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### SUMMARY OF CHRB ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS 3-22-12

ARCADIA, CA – The California Horse Racing Board conducted its regular meeting Thursday, March 22, at Santa Anita Park. Chairman Keith Brackpool presided. Vice Chairman David Israel and Commissioners Jesse Choper, Bo Derek, and Richard Rosenberg were in attendance.

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

- The Board approved for public notice the texts of 25 proposed rules for the regulation of exchange wagering. Following the 45-day public comment period, the Board will conduct a noticed public hearing to consider the proposed rules, including any and all suggested changes, and decide if further steps are necessary in the rulemaking process. Under the same state law that requires the CHRB to promulgate these proposed rules, exchange wagering can only be offered in California if the racing association, the horsemen's group representing that breed, and an exchange wagering company reach an agreement, which also must be approved by the CHRB.
- Chairman Brackpool created an industry working group to begin development of a multi-year racing calendar, which will take into account when various racing associations and fairs would like to conduct race meets, determine their levels of commitment, and consider alternatives to existing racing/training schedules. The group will report its progress at the May or June monthly Board meeting.
- The Board approved the license application for Hollywood Park Racing Association to conduct a 50-day race meet from April 26 through July 15. To be known as Betfair Hollywood Park under a naming rights and marketing agreement with Betfair, the track will race Thursday through Sunday, with night racing on Friday's with the exception of May 4, the day before the Kentucky Derby.
- The Board voted to extend the license of TwinSpires to operate an Advance Deposit Wagering company in California through the end of 2012,
- The Board heard a presentation on the industry's efforts to expand the wagering network in California to new mini-satellites located in restaurants, sports bars, bowling alleys, and other businesses in locations throughout the state. The racing commissioners offered to assist in this effort when needed.
- A representative of Cal Expo reported on their ongoing efforts and conversations with potential lessees and operators for future harness meets in Sacramento.
- The Board authorized the distribution of \$100,000 in race day charity proceeds by Hollywood Park Racing Charities to 20 beneficiaries.

- As required by a new state law, the Board approved for public notice a proposed regulation to require the suspension of an occupational license if the licensee's name appears on the Franchise Tax Board or Board of Equalization's list of 500 largest tax delinquencies.

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