

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Meeting  
16October2019  
Rillito Clubhouse

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></b>
James Collins            District 1	Diane Frisch
Ronnie Reyna, Chair    District 2	Michelle Flanagan
Tim Kelly                District 3	Florina Lopez
John Ochoa              District 4	Jaye Wells
Geronimo Ramirez      District 5 - Absent	JoAnn di Filippo

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Call to Order at 5:32pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

**2. Approval of 17April2019 Minutes**

Minutes review and approval. Moved to approval by **Commissioner Kelly**; seconded by **Commissioner Collins**.

**3. Financial Report – Commissioner Tim Kelly**

Provided Commission with 30September2019 balance sheet with figures for 31December2017, 30September2018 and 30September2019. Activity has been minimal. Past racing was \$14K of donations received; \$12.5k went to the Rillito Park Foundation for the El Moro and the Pony Race. Have almost \$200 in cash account until more money is received next season. There are 3 reporting responsibilities for the Pima County Fair Horse Racing Exempt Organization: Federal Tax Form, Arizona Corporation Commission Report and the Liquor License. All three filings are up-to-date. The liquor license is current through 30September2020.

**4. OTB and Racetrack Updates – Jaye Wells**

Entered into a letter of intent with Pick Six Parlors, a company in Denver. They are a subcontract operator and will be in town next week. Have verbal commitments from several bars. Working to get contracts signed for County approval by the end of November for the 3December2019 BOS meeting. Opening race day is 8February2020 and will run for seven weekends with the last race day on 22March2020. Clydesdales are coming back. Will have 3 regional races with different distances and purses – two races @ \$20k and one race @ \$10k. Completed a Memo of Understanding with

Turf Paradise last May to get the legislation approved. Turf Paradise was awarded two parlors in Pima County: Midtown Tavern and The Craft. Six-parlor limit restriction is for three years.

Had several meetings with legislators to possibly create a circuit from mid-March starting at Rillito and continue through nine different tracks to Coconino County in July for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Tim Kelly:** Where does everyone stand with the Breeder's Cup and what happens if the signal does not get sent?

**Jaye Wells:** It will get sent. Per legislation, no contract may be approved for a signal to come into the state unless that signal is provided to all tracks.

#### **5. Arizona County Fair Update – Commissioner Jim Collins**

The Sonoita meet had 4-5 races. Will have meeting in Benson on 6November. Duncan wants to wait one more year. Trying to get Safford on board to run some Quarter Horse races. Would like to run fair meets before Sonoita. Spoke with Greg Stiles who advised race dates must be in by 1December.

#### **6. 2020 Arizona County Fair Racing Permits – Chairman Ronnie Reyna**

Have to get racing permits to Greg Stiles for race years 2020 through 2022. Will meet with **Jaye Wells** to discuss the pertinent dates for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Will vote on race dates at 20November2019 PCFHRC. The PCFHRC recommendation will be presented at the 3December2019 BOS meeting.

#### **7. New Business**

No one spoke.

#### **8. Call to Audience**

No one spoke.

#### **9. Adjournment:**

Moved to adjourn by **Commissioner Kelly**, Seconded by **Commissioner Ochoa**. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

**Next meeting is 20November2019 at 5:30pm**