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SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 1-19-12

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, January 19, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman Keith Brackpool presided. Vice Chairman David Israel and Commissioners Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, 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:

- Santa Anita Park owner Frank Stronach, at the invitation of Chairman Brackpool, commented briefly on his plan to safeguard racing at Santa Anita “in perpetuity.” While he did not provide the specific details of his plan, he said he would be meeting with horsemen over the next few months on a “new structure and agreement.” Chairman Brackpool said he was optimistic and encouraged by the announcement.
- The Board approved for public notice a proposed regulatory amendment that would make it easier to run a horse back following a claim – and possibly help increase field size – by allowing horses that do not win the race to return within 25 days at the same level (or higher).
- Chairman Brackpool named Vice Chairman Israel (chair) and Commissioner Rosenberg to serve on an ad hoc committee to conduct a public hearing on proposed regulations for exchange wagering. The CHRB is required by law to develop such regulations. The ad hoc committee will conduct the public hearing in early February and then report back to the full Board at the February 23 meeting when the proposed regulations will be on the agenda.
- The Board put over until February or March a decision on whether to increase the penalty or penalties for failing to report in the proper manner that a horse has been gelded.
- Chairman Brackpool said discussions are continuing with representatives of the American Graded Stakes Committee and the Breeders’ Cup on proposed prohibitions against the administration of race-day medications (i.e. bleeder medication) to 2 year

olds running in graded stakes, including the Breeders' Cup races for juveniles. He said this issue will be on the agenda for "comprehensive discussion" and a public hearing at an upcoming CHRB meeting.

- Commissioner Derek, who chairs the CHRB Medication and Track Safety Committee, and Dr. Rick Arthur, the CHRB equine medical director, reported on a recent committee meeting at UC Davis, including a recommendation to reduce the number of pre-race tests for TCO₂, given the success of the testing program that has all but eliminated TCO₂ violations in California. The commissioners rejected the proposal, meaning all horses racing at thoroughbred racetracks in Southern California will continue to have blood drawn before the race for TCO₂ testing. Discussions are continuing about the Northern California program.
- The Board put over until February a decision on whether to amend the rule pertaining to voiding a claim if the horse suffers a fatality during a race or before it is returned to be unsaddled.
- The Board approved for public notice a proposed regulatory amendment to allow for more stringent penalties for repeated medication violations of a severe nature. Specifically, the amendment would change the time period for imposing Category B second-offense penalties from a 365-day period to two years, and for a third-offense penalty for a Category B violation from a 365-day period to five years.
- The Board heard a report on plans to expand the number of out-of-state clients utilizing the data base of the California Horse Racing Information Management System (CHRIMS), which processes handle and attendance information for California racing. CHRIMS will be providing more information to the Board on the number and responsibilities of the organization's personnel.
- Following a brief video presentation on jockey cams by a company marketing the use of the product, the Board indicated the cameras would need to be miniaturized and better stabilized and incorporated into safety helmets for both aerodynamic and safety reasons before they could be authorized for use in California horse racing.

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