

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CALIFORNIA HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

Proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA) held telephonically on November 9, 2016.

PRESENT:

David Neumeister
David Siegel
Bob Johnson
Luke Plano
Steve Wiseman
Robin Clements
Richard Thomas
Billie Schwartz
Wayne Knittel

As a result, all nine members of the board of directors were present. Also in attendance was Jimmy Perez, Executive Director of CHHA.

Mr. Siegel, Vice President, presided. Minutes from the previous meeting had already been approved via an email vote so there were no minutes to approve.

The meeting was called to discuss the sole topic of preference dates and how they related to common owners as outlined in the Horsemen's Agreement.

The Agreement currently states (section 11d):

The preference rule to be in effect for the meet shall enable all independently-owned horses to be eligible for a given race regardless of: (1) whether they are trained by the same trainer, or (2) the number of other horses entered for that race. In all cases, except where common ownership or interest exists or where a coupled entry is necessitated, all horses eligible for a race shall have their respective preference dates used to determine their eligibility for that race.

Two options for both clarification and change of this provision were discussed:

OPTION 1: The preference rule to be in effect for the meet shall enable all horses to be eligible for a given race regardless of whether they are trained by the same trainer. In all cases, except where common ownership exists, all horses eligible for a race shall have their respective preference dates used to determine their eligibility for that race. In cases where common ownership exists, at no time will two (or more) horses owned or partly owned by the same person or entity be permitted to race before horses without common ownership. In such cases, when any such commonly owned horses are entered,

the horse with the earliest preference date(s) will be permitted to race, unless such horses are otherwise removed for consideration by its trainer. However, in no case shall any common owner have three or more three horses in a race and in no case shall any trainer have three or more horses in a race, paid-in races excepted. For clarification, married owners are considered common owners.

OPTION TWO: The preference rule to be in effect for the meet shall enable all horses to be eligible for a given race regardless of who the trainer or owner(s) are. In all cases all horses eligible for a race shall only have their respective preference dates used to determine their eligibility for that race. However, in no case shall any common owner have three or more three horses in a race and in no case shall any trainer have three or more horses in a race, paid-in races excepted. For clarification, married owners are considered common owners.

The pros and cons of each option were discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt option one. Voting in favor was Mr. Johnson, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Knittel and Mr. Plano. Voting against were Mr. Wiseman, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Clements and Mr. Thomas. Being this resulted in a 4-4 (tie) vote, Mr. Neumeister was called upon to vote as per the by-laws and voted against, thereby defeating the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt option two. Voting against was Mr. Johnson, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Knittel and Mr. Plano. Voting for were Mr. Wiseman, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Clements and Mr. Thomas. Being this resulted in a 4-4 (tie) vote, Mr. Neumeister was called upon to vote as per the by-laws and voted in favor, thereby passing the motion.

The board then directed Mr. Siegel to engage in a discussion with Watch and Wager to recognize its wishes and enter into an amendment of the 2016-2017 Horsemen's Agreement to reflect the above decision. Failing Watch and Wager's acceptance of this request to amend the existing Agreement, the board plans to include this modification in the 2017-2018 Horsemen's Agreement.

There being no further business to come before the CHHA board, the meeting was, upon motion, duly seconded and approved, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David Siegel

Secretary of the meeting