

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

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, December 10, 2024. The meeting was held via teleconference originating at the CARF Office, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, CA 95815.

CARF Board Directors joining by conference call: Daniel Castillo, Jerome Hoban, Dan Jacobs, Tom Martinez and Kelly Violini.

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

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Cody Boyles, Michael Flores, Brandi Gragg, Angel Moore, Bill Nader, Stacey Lapham, Kevin Wong and Allison Wagaman.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: To Be Determined.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. No public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Mr. Hoban reported that the Board received an update and guidance regarding the status of anticipated litigation. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2023 Independent Audit Report by Gilbert and Associates. Kevin Wong from Gilbert and Associates presented the results of the CARF Audit for the year ending December 31, 2023. Mr. Wong presented a PowerPoint via Zoom showcasing that there were no significant findings in their examinations. Mr. Wong added that the majority of change occurred at the beginning of 2024, including the formation of Golden State Racing and the Alameda County Fair's Line of Credit.

{**ACTION**} Mr. Martinez moved to accept the 2023 Gilbert Audit as presented. Mr. Castillo seconded, unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Legislative Program. Item differed.

Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2025 Golden State Racing Application. Mr. Swartzlander noted that the Golden State Racing application was submitted pending an agreement with the Thoroughbred Owners of California “TOC”.

Agenda Item 7 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Summer Fair Racing Operations. Mr. Swartzlander reported that the 2025 race dates submission will mirror 2024 race dates with particular attention to addressing the purse overpayment. At this time, several meetings are planned to discuss purses with TOC.

Agenda Item 8 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2025 Agency & Live Racing Budget. Mr. Swartzlander updated the board that the 2025 Agency & Live Racing Budget would be moved to the January CARF Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on 2025 Golden State Racing Budget. Mr. Swartzlander updated the board that the 2025 Golden State Racing Budget would be moved to the January CARF Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 10 – Executive Director’s Report. None.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliana Gomes