

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CALIFORNIA HARNESS HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
APRIL 8, 2017**

Proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA) held on April 8, 2017.

PRESENT:

David Neumeister
David Siegel
Bob Johnson
Luke Plano
Steve Wiseman
Robin Clements
Richard Thomas

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

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

The 2017/2018 Incentive program was discussed with a preliminary outline of Watch and Wager's suggestions presented. The board discussed tying the second portion of the incentive payment to staying toward the end of the meet (for example, 8th or later start after April 1, 2018) and potentially adding a third level of payment between the two suggested by Watch and Wager. In addition, the board strongly supported qualification for the program to be limited to CHHA members. The board assigned the task to work out the details to Mr. Siegel who will bring a final proposal back to the board.

The CHHA's "Horsemen's Representative" was discussed. The role has been filled by Ms. Clements in the last few years, and recently Mr. Plano expressed interest in the role. With Ms. Clements and Mr. Plano not participating, the board discussed the purpose of the position and recognized that the duties and the filling of the position were not adequately articulated in the By-Laws or anywhere else. An amendment to the By-Laws will be drafted and put up for approval by the board in the near future to address this shortfall. The board decided that the position would be filled annually by a vote of the board. After discussion, a confidential vote was held with both Directors Knittel and Schwartz voting by text message. Mr. Perez counted the votes and informed the board that Mr. Plano was the majority vote getter. After Mr. Plano and Ms. Clements rejoined the meeting, Mr. Plano was congratulated and Ms. Clements was thanked for her years of service.

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

The annual meeting was held shortly thereafter and luncheon was served. The results of the 2017 election were announced. Mr. Plano, running unopposed, retained his driver-trainer seat. Mr. Thomas was re-elected to his owner-breeder seat. Ms. Nicole Hudson was elected to the remaining owner-breeder seat and will serve in her first term. All of these terms will expire in 2020. After Mr. Perez announced the results, he thanked Ms. Schwartz for her service to the board and the harness horse racing community.

Respectfully submitted,

David Siegel

Secretary of the meeting