

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Thursday, July 5, 2018

MINUTES

A concurrent teleconference meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, July 5, 2018. The meeting was hosted at the CARF Offices, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, CA, 95815.

CARF Board Directors attending by teleconference: John Alkire, Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban, Rick Pickering, Dana Stoehr and Kelly Violini.

CARF Live Racing Committee attending by teleconference: John Alkire, Richard Conway, Jerome Hoban and Rick Pickering.

Staff and Guests attending by teleconference: Larry Swartzlander, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Louie Brown, Bryan Wayte, Greg Avioli, Liz Morey, John Quiroz, Jim Morgan and Allen Aldrich.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 2 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Golden Gate Fields Simulcast Agreements. Mr. Swartzlander reported that on July 3, 2018, Rick Pickering sent a letter on behalf of the California Exposition & State Fair to Tim Ritvo, COO at the Stronach Group (TSG) outlining numerous operational and legal details not addressed in the first two Satellite Agreement proposals. The letter closed by encouraging TSG/Pacific Racing Association (PRA), on behalf of Golden Gate Fields, to work with the industry to refine and restructure NCOTWINC in a manner mutually beneficial to all parties. Tim Ritvo responded with a letter dated July 5, 2018 which defends the second Satellite Agreement proposal and encourages CARF to contract with NCOTWINC directly on behalf of its members.

Mr. Swartzlander stated that the current proposal does nothing to address the larger issues created by TSG/PRA/GGF opting out of utilizing NCOTWINC such as settling employee liabilities, financial liabilities and shared costs through the calendar year.

Greg Avioli, President of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), stated that he feels TSG is trying to distance themselves from labor and believe they have statutory support for the decisions they are making. Mr. Avioli stated that TOC's most significant concern remains the

pension withdrawal liability and he does not foresee reaching an agreement until that issue has been resolved.

Bryan Wayte, General Manager of NCOTWINC, stated that in addition to other concerns Mr. Pickering letter raised, NCOTWINC is required to have Guest Agreements and Host Agreements and it currently does not have a Host Agreement with PRA. The group discussed concerns.

Agenda Item 3 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2018 Summer Racing Dates.

Mr. Swartzlander reported that the current position of Santa Rosa regarding racing addition days from Aug. 22 to Oct. 2 is unknown.

Agenda Item 4 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated

Litigation. Mr. Alkire reported that direction was given to legal counsel to continue negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland