

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CALIFORNIA HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

Proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA) held telephonically on November 17, 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 lifetime earnings allowances for California Sired horses aged five and under.

Mr. Siegel gave a brief history of this issue. During the 2014/15 meet, California Sired horses aged 5 and under had their Sire Stakes earnings "deducted" from their lifetime earnings for the purposes of eligibility in overnight races. In April of 2015, the CHHA voted unanimously to eliminate this deduction effective with the 2015/16 meet. This was implemented as voted.

The issue discussed centered upon whether or not to have some level of "deduction" against lifetime earnings for these Cal-Sired horses in overnight races. Mr. Siegel communicated a number of reasons (in his opinion) against any kind of allowances (beyond that already exist) and Mr. Neumeister communicated a number of reasons (in his opinion) for including some level of additional allowances.

After some amendments, a final motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Neumeister. The motion called for a deduction of 50% of Sire Stakes earnings against lifetime earnings for all 3 year old California-Sired horses for overnight race eligibility and a deduction of 20% of Sire Stakes earnings against lifetime earnings for all 4 year old California-Sired horses for overnight race eligibility. Discussion ensued and a vote was taken.

Voting against the motion were Mr. Siegel, Mr. Plano, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Clemens. Voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Knittel. This resulted in the motion being defeated by a vote of 5-3.

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