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NOTICE OF PARI-MUTUEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **California Horse Racing Board's Pari-mutuel Operations Committee** will be held on **Thursday, December 4, 2003**, commencing at **2:00 p.m.**, in the **Cypress Golf Club**, 4921 Katella Avenue, **Los Alamitos**, California. Non-committee members attending the Board's committee meeting may participate in the public discussion, but shall not participate in any official committee vote or committee executive session.

A G E N D A

1. Discussion regarding the **proposal to require each racing association to provide their simulcast signal to any ADW organization** licensed by the CHRB.
2. Discussion regarding the **proposal to adjust the scratch time for "also eligible" runners.**

Further information regarding the committee meeting may be obtained from John Reagan, Senior Management Auditor, at the CHRB Administrative Office, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, California, 95825; telephone (916) 263-6000 or fax (916) 263-6042. A copy of this notice can be located on the CHRB website at www.chrb.ca.gov

PARI-MUTUEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Alan W. Landsburg, Chairman
Chairman Roger H. Licht, Member

Date of Notice: November 24, 2003

STAFF ANALYSIS
SIMULCAST SIGNALS FOR ADW PROVIDERS

PARI-MUTUEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2003

Background:

The current license application for Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) providers requires an acknowledgement that the applicant has contracts with CHRB licensed California racing associations. The presumption is that in order to act as a licensed ADW provider, an organization must procure contracts with California racing associations. No contract – no license. At the September Board meeting in Pomona, a new proposal was put on the agenda for discussion: What if the racing associations were required, as a condition of their CHRB license, to provide their racing signal to *every* CHRB approved ADW provider?

This proposal was discussed at the last Pari-mutuel Operations Committee meeting in October and received a cool reception from the industry representatives. Due to time constraints, the matter was not fully aired at that time and the matter was continued to today's meeting.

Recommendation:

This item is for discussion.

**STAFF ANALYSIS
ADJUSTING SCRATCH TIME
FOR "ALSO ELIGIBLE" RUNNERS**

PARI-MUTUEL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2003

Background:

At the September Board meeting in Pomona, Mr. Ed Friendly made a proposal to modify the scratch time for "also eligible" runners with hope of obtaining fuller fields. The crux of his idea is to not scratch the "also eligible" runners at scratch time (generally two days prior to race day). Rather, he proposes to keep them in the race and in the official program until race day. He surmises that since horses are frequently scratched the morning of the race day, the "also eligible" runners can then be "scratched into" the race and the field size will be enhanced. Of course, if there are no scratches in the race, then the "also eligible" runners will be scratched from the program.

This proposal appears to have merit and was placed on this agenda so that the concept can be fully addressed by industry representatives.

Recommendation:

This item is for discussion.