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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 3-14-11

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 14, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman Keith Brackpool presided. Vice Chairman David Israel and Commissioners Bo Derek, John Harris, Jerry Moss, and Richard Rosenberg were in attendance.

The audio of this entire Board meeting is available on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) under the [Webcast](#) link. In brief:

- The Board approved the licenses for both XpressBet and TwinSpire to provide ADW wagering in California for the balance of 2011 subject to conditions. Each company must renew a labor agreement that was in effect last year. The Board placed an additional condition on TwinSpire requiring that all agreements pertaining to simulcasting of California races be executed by 11 a.m. Friday, March 18, or TwinSpire will lose its license to do business in California both in terms of accepting wagers from California account holders and accepting wagers on California races from out-of-state customers. The TwinSpire application was approved, subject to those two conditions, by a 5-1 vote, with Vice Chairman Israel voting against granting the license.
- The Board approved the license application for Hollywood Park to operate a race meet from April 20 through July 17, racing four days a week, Thursday through Sunday, with night racing on all Fridays except Kentucky Oaks Day, May 6. During this discussion, management at Hollywood Park expressed an interest in conducting racing in 2012, an issue that will be addressed when the Board begins work on the 2012 calendar.
- The Board renewed the license of the Commerce Club to operate a minisatellite wagering operation for two years. This approval was for the existing wagering areas. The Commerce Club will need to request an amendment to the license if it follows through with announced plans to expand the \$80,000-a-day wagering operation into a larger adjacent building.
- The Board received reports from representatives of San Luis Rey Downs Training

Center (SLRD) and Southern California Off-Track Wagering Inc. (SCOTWINC) and from Commissioner Rosenberg relative to SLRD's request for funds from the vaning and stabling program. Discussions will continue among the parties.

- Chairman Brackpool announced during the public comment portion of the meeting that the Board is very much aware of the increased number of equine fatalities at Santa Anita since the beginning of the meet and "the Board takes this issue very very seriously." He stated that CHRB Executive Director Kirk Breed has met with trainers and track management and that everyone is working together to help reduce the number of injuries. He anticipated a full discussion of these efforts at the April Board meeting.
- Also during the public comment portion, Commissioner Harris advised the industry to be involved in proposed state and federal legislation on Internet poker that impacts horse racing.

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