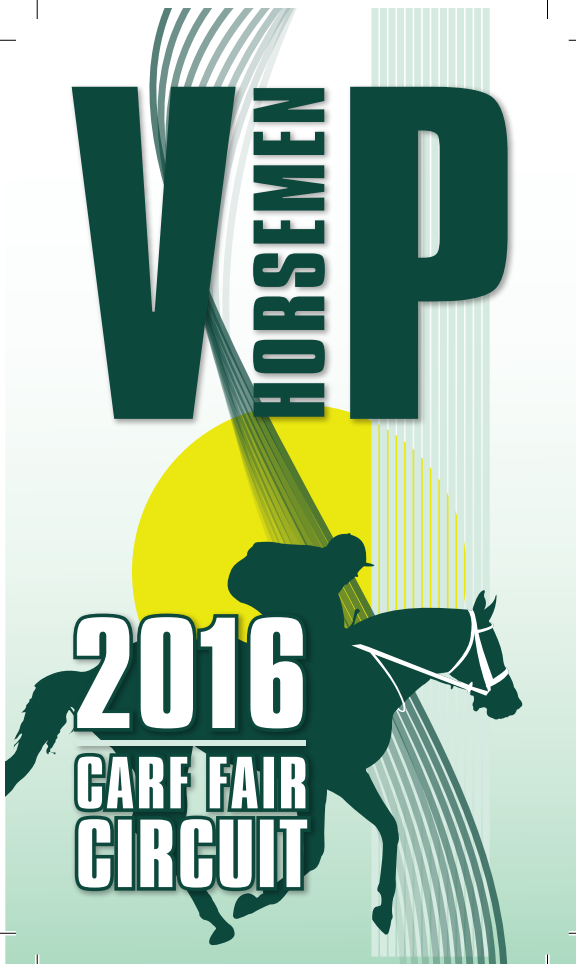
Agenda Item 7 – Update and Planning for Installation of New Totalisator Equipment (AmTote) in Racing Fair Grandstands. Mr. Korby reported that the totalisator conversion from Sportech Racing, LLC to Amtote International at satellite wagering facilities is now complete. Mr. Korby reported that the next step is to ready the racing grandstands for the conversion and an initial modification meeting will be conducted by the end of the month at Golden Gate Fields.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion and Update on TV Production Agreement. Mr. Korby reported that Golden Gate Fields is working with Pegasus Communications to broadcast their racing signal in high-definition (HD). Mr. Swartzlander will conduct a site survey with Jim Porep to develop a proposal for HD production at fairs.

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Korby reported that an equine herpes outbreak has occurred in Arizona and New Mexico. Staff is monitoring the situation.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR (Ferndale)

From Main Street, turn west onto Van Ness Street and enter the Horsemen's Gate on the left. Park near the Racing Office.

BIG FRESNO FAIR (Fresno)

Enter the Butler Avenue Gate at Maple Avenue. Park in the designated area on Butler Avenue near the Racing Office.

For assistance, please contact
Larry Swartzlander (916) 799-7084 or Tom Doutrich (415) 271-4613



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PLEASANTON
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Category	Claiming	Condition	2016 Fairs	Ferndale
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Claiming	\$1,600	Humboldt Only	\$4,000	\$4,000
Claiming	\$2,500		\$7,000	\$6,000
Claiming	\$3,200	NW/Clause	\$9,000	\$7,000
Claiming	\$3,200	Open or Date	\$9,000	\$7,500
Claiming	\$4,000		\$11,000	\$8,000
Claiming	\$4,000	NW2L	\$8,500	\$7,800
Claiming	\$4,000	NW3L	\$9,000	\$7,800
Claiming	\$4,000	NW4 or Date	\$9,000	\$7,800
Claiming	\$5,000		\$12,000	\$8,500
Claiming	\$5,000	NW2/Clause	\$11,000	\$8,000
Claiming	\$6,250	Open or Date	\$13,000	\$9,000
Claiming	\$8,000		\$13,500	
Claiming	\$8,000	NW2/Clause	\$13,000	
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Claiming	\$10,000		\$14,000	
Claiming	\$10,000	NW3L	\$12,000	
Claiming	\$12,500	NW2/Clause	\$14,000	
Claiming	\$12,500		\$15,000	
Claiming	\$16,000		\$18,000	
Claiming	\$16,000	NW2L	\$14,000	
Claiming	\$20,000		\$19,000	

PURSES (continued)

Category	Claiming	Condition	2016 Fairs	Ferndale
Claiming	\$20,000	NW2/Clause	\$18,000	
Claiming	\$25,000		\$24,000	
Claiming	\$25,000	NW2L	\$16,000	
Claiming	\$25,000	NW3L	\$18,000	
Claiming	\$32,000		\$25,000	
Claiming	\$40,000		\$27,000	
Md Claiming	\$5,000		\$7,000	\$6,000
Md Claiming	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$7,700
Md Claiming	\$12,500		\$10,000	
Md Claiming	\$16,000		\$12,000	
Md Claiming	\$25,000		\$15,000	
Md Claiming	\$32,000		\$16,000	
Md Claiming	\$40,000		\$18,000	
Md Special Alw		All Ages	\$25,000	
Overnight Stakes			\$50,000	
Starter Allowance	\$4,000		\$15,000	\$9,500
Starter Allowance	\$6,250		\$16,000	
Starter Allowance	\$12,500		\$20,000	
Starter Allowance	\$40,000	NW2L	\$17,000	
Claiming	\$5,000	1 & 1/4 Mile or farther	\$15,000	
Claiming	\$10,000	1 & 1/4 Mile or farther	\$18,000	
Str Alw 8000 special	\$8,000	FNO Only	\$20,000	

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