

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 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, May 2, 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: Jerome Hoban, Tom Martinez, and Kelly Violini.

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

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles, Matt Cranford, Jeanne Wasserman, Tiffany Loushin, Greg Gomes, James Morgan, Allen Aldrich, Ruben Gastello and Stacey Lapham.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: TBD.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Item deferred to follow Agenda Item 9. Mr. Hoban reported that the group heard from legal counsel and no action was taken.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2023. No quorum. Item deferred.

Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Legislative Program. Mr. Boyles reported that the CARF-sponsored spot bill, AB 1074 (Alanis), passed out of the Senate G.O. Committee unanimously and was amended in preparation for review by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill, as it currently reads, allows Stanislaus County Fair to open a satellite wagering facility off the fairgrounds, but within the boundaries of the fair 20-mile radius, in the same manner as Kern and Shasta Counties. Mr. Boyles stated that June 2 is the deadline for bills to pass from their house of origin.

Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Fantasy Sports. Mr. Swartzlander reported he has received the final BetMakers’ Global Tote and Pegasus Communications agreements, the details of which are still under legal review. Mr. Swartzlander stated that he will keep the Board informed regarding dates for the Beta and full rollout.

Agenda Item 7 – Financials. Ms. Gibbons stated that financials through March 31, 2023 are included in the meeting packet and that CARF is currently undergoing fieldwork for the 2022 organizational audit. Mr. Hoban called for questions; no questions at this time.

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

CHRB License Applications & Horsemen’s Agreements: 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. The outstanding items are minimal and scheduled to be received by the application hearing. The first draft of the Ferndale license is due for CHRB staff review on May 18.

Auxiliary Stabling: Mr. Swartzlander stated that Golden Gate Fields has not determined an opening date for training, leaving auxiliary stabling at Santa Rosa in question.

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Swartzlander reported that he has received clearance for another year regarding any corrective heart surgery.

Mr. Swartzlander stated that he is travelling to Southern California for meetings regarding Calypso Challenge and to attend a Kentucky Derby party, he and Mr. Doutrich will be travelling to Ferndale for a Jockey Club event and his Kentucky Derby pick is Angel of Empire.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Haviland