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HORSE RACING BOARD

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CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION AND STATE FAIR GRANDSTAND

1600 EXPOSITION BOULEVARD

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

9:30 A.M.

Reported by:

Elise Hicks

APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS

Gregory Ferraro, Chairman

Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chair

Damascus Castellanos, Commissioner

Dennis Alfieri, Commissioner

Brenda Washington Davis, Commissioner

Thomas Hudnut, Commissioner

STAFF

Scott Chaney, Executive Director

Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director

Robert Brodnik, Chief Counsel

Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director

ALSO PRESENT

Josh Rubinstein, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

Tom Robbins, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

Ed Cumming, Watch and Wager

Ben Kenney, Watch and Wager

Bill Nader, Thoroughbred Owners of California

Rick Baedeker, So Cal Off-Track Wagering

Greg Zenedjian, The Derby Room

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16. Adjournment

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 9:36 A.M.

4 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Ladies and gentlemen, this meeting
6 of the California Horse Racing Board will please come to
7 order. Please take your seats. This is the regular noticed
8 meeting of the California Horse Racing Board on Thursday,
9 October 19th, 2023, at the California Exposition and State
10 Fair Grandstand, Sacramento, California.

11 Present at today's meeting are: myself, Dr.
12 Gregory Ferraro, Chair; also Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chair;
13 Dennis Alfieri, Commissioner; Damascus Castellanos,
14 Commissioner; Brenda Washington Davis, Commissioner; Thomas
15 Hudnut, Commissioner; and Scott Chaney, Executive Director.
16 Commissioner Wendy Mitchell is not able to join us today.

17 Before we go to the business of the meeting, I
18 need to make a few comments. The Board invites public
19 comment on matters appearing on the meeting agenda.
20 Procedurally, the Board will first hear from those directly
21 involved in the agenda item. I will then invite public
22 comment on the agenda item. The Board will not answer
23 questions during this period. This item is for comments
24 only, not questions.

25 Unsolicited speakers are limited to two minutes.

1 During all public comments, a sign will be raised after the
2 first 90 seconds, meaning the speaker will have 30 seconds
3 remaining to conclude their remarks. At two minutes, a
4 second sign will be raised and a tone will sound to indicate
5 the speaker's time is up. The Board may ask questions of
6 individuals who speak, which may extend their two-minute
7 limit.

8 There are public comment sign-in sheets located at
9 the designated table to my right for each agenda item on
10 which the Board invites comments. There is also a sign-in
11 sheet for those wishing to speak during the public comment
12 period for matters not on the Board's agenda if it concerns
13 horse racing in California. Please print your name legibly
14 on all sign-in sheets.

15 When a matter is open for public comment, your
16 name will be called. Please come to the podium, introduce
17 yourself by saying your name and organization. This is
18 necessary for the court reporter to have a clear record of
19 all who speak. When your two minutes are up, I will ask you
20 to return to your seat so that others can be heard.

21 I will insist that all speakers stay strictly on
22 topic for each agenda item. If a speaker strays off topic,
23 I will ask to move to the next speaker. If a speaker
24 repeats themselves, I will ask if the speaker has any new
25 comments to make. If there are none, the speaker will be

1 asked to let others comment to the Board.

2 If anyone has comments of a more general nature
3 that are not specific to earlier agenda items, those
4 comments must wait until agenda item number 11, Public
5 Comment. There will be a 30-minute time limit for public
6 comment. In order to allow as many individuals to speak as
7 possible within that half hour, I will strictly enforce two-
8 minute time limit for each unsolicited speaker.

9 And with that, we can begin the meeting with
10 approval of the minutes of September 21st, 2023. Do I have
11 a motion for approval?

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis moves.

13 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Second.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

15 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

19 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

21 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

23 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

24 CHAIR FERRARO: Motion approved.

25 Item number two is discussion and action by the

1 Board on the Application for a License to Conduct a Horse
2 Race Meeting of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club at Del Mar,
3 commencing November 8th, 2023 through December 5th, 2023,
4 inclusive.

5 Mr. Rubenstein and Mr. Robbins, please.

6 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Good morning, CHRB Commissioners
7 and staff, Josh Rubenstein with the Del Mar Thoroughbred
8 Club.

9 Del Mar's fall meet allocation request is from
10 November 8th through December 5th. We will operate 13 days
11 of racing over four weeks from November 10th through
12 December 3rd. Racing will be three days per week, Friday
13 through Sunday, and also on Thanksgiving Day. We will card
14 eight races on the weekdays, nine on weekends. First post
15 is 12:30, with the exception of Thanksgiving, and that is
16 11:00 a.m.

17 I'll touch on just a few highlights for the
18 upcoming fall meet.

19 We will be offering the Classic Pick Six, which is
20 a departure from what we've had, I believe, for the last
21 four years. So the Classic Pick Six will be a \$1.00 wager,
22 with 70 percent of the pool going to winning players with
23 six of six on their ticket, and 30 percent will go to five
24 of six. If nobody has six, there'll be a carryover to the
25 next day, next racing day. There will be a mandatory payout

1 on closing day, but the big difference is no single ticket
2 jackpot, which is what we've been offering, like I said, the
3 last four years. And this will be consistent with what
4 Santa Anita is offering in their Pick Six.

5 This summer, we instituted a new program providing
6 backstretch workers with free meals each racing day. Over
7 the summer, we provided workers with just about 19,000
8 meals. So we're very proud of that, and we got a tremendous
9 amount of feedback. Proud to say that we will be continuing
10 this program for the fall meet. So each racing day, the
11 backstretch community will receive a complimentary meal.
12 And then on Thanksgiving, we'll do a special turkey dinner.

13 We'll have a full calendar of marketing programs
14 that over the summer resulted in an attendance increase of
15 two and a half percent. And in a moment, I'll turn things
16 over to Tom Robbins, our Executive Vice President of Racing
17 at Del Mar, but there is a difference between our summer
18 meet and our fall meet.

19 The summer meet at Del Mar is the flagship, we
20 believe, for the California racing calendar. Folks are on
21 vacation, kids are out of school. The majority of horses in
22 Southern California are stabled at Del Mar. The fall is a
23 little different. People are back to work, back to school.
24 We'll have about 400 horses stabled on track with the rest
25 at Santa Anita and Los Alamitos. So while it's a very

1 important meet to the overall racing calendar, it is
2 different than what we offer in the summer.

3 And with that, I will turn things over to Mr. Tom
4 Robbins.

5 MR. ROBBINS: Thank you, Josh.

6 Yeah, just to highlight the differences, obviously
7 it's a much quieter time of the year in the fall than it is
8 in the summer. And as Josh mentioned, during the summer
9 meeting, we stable about 2,000 horses at Del Mar. And it's
10 roughly 20 percent of that during the fall meet, it's 350 to
11 400 horses, with many of those horses shipping in from Santa
12 Anita, Los Alamitos, San Luis Rey. Most of our runners are
13 coming from offsite.

14 Josh touched upon a few elements of the meet, 13
15 days of racing. Our stakes program remains intact for this
16 fall meet. During those 13 days, we're offering 15 stakes
17 races. And concluding at the end of the meet, the
18 conclusion of our Turf Festival highlighted by our two Grade
19 1 stakes races, the Matriarch and the Hollywood Derby.

20 Horses may start coming in to our track on Sunday,
21 November 5th, and the main track will be open for training
22 on Monday, November 6th. The condition book or the schedule
23 of all races to be run at the meet, the 13-day condition
24 book was released two days ago. Ship & Win remains in
25 effect for the upcoming fall meet.

1 Safety, again, safety remains our top priority.
2 Our veterinarian team is in place. I've have been working
3 with Dr. Blea, and we've got all of our vets in place for
4 the meet.

5 And one final note, and then Dr. Blea can speak a
6 little more in detail when he is up here, the AAEP, American
7 Association of Equine Practitioners convention is in San
8 Diego at the end of November, early December. And Josh and
9 I have been talking to Dr. Blea, given the dearth of equine
10 practitioners, both regulatory vets and private practice
11 veterinarians in the race track, not just in California but
12 throughout the country, that we thought it would be a
13 worthwhile effort to get students, vets students that will
14 be present at the convention.

15 So on December 1st, we're hosting a number of the
16 students that wish to come out and see what life is on the
17 racetrack, hopefully become interested. So we're hosting
18 close to 100 students that we believe have signed up at this
19 point. And Dr. Blea will have other activities going on. I
20 think they're coming out early in the morning and has a
21 program in place for them as well. So we think that's
22 important. And hopefully we can get some of these people to
23 be interested in life at the racetrack.

24 That's all I have to report on and happy to answer
25 any questions that you may have at this point.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Any questions from the
2 Commissioners?

3 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I just have
4 one question.

5 Well, good morning, guys. Just a word or two on
6 purse levels, either in comparison to years past or, you
7 know, what we should know.

8 MR. RUBENSTEIN: So we have reduced purses
9 slightly for this fall meet, really coming off two years of
10 record wagering at Del Mar in 2021 and '22. And what we've
11 seen nationally this year, and this is, you know, across the
12 board within the industry, the handle has been down eight of
13 nine months. We think there are, you know, multiple reasons
14 for that. You know, my own personal view is, you know,
15 we're in a fairly soft economy right now, higher interest
16 rates, inflation concerns, and there's just less
17 discretionary income that people have.

18 So, you know, we are matching purse levels to what
19 we believe will be the handle generation for the meet, so,
20 you know, a market correction from where we were for the
21 last two years. So, you know, depending on the race
22 anywhere from, you know, 3 percent to 11 percent, you know,
23 still some of the highest purses in the country during this
24 time.

25 One program that I neglected to mention in the

1 overview, we realize it's expensive for trainers to come
2 down to Del Mar. You know, as Tom mentioned, it's mainly a
3 ship and meet. So we'll be providing a travel stipend for
4 trainers each day that they participate, a \$250 travel
5 stipend to help for gas and other travel related expenses.

6 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thanks for letting us know
7 about that. I appreciate it, both of you.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Any other questions?

9 No public comment; correct?

10 Do we have a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: I move approval.

12 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: I'll second.

13 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay, Commissioner Castellanos?

14 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

18 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

20 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

22 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Chairman votes yes.

24 Have a good meet, fellas.

25 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Thank you, gentlemen.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Item number three, discussion and
3 action by the Board on the Application for a License to
4 Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of Watch and Wager LLC at Cal
5 Expo, commencing November 1st through May 7th, 2024,
6 inclusive.

7 Gentlemen?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Mr. Chairman, if I
9 may, as they're getting settled, I did receive a letter last
10 night from Tom Martinez, CEO here at Cal Expo in support of
11 their application. So just wanted to let the Board know.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

13 Thank you. Ed Cummings. I'm the President of
14 Watch and Wager. Believe it or not, this is our 12th
15 license application, 12 years of license applications to
16 hopefully start in November 17th.

17 The way we work is I run all the ADW operations,
18 and Ben Kenney and Christopher Schick run the track on our
19 behalf, and we're very much looking to the season. And I'll
20 pass over to Christopher Schick.

21 MR. SCHICK: Thank you. Good morning, Chairman
22 Ferraro, members of the Commission.

23 A/V: Push that microphone. Can you turn the mic
24 on?

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Push the button. There you go.

1 MR. SCHICK: Good morning, Chairman Ferraro,
2 members of the Commission, Chris Schick, Watch and Wager.

3 The application before you is for 47 days. That
4 would be one more date than we applied for last year. We've
5 adjusted a little bit because of the calendar. We're going
6 to end on a one-day week on May the 3rd, the day before
7 Kentucky Derby. And we've moved a bunch of our championship
8 stake races into that zone for the additional day.

9 A number of things that I'd like to talk to you
10 about.

11 First of all, regarding purses, we're raising
12 purses again, three and a half percent. This is the sixth
13 year in a row that we've raised purses. Obviously, we came
14 off of what was generally a pretty tough year last year. We
15 lost seven days of racing, something that never happened to
16 my memory in the history of Cal Expo racing. So it was
17 tough on the horsemen. It was tough on management. At one
18 point, we lost five days in a row with the atmospheric
19 rivers that just kept coming and coming.

20 But I guess if there's any silver lining to that,
21 obviously, the purse pool ended up in good shape. Our total
22 live handle last year, despite losing 6 days out of 46 -- 7
23 days out of 46 days, we were only down 2.8 percent. So our
24 handle day over day that we did race was tracking very
25 positively. So it kept our purse pool in a very good

1 situation, and we're happy to be able to raise the overnight
2 purses again.

3 Plus, we've added overnight stakes again, two
4 \$30,000 overnight stakes, and we've been growing our
5 program. Our stakes program, I know I've talked about this
6 before, but the stakes program is going very, very well.
7 Last year was our third year of the new program. Our
8 nominations for yearlings this year already, and they still
9 have till the end of the year to nominate, these will be
10 horses that will be racing in 2026, our nominations are up
11 40 percent this year.

12 So the breeders and the owners have seen that
13 we've committed to this program, and now people are taking
14 hold. So, you know, the breeding process, it's a long, long
15 cycle to get there, but we're starting to make some inroads
16 into that, so that's been very good.

17 Our incentive program has been bolstered this
18 year. We have a two-tiered program where you get money for
19 getting here when you make your first start, but then we've
20 also back-ended the second section where if you make eight
21 starts throughout the meet and you race one of the two last
22 weekends, you get a second bonus.

23 So that's been a program that we've had in place,
24 but we've keep tweaking it because, historically, around the
25 middle of April, the first week of April, some of our guys

1 start leaving and heading back to their summer venue. So
2 we're trying to encourage them to stay so our product stays
3 strong right up to the end. So that's going on.

4 I just want to mention, we instituted a drivers
5 guarantee program because we were running short on drivers,
6 and we've got -- the program was very good last year. It
7 was the first year, it was a novel program, and this year,
8 obviously, the word got out, and we've got two or three very
9 high-quality drivers that are coming out and going to add to
10 our program.

11 Our stall applications have been very strong and,
12 you know, we think we're well-positioned. Obviously, we
13 don't know what Mother Nature's going to do, but our stall
14 applications are ahead of last year with our drivers and our
15 per schedule. We think we're well-positioned, and we're
16 asking for your approval.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

18 Any questions on the Board?

19 I have a couple, I'm just curious. How many
20 different trainers do you expect to have, do you know?

21 MR. SCHICK: No, I don't know off the top of my
22 head, but just if I was to throw out a guess, I would say
23 that we're going to be somewhere in the -- like in the 30 to
24 35 range.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. And the average number of

1 horses that each trainer is having, do you have a feeling
2 for that?

3 MR. SCHICK: No. We've got a couple barns that
4 are -- you know, generally, like the big barns would be in
5 the 20 to 30 range, and more of the mid-size barns are, you
6 know, like 10 to 15 type of situation. And then obviously
7 you've got, obviously, some barns where they have four or
8 five, et cetera. So it kind of varies, Chairman.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah. And your backstretch
10 health, do you have enough? Is that a problem or --

11 MR. SCHICK: Well, yes, it is a problem, and a
12 couple of members of the CHHA are here today. And when
13 COVID hit, we moved our paddock area to the backstretch. It
14 gave us way more room, and we had more social distancing,
15 and we've kind of been functioning every year in the back
16 paddock.

17 This year, we're moving back to the front, which
18 is where we always were traditionally, where the fans can
19 come over to the fence. We have the, you know, the kitchen
20 over there, the drivers can train, so we think that's going
21 to be a good thing. But it is going to put pressure on our
22 horsemen with their help because, obviously, working out at
23 a back paddock has helped that situation because there is a
24 shortage of help, quite frankly.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah. Okay.

1 Yes, go ahead.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Yeah, thanks, Mr.
3 Chairman.

4 I see you settled into this Friday-Sunday racing.
5 That seems like that's kind of become the pattern, but it's
6 fairly new, so that's working out pretty well then?

7 MR. SCHICK: Yeah. This will be our third year of
8 the Friday-Sunday, I believe. And obviously, we were
9 Saturday-Sunday, and when Los Alamitos dropped to two days
10 and dropped Friday, we moved into the Friday slot. And
11 Friday is -- actually, we've way overperformed on Friday.
12 And it's been good from a labor point of view. It's been
13 good for us because we race alone and we're able to go at
14 our own pace. We don't have to coordinate longer post times
15 between Los Alamitos like we did before. So there's just
16 been a lot of benefits for us, and we're really happy with
17 Friday, quite frankly.

18 But, yeah, it seems a little odd Friday-Sunday,
19 that you'd take off Saturday, but it's worked well.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Great. Thanks.

21 And the other thing's just a comment. Just really
22 want to commend Watch and Wager, and actually all the
23 tracks, with the inordinate amount of rain last winter. You
24 know, we had just as much as we did in 2019. Everybody kind
25 of knows the results there. Canceling racing was not a

1 thing in 2019. And though it's not financially fantastic, I
2 just got to commend all the tracks, because I don't have to
3 call and say, hey, are you thinking about racing, they call
4 the CHRB and say, from Santa Anita, Golden Gate Fields less
5 so, obviously, because of the synthetic surface, but Watch
6 and Wager, even Del Mar this summer, you know, safety is
7 first. So I really appreciate that cooperation.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Great.

9 Can we have a motion.

10 MR. KENNEY: Chairman, could I just point one
11 thing out? I know there's been a little bit of speculation
12 recently with changes in the north. I'd just like to remind
13 the Board of our 12 years of loyalty up here, and the fact
14 that we have a long-term contract with Cal Expo up until
15 2030.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Believe me --

17 MR. KENNEY: -- and we intend to commit to that.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: -- we're well aware of that,
19 believe me.

20 MR. KENNEY: Good. Okay. I'm just putting it on
21 the record.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay.

23 Can I have a motion?

24 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: I move approval.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Second?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis seconds.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

3 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

7 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

9 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

11 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Chairman votes yes.

13 Congratulations. Have a good meet.

14 MR. SCHICK: Thank you very much.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

16 Item number four, I'll do my best to read this

17 without messing it up, Discussion and action by the Board

18 regarding the proposed amendments of CHRB Rule 1433,

19 Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting,

20 CHRB Rule 1440, Approval of Concessionaires, CHRB Rule

21 1440.5, Licensing of Contractors and Subcontractors, CHRB

22 Rule 2057, Initial Application and Approval of a Simulcast

23 Facility, CHRB Rule 2059, Initial Application and Approval

24 of a Simulcast Organization, CHRB Rule 2066, Application for

25 License to Operate a Minisatellite Wagering Facility, CHRB

1 Rule 2071, License to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering by a
2 California Applicant, and CHRB Rule 2072, Approval to
3 Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering by an Out-of-State
4 Applicant, to update CHRB applications and applicable forms.

5 Rob, can you explain this all to the rest of us?

6 MR. BRODNIK: Sure, I can try. Good morning,
7 Commissioners, Rob Brodnick, CHRB.

8 Item four is really an update and revision to many
9 of the applications used by the entities involved in horse
10 racing. There are a number of amendments, and they're
11 notated in the staff analysis. It's quite a large overhaul,
12 so I'm happy to answer any specific questions if you have
13 any.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: These are basically technical
15 changes to our licensing policies; right? There's just a
16 few amendments, changes, and things in license requirement
17 changes; is that correct?

18 MR. BRODNIK: That's correct. I would
19 characterize this as mostly technical. There's maybe one or
20 two amendments that may be considered new, but they would
21 just be to establish licensing terms, which there's been
22 some ambiguity in our regulations. So we feel that
23 establishing those terms would clarify what's required of
24 licensees and allow better oversight.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: And that seems to me to be the

1 biggest change, is that there's a term to the license;
2 right?

3 MR. BRODNIK: Correct, specifically the
4 satellites.

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah.

6 MR. BRODNIK: There is no term in the statutes or
7 the regulations presently. So as is reflected in the staff
8 analysis, most of those satellites applied, quite frankly,
9 30-plus years ago.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Sure.

11 MR. BRODNIK: And as management changes and staff
12 changes, the CHRB feels it would be important to have those
13 updates brought before the Board, so the Board can be better
14 informed of who's in charge of those various satellites.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay.

16 Mr. Chaney?

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Yes, thank you.

18 First of all, I'd like to commend staff. This has
19 been a long-term major project, because a lot of these
20 applications haven't been updated for quite some time.
21 Amanda Drummond and her team have done excellent work
22 putting this all together. I know it's probably a little
23 bit mind-numbing and overwhelming to look at, but as Rob
24 said, most are technical changes, some grammatical ones,
25 getting rid of stuff we don't need and adding stuff that we

1 do.

2 The two most substantive things to highlight, both
3 for the Board and stakeholders, are adding one or two
4 additional things to race meet applications. Frankly,
5 they're things we already ask for but aren't necessarily
6 required regarding equine ambulance and some of the
7 protocols. The other one does affect what, I guess, the law
8 and regulations call simulcast wagering facilities, which
9 are, in more layman's terms, satellites. Currently, there's
10 no license term for them. And so the import of the specific
11 amendment for that reg would create a five-year term for
12 satellites.

13 Mostly, A, we want to have an original
14 application, and many, most, we don't have one, which makes
15 oversight difficult. And then, it just allows us to more
16 closely track any changes that occur within a satellite over
17 a five-year time.

18 If the Board sees fit to send these out, I would
19 like to suggest one change. In talking with staff this
20 week, it is with respect to -- let me get the reg correct --
21 it is with respect to 2057, we suggesting (h) should read,
22 "Each guest association license prior to January 1st,
23 2024, pursuant to subsection (a), shall file a new
24 application, Form CHRB 25, by January 1st, 2025, to
25 renew its license."

1 And the effect of that would be to have, you know,
2 basically 20 new applications from satellites.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah.

4 Any questions from the Board?

5 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: No, I think that
6 clarification makes sense.

7 I move approval as amended by Mr. Chaney.

8 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Second.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: All right, that went quick.
10 Commissioner Castellanos?

11 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

15 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

17 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

19 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: So I'm assuming now that the staff
21 will work with the licensees to get this in place; right?

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: We will. I think it
23 will, obviously, it will take some time for the reg to go
24 into effect. But I'm quite certain, given like the volume,
25 staff will get started right away, kind of getting these

1 applications going, just to make it easier on both the Board
2 and themselves over the next year and a half.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay.

4 Moving on, thank you, Rob.

5 Discussion and action by the Board regarding an
6 amendment to the application for Advance Deposit Wagering,
7 ADW, provider, Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives
8 Company, dba TwinSpires and dba BetAmerica, pursuant to
9 Board Rule 2072.

10 Gentlemen.

11 MR. NADER: Good morning, Commissioners and staff.
12 Bill Nader from the TOC.

13 Before I get started, I'd like to introduce the
14 gentleman to my left, John Avello from DraftKings. John has
15 had quite a career. He actually was sort of the king of
16 odds making in Vegas for a long, long time, and joined
17 DraftKings five years ago. He's in the Sports Betting Hall
18 of Fame. He's been on the Today Show, giving odds for
19 things like Survivor, Dancing with the Stars, the Oscars,
20 the Emmys, the Tonys, so he's had quite a background, and
21 now it's a pretty big pleasure of mine to get reacquainted
22 and back working with him on this venture with DraftKings.

23 I'll handle this item on behalf of TwinSpires,
24 which is part of Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives, and
25 it currently holds a license as an out-of-state ADW provider

1 in California through 2024. So DK Horse, DraftKings, is a
2 white label affiliate of Churchill Downs ADW platform. This
3 is the same as the relationship between Caesars and NYRA
4 Bets, which Caesars was approved by the Board earlier this
5 year for the same purpose.

6 This arrangement between DK Horse and Churchill
7 Downs, Churchill is the license holder. It remains
8 accountable and responsible for the operation, which
9 includes such things as registration and management of
10 accounts, verification checks, fraud monitoring and control,
11 financial transactions, and also risk management. So in
12 short, DK Horse, that platform just serves as another brand,
13 which Churchill Downs offers its ADW services.

14 So the request here is simply to amend the
15 Churchill Downs Technology and Initiatives license
16 applications, which is through '23-24, to add DK Horse as an
17 affiliate, so it may offer online wagering services to
18 California residents subject to your approval.

19 So with that, we're happy to take any questions.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Do you have any comments?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: I don't think so,
22 although I think Gunnar LaCour (phonetic) wants to talk to
23 you. I want some meetings over about how to administer
24 this.

25 No, I mean, this is, technically for the Board,

1 it's an amendment to the ADW application to add this
2 platform. As Bill said, you approved a similar one with
3 respect to NYRA Bets and Cesars about six months ago or so.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Questions from the Board? A
5 motion?

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis moves.

7 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Hudnut seconds.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Castellanos?

9 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Davis?

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Gonzales?

13 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: Alfieri?

15 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Hudnut?

17 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: And the Chairman votes yes.

19 Good luck.

20 MR. NADER: Thanks.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Item number six, discussion and
22 action by the Board on the renewal application for a license
23 to operate a mini-satellite wagering facility at California
24 Horse Racing and Sports LLC dba The Derby Room, Sports Grill
25 & Turf Club in Norco, California.

1 Gentlemen.

2 MR. BAEDEKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
3 Commissioners. I'm Rick Baedeker, General Manager of
4 Southern California Off-Track Wagering.

5 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: Good morning. Greg Zennedjian.
6 Greg Zennedjian with The Derby Room, a managing Partner.

7 MR. BAEDEKER: So Commissioners and Mr. Chairman,
8 this is a renewal application. The Derby Room at Norco has
9 had a five-year license, is back before you for requesting
10 another five-year term.

11 And I would consider the restaurant, The Derby
12 Room in Norco to be the model that we'd like to be able to
13 repeat. I think the idea in passing the law initially was
14 that this would make a good restaurant business a better
15 business, adding the amenity of wagering. And it's been the
16 experience since then that sometimes the two kind of step on
17 each other. Or more precisely, I think the wagering
18 component kind of impacts, has a bit of a negative impact on
19 the restaurant side of things.

20 That's not been the case at Norco. It's a
21 terrific restaurant, very popular in the city. And it's fun
22 to go there, particularly around lunchtime and see people
23 that are just there for lunch that then are watching the
24 races and having fun doing that.

25 So great group to work with. And Greg can speak

1 for the details of the facility. We'd like to commend
2 Michelle Zeiser (phonetic) on their staff, who was -- as
3 well as Yanette (phonetic) on the CHRB staff, very, very
4 responsive in putting this together.

5 Any questions?

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Anybody?

7 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I
8 have a question.

9 So regarding the facility, how many mutuels do you
10 have there?

11 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: We currently have ten there.

12 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: You have ten?

13 MR. BAEDEKER: No, mutuel clerks.

14 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: Oh, clerks?

15 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Okay. Clerks.

16 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: Clerks? There's one and then two
17 on the weekends.

18 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Okay. And as far as
19 security? I don't know if this is working.

20 MR. BAEDEKER: Yeah, it's working.

21 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Okay.

22 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: Security, we have, during the
23 week and the slower days, we have the silence push button
24 for the bartender and the clerk. And then we also have
25 security on the busier days, wandering around the

1 restaurant. We don't have security during the slower days
2 due to being a restaurant and we didn't really want a guard
3 wandering while people were eating there.

4 MR. BAEDEKER: It's been, in my experience in
5 working with the restaurant owners, and again, these are
6 proper restaurants and as opposed to, say, a fairgrounds
7 facility, and we have found that the panic buttons on the
8 belt listening to the restaurant owners are the desired
9 situation because if there is an incident, they can hit the
10 button and local law enforcement will be there to handle a
11 situation.

12 And then, of course, as Greg said, on the bigger
13 days when you've got kind of a crowd situation, they do
14 bring in a security guard to be present. And we do require,
15 you require, it's part of the application process, that
16 there be a designated person responsible for security. And
17 you can answer for Norco, but generally, it's the manager on
18 duty that day.

19 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Are these security that
20 you bring in, are they armed?

21 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: No, they're not armed.

22 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: That's all I have.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Any other questions from the
24 Board? Can we have a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: So move.

1 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Gonzales seconds.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

3 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

7 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

9 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

11 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Chairman votes yes.

13 Good luck, gentlemen.

14 MR. ZENNEDJIAN: Thank you, Board.

15 MR. BAEDEKER: Mr. Chairman, can I make just one

16 little comment since I'm sitting here before you?

17 I would just like to commend you all for
18 continuing the work to protect the safety and health of the
19 racehorse, continuing the work of your predecessors under
20 the leadership of Chairman Winner, now you all under the
21 leadership of Chairman Ferraro. And you have made
22 California the model for protecting the racehorse, one of
23 the most spectacular animals on the planet.

24 And so I just thought I'd take the opportunity to
25 tell you something that you rarely ever hear, and that is

1 thank you. We appreciate it.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you for that.

3 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: For the record, could you
4 spell your name again?

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thank you. Appreciate it.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Thanks a lot.

8 Okay, item number seven. It's an update by the
9 TOC on Jockey Welfare. We discussed this several months
10 ago. I think we just want to know what's going on.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: If I may, Mr.
12 Chairman, yes, you are correct. As the Board may recall, we
13 had some legislative proposal regarding supplements or a new
14 distribution that would go to jockey health care. And based
15 on the, I guess, ask of the industry, both the TOC, in
16 cooperation with the Jockeys' Guild, they asked the Board to
17 withdraw that legislation and allow them to work together
18 and on their own to find other sources and guarantees with
19 respect to health care. And this is just an update by the
20 TOC regarding those efforts.

21 MR. NADER: Thank you. Bill Nader again from the
22 TOC.

23 Yeah, that's correct. One year ago, there was a
24 lot of discussion about the need to possibly increase the
25 cap to secure funding for jockey welfare. So this is just

1 refreshing things. The proposed increase would have
2 potentially come at a cost of \$400,000 to the tracks in
3 commissions and an additional \$400,000 from purses. And the
4 Board was kind enough to let the industry have the
5 opportunity to try to come to some kind of alternative to
6 mitigate against the increase in the cap.

7 Look, after much discussion, the CJWC, California
8 Jockeys Welfare Corporation, had the opportunity to conduct
9 a deeper dive over the last year to find a solution where
10 everyone could be comfortable. By everyone, I mean the
11 racetracks, the TOC, the CHRB, the Jockeys Guild, as we all
12 understand our responsibility to do so in the name of jockey
13 welfare.

14 We pledged at that time a year ago that we believe
15 we could find a solution that would not require an increase
16 in the cap and yet would provide the right outcome that
17 everybody was looking for. I'm pleased to report that we
18 have done that. And at the time, we did say we would come
19 back in a year's time and report to the Boar and that's what
20 we're doing now.

21 The key points would be, one, at the request of
22 this Board, as well as the Jockeys' Guild, we have increased
23 the CJWC contribution to 60 percent of the insurance
24 premium, which was a big step forward. In 2021, the CJWC
25 contribution fell to 52 percent. So getting it back up to

1 60 percent is a big step forward. We've taken the
2 corrective measures. And we moved quickly and responsibly
3 to do so.

4 Two, the annual operating shortfall is now covered
5 by a new income source. The Board is reminded that the
6 principal source of statutory funding comes from bets made
7 at California brick and mortar locations on unclaimed
8 refunds from horses that are scratched. The new source of
9 funding that we've introduced is a contribution from our ADW
10 partners. This contribution covers the annual shortfall and
11 keeps the CJWC trust account balance on solid footing at
12 over \$1.3 million, the same as it was in 2022.

13 So on behalf of the TOC, the CJWC, the Jockeys'
14 Guild, and all of California Racing, we are grateful for
15 this new support from FanDuel, Xpressbet, TwinSpires, and
16 NYRA Bets. They each deserve our recognition here today and
17 our gratitude.

18 Thirdly, we'll continue to work with these ADWs on
19 an annual basis to secure their ongoing contribution, as the
20 level of support will differ from year to year, depending on
21 the shortfall. So that will be an ongoing effort.

22 That concludes my report. Happy to take any
23 questions.

24 CHAIR FERRARO: Questions from the Board?

25 Mr. Chaney, do you have any questions?

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: I don't. I
2 appreciate, because I know one of the things was the 1.3 and
3 kind of keeping that stable, and I really appreciate the
4 TOC's work in pursuing those.

5 I'm just alerted by my staff that the Great
6 California ShakeOut earthquake drill is in probably one
7 minute now. So do not panic, it is a drill, if something
8 happens on your phones.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: Any other questions? We don't
10 need to take any voting action on this.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: No.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: It's just a report. So thank you
13 very much.

14 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Thank you, Bill.

15 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thank you, Bill.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Item number eight, discussion and
17 action by the Board regarding the distribution of race day
18 charity proceeds of the Los Angeles Turf Club 2022 through
19 2023 Winter-Spring Race Meeting.

20 Mr. Chaney?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Yes. Mr. Eric
22 Sindler, who represent -- is a lawyer for The Stronach
23 Group, and this will apply to eight and nine, which are
24 Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields, respectively, called me
25 this week. He had some family stuff that he had to take

1 care of and just sent an email that, you know, apologized
2 for not being here, wanted me to relate to the Board that
3 they're seeking proof of the charity allocations, also
4 wanted to make clear that these are not the extent of the
5 charitable contributions by First Racing and The Stronach
6 Group. They make many contributions beyond the statutory
7 necessity. And apologize once again for not being there.

8 If you do have questions, he would be happy to
9 turn up at the November meeting. Otherwise, it's for the
10 Board's approval.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: I see the list of supported
12 charities is a traditional list that's been the same for
13 quite some time. I don't see any changes from previous
14 years; is that, my interpretation, correct?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Yes. The statutory
16 distributions are all related to horse racing. And that's
17 actually a statutory requirement. And the specific ones are
18 also statutory requirements as well.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Any other questions on the Board?
20 Motion?

21 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Move approval. Hudnut.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis seconds.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Castellanos?

24 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Davis?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Gonzalez?

3 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Alfieri?

5 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Hudnut

7 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Chairman votes yes.

9 Item number nine, discussion and action by the
10 Board regarding the distribution of race to charity proceeds
11 of the Pacific Racing Association 2022 through 2023 Winter-
12 Spring Meeting.

13 Scott, do you have anything to add to this?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: I don't, just the same
15 comments as the previous item.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. Motion to approve, please?

17 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: So move.

18 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Second.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

20 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

24 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

1 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

3 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Chairman votes yes.

5 And that brings us to the favorite part of the
6 meeting. We get the Executive Director's Report, followed
7 by the Equine Medical Director's Report.

8 Mr. Chaney?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Thank you, Mr.
10 Chairman, and good morning, Commissioners.

11 I will begin with the handle report. For the
12 month of September, day racing handle was down five percent,
13 night racing handle was down five percent, and total handle
14 is down four percent as compared to September 2022. Year to
15 date, day racing is down six percent, night racing is down
16 eight percent, and total handle is down seven percent as
17 compared to the first nine months of 2022.

18 Next, I'd be remiss in not mentioning that the
19 Breeders' Cup World Championships will be once again held at
20 Santa Anita Park on November 3rd and 4th. Preparations are
21 well underway and infrastructure is beginning to take shape.
22 Obviously, one of the most important aspects is that of
23 animal welfare. And California is well positioned given its
24 current set of regulations and protocols. Obviously, these
25 will be further enhanced to ensure a safe and successful

1 event.

2 And I'd really particularly like to thank -- well,
3 I'd like to thank all staff, but particularly Chief of
4 Enforcement Marc Shaw and Dr. Blea, who both from an
5 enforcement, licensing, and obviously veterinary point of
6 view have been doing yeoman's work in order to prepare for
7 this event.

8 Lastly, I'd like to invite Deputy Executive
9 Director Cynthia Alameda to share with the Board her
10 experience at the Women in Racing Summit. She attended a
11 few weeks ago on behalf of the Board.

12 MS. ALAMEDA: Good morning, Commissioners. Just
13 so you know, I made this as long as possible because I am in
14 danger of having my shortest meeting ever challenged by
15 Scott today.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Thank you, Ms.
17 Alameda. We're moving on.

18 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: How many questions,
19 though?

20 MS. ALAMEDA: Yes, please ask me as many questions
21 as you like.

22 In September of 2022, Santa Anita hosted the
23 inaugural Horse Racing Women's Summit, which was then
24 followed by subsequent events held nationwide that brought
25 together people from all areas of the horse racing industry

1 with the mission of connecting and empowering women in horse
2 racing. Santa Anita hosted the second Horse Racing Women's
3 Summit on September 27th through the 29th with a continued
4 focus on their core pillars, removing barriers, empowering
5 women, building inclusivity and leadership within the
6 industry, providing mentorship, and leaning into women's
7 enthusiasm for the sport and love for the horse to develop
8 and grow the sport.

9 The event included a welcome reception, three
10 panel discussions, morning and luncheon keynote speakers,
11 and my favorite experience, which was a collaborative
12 workshop between the planning committee and all participants
13 on the final day focused on identifying priorities for 2024.

14 The first panel addressed the state of the
15 industry, focusing on the benefits and challenges resulting
16 from continued media attention, as well as recent
17 legislative and regulatory changes. The panel included
18 media and executive participants, as well as Lisa Lazarus,
19 HICE CEO, and Dr. Casille Batten, who shared that
20 California's culture shift and priority on equine safety has
21 empowered veterinarians to be proactive instead of reactive,
22 allowing them to better serve and protect horses.

23 The second panel running the show shared the
24 perspective of industry professionals responsible for
25 different management roles critical to successful race

1 meets, who shared the paths they traveled, leading them to
2 roles they love, and the ins and outs of racetrack
3 management, as well as the positive and challenging impacts
4 of current events and their thoughts on the future.

5 The third panel looking forward provided an
6 opportunity for participants to hear from individuals
7 striving to achieve diversity in the industry, representing
8 underserved women who do incredible work in the back stretch
9 for the industry, as well as the importance of an
10 organization investing in the mental health and overall
11 well-being of their athletes and employees.

12 The Jane Goldstein Exemplary Leadership Award,
13 named for groundbreaking turf publicist Jane Goldstein, was
14 presented to Charisle Cantey, who began her career on the
15 backstretch prior to achieving broadcasting excellence and
16 inspiring many women, who shared at the summit the impact
17 that her poise, courage, and insightful professionalism had
18 on them as young girls and women, encouraging them to follow
19 in her footsteps.

20 An important initiative by the summit is the Pay
21 It Forward Program that provides scholarship tickets to
22 individuals who may not otherwise be able to attend. It
23 gives companies and individuals the opportunity to purchase
24 a ticket for participants whose perspective is critical to
25 the mission of the summit to empower, innovate, and invest

1 in one of its most valuable resources, all women who love
2 the sport. The program is already a success, providing
3 tickets to ten percent of those who attended the summit this
4 year, but of course, higher participation in both funding
5 additional tickets, as well as employers recognizing the
6 benefit of providing paid leave to women to participate in
7 events like the three-day summit is essential for the
8 industry to realize the full benefit of providing access to
9 all.

10 In conjunction with the summit, for the second
11 year, a luncheon was held on October 3rd to honor the
12 significant contributions made by the women from the
13 backstretch. Sixty-five women attended the luncheon held in
14 the Chandelier Room and designed to break down barriers to
15 accessing mental health services and featuring an address by
16 both a licensed therapist and advocacy by the Winners
17 Foundation. Recognition was also given for years of valued
18 service and contributions, but the highlight continued to be
19 the all-female mariachi band.

20 Having not attended, I would like to thank Jordyn
21 Egan, Executive Director of the TOC, for sharing the details
22 of this event with me. I do plan to attend the luncheon
23 next year to provide a firsthand account to all of you. And
24 since the entire program is conducted in Spanish, I have a
25 lot of work to do on my fluency.

1 Just in conclusion, a sincere thank you and kudos
2 to the entire planning committee for the summit. It was
3 beautifully executed again this year and one of the most
4 professionally and personally beneficial events I'm
5 fortunate to attend on behalf of the Board.

6 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Excellent.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thank you so much.

9 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Any questions or comments?
10 That was great. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thank you so much.

12 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Thank you, Cynthia.

13 CHAIR FERRARO: Mr. Chaney, do you have anything
14 more to say?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: I don't. I think EMD
16 report's next.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Yes.

18 Dr. Blea?

19 DR. BLEA: Good morning, Chairman Ferraro, Vice
20 Chairman Gonzales, Board, and Mr. Chaney.

21 I first of all have to state that that was an
22 impressive report. And as a father of two daughters, that
23 was an impressive event for women in racing. So it's nice
24 to see that coming to the forefront.

25 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thanks, Doc.

1 DR. BLEA: So I'm going to begin with a vesicular
2 stomatitis update. I've been talking to you all about this
3 since May. Currently, there are nine vesicular stomatitis
4 virus-affected premises, zero confirmed positive, but nine
5 suspect in California that are new. No new confirmed
6 positive premises have been identified.

7 Since the start of the outbreak on May 17, 2023,
8 in California, 216 vesicular stomatitis virus premises have
9 been identified in three states, California, Texas, and
10 Nevada. California has identified 213 of those affected
11 premises in ten counties. Of the 216 total vesicular
12 stomatitis-affected premises, 203 have completed the
13 quarantine period with no new clinical cases and have been
14 released from quarantine. However, 13 premises currently
15 remain in California, mostly in the Central Valley, Fresno,
16 and Tulare.

17 Moving on to Breeders' Cup, in addition to what
18 Mr. Chaney alluded to, on Friday and Saturday, November 3rd
19 and 4th, Santa Anita will be hosting the Breeders' Cup
20 Championship event. Breeders' Cup has an intense and
21 extensive veterinary program in place that will be worked
22 upon again this year. Approximately 14 veterinarians from
23 multiple racing jurisdictions across the country and Europe
24 will be paired with CHRB and Santa Anita veterinarians to
25 conduct multiple veterinary exams on all horses in the two-

1 day event. Exams include trot-up exams and barn exams,
2 which are currently already taking place.

3 In addition, the California entry panel mandated
4 in the state of California has already begun the review
5 process. In fact, yesterday we had a three-hour meeting to
6 review each horse that is pre-entered in the Breeders' Cup.

7 Required exams will be taking place. As I said,
8 they're already currently underway. There's a pre-entry
9 exam. Private practitioners will be required to perform a
10 pre-entry exam within three days prior to entry as required
11 by CHRB 1581.1. Entry day is considered to be October 30.

12 Mandatory trot-up exams. Breeders' Cup, CHRB, and
13 Santa Anita veterinarians together will be in the tunnel at
14 Santa Anita to perform jog exams. Trot-up or jog exams will
15 be done in the paddock tunnel at Santa Anita as horses enter
16 the track. For jog-up exams, each horse will be required to
17 have a rider onboard to be observed by the veterinary teams
18 prior to a horse entering the track through the paddock
19 tunnel. Breeders' Cup personnel will be on the paddock
20 horse path to direct horses to the veterinary panel and the
21 jogging lane.

22 Jogging exams of riders up are incredibly
23 important when evaluating a horse's gait. So these exams
24 are important, and they'll be done in the tunnel this year
25 at Santa Anita due to lack of space.

1 Stall exams. Regarding the stall exams, Breeders'
2 Cup, CHRB, and Santa Anita veterinary team will be
3 throughout the barn area throughout the week. All horses
4 will be examined at least once in the barn during the week
5 leading up to race day, which includes not only a physical
6 exam but an in-hand trot exam. On race day, pre-race exams
7 will be conducted by CHRB veterinarians as well as track
8 veterinarians, stall side beginning at 5:30 a.m. each race
9 day.

10 Examining veterinarians may and are currently
11 requiring diagnostics, including advanced imaging, at any
12 point prior to Breeders' Cup during their examinations to
13 address any concerns identified per BPC 19583.9.

14 International runners must be on the grounds of
15 Santa Anita no later than 10:00 p.m. Sunday, October 29th,
16 in order to be checked into the USDA quarantine facility.
17 All Breeders' Cup runners must be on the grounds by Tuesday,
18 October 31, by 11:00 a.m. All horses entered in the
19 Breeders' Cup event on November 3rd and 4th will undergo
20 out-of-competition testing conducted under HIVU the week of
21 Breeders' Cup. All samples will be shipped and tested at
22 the Maddy Lab.

23 Moving on to fatalities, in the month of
24 September, there were seven fatalities, two musculoskeletal
25 fatalities occurred in racing and one in training. One

1 sudden death fatality occurred in training. Three other
2 fatalities related to injury or illness, unrelated to racing
3 or training, also occurred in September.

4 Regarding the Maddy Lab in September, per CHRB
5 there were 254 post-race blood and urine samples tested by
6 the Maddy Lab, including five work bloods. Additionally,
7 there were 131 out-of-competition samples tested. In all
8 testing, there was one Class 4 violation for dexamethasone.

9 And to add to what Josh Rubenstein and Tom Robbins
10 had already indicated, Del Mar has an increasing interest in
11 helping reduce the veterinary shortage on the racetrack in
12 California, not only from a practitioner standpoint, but
13 from a regulatory standpoint. Most in our industry
14 recognize there is a shortage, and there will be a shortage
15 moving forward. We deal with it on a daily basis,
16 especially when we have multiple meets going on at one time.
17 In addition to that, I see a decrease in the number of
18 practicing vets on the racetrack for a number of reasons.

19 So earlier this year, Josh and Tom contacted me,
20 what can they do to help alleviate the shortage. There's
21 multiple efforts that have been initiated through the AVMA
22 and RMTC to look at programs. Josh and Tom and I discussed
23 a possible internship program, a possible externship
24 program. That is still on the table.

25 As the year progressed, we discussed that AAEP's

1 annual convention, which is the American Association of
2 Equine Practitioners Convention, is held in San Diego this
3 year. That's an association of nearly 10,000 veterinary
4 members. That will probably be attended by close to 3,000
5 to 4,000 students and practitioners from around the world.

6 So what we decided to do, because it's in San
7 Diego, it's right at the end of the fall meet, we
8 brainstormed and they came up with the idea of what if we
9 brought students to Del Mar during that convention while
10 they're here. So Del Mar is partnering with AAEP. We built
11 a program or we're building a program. We're going to
12 invite students that are here. There's generally anywhere
13 from 100 and 150 students that attend this annual
14 convention. AAEP has sent out an invitation to students to
15 come to Del Mar for the day.

16 We're going to do it on Friday, the last weekend
17 of the meet. Come up in the morning, watch some training,
18 interact with some attending veterinarians, watch and
19 observe pre-race examinations. I can take them through the
20 test bar and explain the regulatory process.

21 Del Mar has agreed to host lunch. I am recruiting
22 veterinarians to have a sit-down lunch, talk about practice
23 on the racetrack, talk about regulatory practice on the
24 racetrack, careers, experiences, and then watch a few races,
25 and then they'll go back to the convention site in San

1 Diego.

2 So everybody thought this was a great idea, you
3 know, we're brilliant, we're smart. I presented it to AAEP.
4 I said, "Look," I said, "you know, this is a big doing. You
5 know, I'm not really good at herding cats. Let's cap it at
6 25." And they said, "Okay, we'll do that." Del Mar said,
7 "Sure."

8 As things have progressed, leadership at AAEP is
9 really excited about this. Del Mar is really excited about
10 this. AAEP contacted me, and they said, "Okay, we have 25,
11 and we have a waiting list." I said, "Okay, what's your
12 waiting list?" We have a total of 96 students signed up to
13 come.

14 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: That's great.

15 DR. BLEA: So I quickly hit under my desk, called
16 Tom and Josh, and said, "Good luck with this, fellas."
17 Their response was unequivocally and immediate, "Bring them
18 all."

19 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yeah.

20 DR. BLEA: So at present time, we're in the
21 process of organizing things with AAEP. Del Mar has offered
22 to bus them up from the convention site in San Diego on
23 Friday morning. Dr. Ferraro is going to chaperone them all
24 around the backside. We have a contingency of
25 veterinarians, both regulatory and practicing, who will

1 interact with them, engage with them. Del Mar has offered
2 to feed all of them, and then set them up so they can watch
3 a few races, and then bus them back to the convention site
4 for the other events they have at the convention for AAEP.

5 So big kudos to Del Mar for two things, one being
6 forward thinking in trying to attack this problem with boots
7 on the ground, and secondly, for willing to just stand up
8 and say, bring them all, because it is a big task.

9 So AAEP is incredibly appreciative of Del Mar.
10 They've had a long partnership with AAEP and Del Mar. UC
11 Davis, I've contacted Dr. Finno, they're onboard to help in
12 any way they can as well. So we'll report back how it goes
13 probably in December.

14 So with that, I conclude my report, and I'm happy
15 to answer any questions.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: I have a couple.

17 DR. BLEA: Yes, you have to be there.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: In terms of control, I know at
19 Breeders' Cup time, there's veterinarians all over the
20 place, and some are Breeders' Cup veterinarians, some are
21 state veterinarians, some are I don't know what kind of
22 veterinarian, in terms of authority and control, who's in
23 charge?

24 DR. BLEA: It depends on the issue, and depends on
25 the situation. Breeders' Cup has a team which is headed by

1 Dr. Will Farmer and Dr. Deb Lamparter. Stronach has a team
2 which is headed by Dionne Benson. We have a team which is
3 headed by Tim Grande and myself. It's going to depend on
4 the issue as to who has authority.

5 In other words, if there is an issue, and we're
6 dealing with this right now, there's an issue that we're
7 requiring -- or the regulatory vet is considered to be a
8 track vet. If the Breeders' Cup's (indiscernible) vet or
9 CHRB vet requires diagnostics and they refuse, then it comes
10 to me by BPC code, you are mandated to perform this
11 diagnostic. If you don't, you're not eligible to run.

12 So I don't think it's a matter, in this instance,
13 I don't think it's a matter of authority. I think it's a
14 matter of mutual respect between Breeders' Cup, Santa Anita,
15 and CHRB that I think my message and I think everyone's
16 message is, we're all here for safety and welfare of these
17 horses, and we're all doing the same thing. And I think out
18 of respect for one another, there's leadership within all of
19 us.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: So in terms of incidents on the
21 track or at the starting gate, what veterinarian has the
22 call?

23 DR. BLEA: That will be determined. Well,
24 Breeders' Cup manages that. But the only person that can
25 scratch a horse on the -- the only individual that can

1 recommend to scratch are the stewards. And the only person
2 that can make a recommendation to the stewards on the track
3 will be the track veterinarian, which will be Dana Stead.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay, in terms of injuries, then
5 the Breeders' Cup Task Force takes care of that on the
6 track?

7 DR. BLEA: On the track, as soon as there's an
8 injury, if there's an injury on the track, the ambulance is
9 mobilized, picks up the horse. The horse will then be
10 transported back to either the hospital or the trainer's
11 barn, upon which in time the transfer responsibility of care
12 goes from the track veterinarian to the attending
13 veterinarian.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: But who's in charge of dealing
15 with the horse on the track, getting him in the ambulance,
16 getting him off the track?

17 DR. BLEA: That will be the Breeders' Cup team.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay.

19 DR. BLEA: So we'll have three ambulances on the
20 track. Those ambulance will be staffed with -- Dr. Stead
21 will be driving the first ambulance. There will be a
22 veterinarian in the second and a veterinarian in the third.
23 The UC Davis team is sending down four veterinarians,
24 including an anesthesiologist, to be part of those ambulance
25 crews to attend to horses that are injured on the track.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. And finally, I did notice
2 and all of us have noticed, you know, we've brought the
3 injury rate down significantly over the last two or three
4 years. But we've kind of reached the plateau here. In
5 fact, we have slightly more this year so far than we had
6 last year. One, why do you think that is? Number one.
7 Number two, have we reached a point where we're -- I mean,
8 how are we going to get it lower or can we get it lower?

9 DR. BLEA: I think the numbers this year are
10 multifactorial. I think we've seen a lot more injury and
11 disease fatalities, which are kind of, you know, I hate to
12 use this term relative to fatalities, but kind of one-offs.
13 You know, we've seen more colitis, more stall injuries,
14 different types of things.

15 To your point, you know, have we reached baseline?
16 No, I don't think we have. And the reason I don't think we
17 have is we've had, I think, at least three, perhaps four
18 shoulders this year. I think that's still some low-hanging
19 fruit we can pick off the tree.

20 I think with fetlock fatalities, I think as we see
21 more buy-in to diagnostic, advanced diagnostics and
22 interpretation, I think we'll see, again, we can take that
23 notch down. It's going to be somewhat of a sigmoidal wave
24 from year to year, depending on instances and circumstances.
25 But I do think we can keep pressing to decline those numbers

1 with different initiatives.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Very good.

3 Any questions from the Board?

4 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Dr. Ferraro, great set of
5 questions.

6 Dr. Blea and Scott, good, good reports.

7 You know, over the last week or so, there's just
8 been some information out in the news about the pre-work vet
9 checks, not so much in looking in the rear view mirror, but
10 more looking forward with the commitment the CHRB is going
11 to be making to rectify the matter. How do you see things
12 going forward as it relates to, you know, these pre-work
13 checks that we established a rule on, you know, a few years
14 ago, Doc?

15 DR. BLEA: So moving forward, we've contacted
16 InCompass. You know, it's been a work in progress, but
17 we're working with InCompass for the IT people to generate a
18 program whereby the regulatory veterinarian or office -- the
19 goal of the program is to link a pre-work examination
20 required by 1878 with an official workout in Equibase.

21 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Um-hmm.

22 DR. BLEA: So according to InCompass, the Jockey
23 Club information systems, they think they can develop a
24 program -- or actually, they're in development of a program
25 to link an official workout published in InCompass with an

1 examination that has to be entered in EquiTAPS within that
2 72-hour period required by the rule.

3 So once the IT people get it finished, and again,
4 as I said, they're in development of developing this report,
5 we'll beta test it, see if it works, work out the kinks.
6 But the goal will be to have the ability to pull a daily
7 report to make sure all of those horses that work that day,
8 which could be 1 to 200 a day, depending on the track in the
9 day, make sure that there's an exam linked to that workout,
10 that that horse was cleared.

11 So it all boils down to IT development. And it's
12 easier said than done. And that's what's in development
13 now, what we're working on to address the issue that was in
14 the press this week.

15 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thanks, Dr. Blea. Sounds
16 like there's a plan as we move ahead, so appreciate that.

17 DR. BLEA: There is. And, you know, you look at
18 the amount of workers you have in the day --

19 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Um-hmm.

20 DR. BLEA: -- that are published. And, you know,
21 we look at the entries to make sure they've had an exam pre-
22 entry. But looking at the volume of workers, you know,
23 you've got to recognize you're not going to catch them all
24 the time.

25 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thanks for that.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

2 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: I found your report about
3 the attendance in San Diego very exciting. And it brought
4 to mind other industries in which there are internships and
5 fellowships and scholarships for students who are entering
6 the field.

7 And I wonder whether any of those exist in our
8 industry, whether there are deals with UC Davis or Colorado
9 State, for example, to bring some promising students into
10 this? I could imagine organizations like TOC or CTT helping
11 a student with tuition payments or debts coming out of vet
12 school. It seems to me that would be enlightened self-
13 interest, because we don't want to run out of racetrack
14 vets.

15 How do you see us able to help?

16 DR. BLEA: I think we're well on our way down that
17 path as an industry. RMTTC has Board approval to develop an
18 externship program for racetrack veterinarians. AVMA is in
19 the midst of working on a proposal for that. This Del Mar
20 program, what we hope will continue to grow over the years.

21 There is currently in the veterinary schools in
22 that arena, there are externships and internships that are
23 available to veterinary students, small animal, equine, food
24 animal. Over the years, I've taken countless externs for a
25 two-week period that come and ride with us. And you'll see

1 students periodically doing that. And a lot of those
2 students that come, you know, we're a non-agrarian society,
3 they're not. They had no idea. We had no idea, is what
4 they say. And some of them come back and then actually go
5 to the racetrack.

6 So those avenues are there. We just need to be
7 able to draw those students into those pipelines. And I
8 think there's quite a few initiatives, again, from multiple
9 industry organizations that are doing just that, including
10 the veterinary school.

11 Dealing with UC Davis, we recognize that. We try
12 to get students that are interested. There was a group of
13 students that went down to Golden Gate earlier in the spring
14 and had no idea. Cal Poly Pomona gives out -- they give out
15 four equine scholarships.

16 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Really?

17 DR. BLEA: When I interviewed them, they had no
18 idea that Santa Anita, 30 miles away, had all this. I think
19 four of them came out and rode with practicing veterinary.

20 So it's something we have to advertise. And we've
21 got to, you know, be out in front of it. And, you know,
22 students are a little bit timid and want to hide behind the
23 curtain. But once they feel welcome, then they blend in.
24 And, you know, if we can bring 96 students, assuming that's
25 the number, and let's say we can keep ten percent a year,

1 that's a tremendous success.

2 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yeah. Well, it's a
3 wonderful initiative and thank you for your participation.
4 And I would have said nice things about Tom and Josh, but
5 they just left.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: You know, Dr. Ryan Carpenter is a
7 perfect example of that. He was a student when I was at
8 Davis. He asked me about the racetrack. I sent him down
9 for an externship for a couple of weeks. He came back, rode
10 with Dr. Dowd, as I recall. He was very enthusiastic,
11 wanted to know what could be done. So he was then set up
12 with an internship for a year at the backside of the
13 racetrack.

14 At the conclusion of that, he was very
15 enthusiastic, he wanted more training. We sent him to Dr.
16 McIlwraith at Colorado. He got his MA in surgery. And he's
17 back, you know, probably does 90 percent of the surgeries at
18 Santa Anita now; right?

19 DR. BLEA: For example, he just operated on Echo
20 Zulu --

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah, right.

22 DR. BLEA: -- for a good example.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah, so he's a perfect example of
24 what you can do.

25 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Great. Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Anybody else have questions?

2 Thanks, Jeff.

3 DR. BLEA: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yeah, I had one.

5 DR. BLEA: Yes, ma'am.

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Just one.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Oh, sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So just a question. There's
9 much for you, Chairman Ferraro, as Dr. Blea, what can the
10 Board do to help encourage those externships and get
11 something going by way of an initiative? Because it's a
12 crucial thing for the industry to have these people coming
13 up and make sure you have a pipeline, wherever they're being
14 trained, to come here.

15 DR. BLEA: I'll answer that if you don't mind.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah, go ahead. I don't have an
17 answer.

18 DR. BLEA: I'll be honest with you, do what you're
19 doing. You're fostering safety and welfare and people
20 recognize that. Students nowadays, you know, are different
21 than when Dr. Ferraro and I went to school. They're
22 smarter. They're brighter. They're more balanced. They
23 have a different perspective. And when they see the safety
24 initiatives and the welfare, you know, horses are livestock,
25 but I don't think this Board considers them as livestock.

1 They're livestock.

2 But when those students see the safety and the
3 rules and the regulations and the importance on safety and
4 welfare, I think that sends a message to them that this
5 racetrack is not bad. They do things the right way. And
6 you can do this and do it well. And that's important.

7 And so, you know, to your point, I think that's
8 the most critical thing you can continue to do.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: I would agree with that. My
10 experience when I was at Davis and lecturing to students,
11 they were always reluctant about the track because of what
12 they read in the papers about injuries, drug violations, you
13 know, like, oh, why would I want to go into that kind of
14 environment? My answer to them all the time is, well, do
15 you want to leave it all to the bad guys or do you want some
16 good guys to go down there and straighten it out?

17 Well, based on the record of the last few years
18 and the things that are going on in racing, I think we can
19 make a good argument for them now to come.

20 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Dr. Ferraro and Dr. Blea,
21 can I make a recommendation that maybe the next couple of
22 months we have an agenda item devoted to just that? I think
23 you're bringing up a good point, Commissioner Davis, just to
24 explore ideas. I know representatives from UC Davis have
25 been here in the past. But maybe we explore, you know, what

1 more.

2 And I appreciate you encouraging us, Dr. Blea, to
3 keep the pace of what we're doing to take care of the horses
4 that we love so much. But maybe we do something like that,
5 Doc, you know, where we figure it out, and if it's a policy
6 change or just trying to get some more coordination.

7 But I will also say, veterinarians got to pay
8 their bills, there's no doubt about it. And I think farms
9 and ranches across our state, including Northern California,
10 kind of goes to how important I believe keeping Northern
11 California racing around.

12 So we have to just, I think, just put it all on
13 the table. And if there's a couple of good recommendations,
14 we could get behind it. So, you know, maybe I'll leave it
15 up to both you and Scott when there's a moment on an agenda.
16 And, you know, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Hudnut,
17 it seems like you both are taking deep interest in this, so
18 maybe we can make a goal of this.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Well, considering we're having
20 these meetings in Sacramento, we're pretty close to Davis,
21 so maybe we could work something out.

22 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Further question. People
24 and occupations tend to follow the money. Is there a
25 significant disparity between what a large animal vet

1 specializing in racehorses, for example, makes vis-a-vis a
2 small animal vet with a shop of her own?

3 DR. BLEA: Yes, there is, but it's getting better.

4 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Okay.

5 DR. BLEA: That's one part of the equation.

6 The second part of the equation is lifestyle.

7 Small animal practitioners have, you know, shorter scheduled
8 work weeks, days off, time off. Small animal practitioners
9 are better at working smarter, not harder. Equine
10 veterinarians are trying to catch up from a wellness
11 standpoint, from a life balance standpoint. That's been a
12 big initiative with AAEP. The difficult problem with large
13 animal is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People that
14 are slow, like Dr. Ferraro and I, we couldn't figure out how
15 to take a day off. The younger people know how to do it.
16 So they're getting there.

17 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Okay.

18 DR. BLEA: And they're learning how to manage
19 those lifestyle issues. So they're getting there, and
20 eventually, I think they will be there.

21 The one key point I will make is the longer you're
22 in equine practice, you will out-earn the small animal
23 practitioner who tends to plateau.

24 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Oh, really?

25 DR. BLEA: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Okay. Thank you.

2 DR. BLEA: You're welcome.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Any other questions?

4 Thanks, Jeff.

5 DR. BLEA: Thank you.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: No public comments? In that case,
7 we're --

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Do you mean with
9 respect to the reports or 12 or both?

10 CHAIR FERRARO: I'm talking about 12 -- I mean,
11 11. Item 11, public comment period.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: We're good.

13 CHAIR FERRARO: We're good. And we have no closed
14 session.

15 So can we have a motion to adjourn?

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis --

17 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Gonzalez moves.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis seconds.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Davis seconds.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Well, hold up. One
21 second. One second. There is public comment under 12.

22 (Off mic colloquy)

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Oh, okay. Yeah.
24 Great. Yeah.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay, we need a vote.

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Castellanos?

COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

CHAIR FERRARO: Davis?

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR FERRARO: Gonzalez?

VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

CHAIR FERRARO: Alfieri?

COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

CHAIR FERRARO: Hudnut?

COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

CHAIR FERRARO: And the Chairman votes yes.

Thank you all for participating.

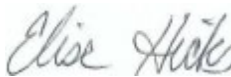
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