

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Meeting
17April2019
Rillito Clubhouse

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

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Reyna

Call to Order at 5:31pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

2. Approval of 20February2019 Minutes

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

3. Financial Report – Commissioner Tim Kelly

Increased cash from prior month. \$750 dollars has yet to be owed to the vet for the Pony Express races. Provided copy of financial statement to commissioners.

4. Legislative Update on Rillito – Jaye Wells

Bill sits untouched. It is in the Senate and has gone through the Caucus. Verbal agreement to not try to attach any of the language to the Bill. Arizona Downs desperate to get simulcast with Monarch. Would immediately stop the Bill which is to drop the 140-lot race day restriction in order to have parlors. This Bill is same language as what exists in Maricopa County and would be difficult for Governor to veto. At City Council meeting, Midtown Grill OTB agenda item was pulled from the meeting and tabled until the 21May2019 meeting. **Jaye** said Councilman Paul Durham advised him if the Bill goes though he would take the signal from Rillito. **Jaye** advised he received support from the Mayor and Councilmembers Steve Kozachik and Richard Fimbres.

Chairman Reyna: Advised he received support for the Bill from Councilmembers Shirley Scott, Paul Cunningham and Regina Romero.

Jaye Wells: Season is 42k down in cash collected than previous years. Would have received 20k the first week of June from May's Derby and Preakness wagering.

5. Arizona County Fair Update – Commissioner Jim Collins

Stressed importance of horsemen to make sure they enter and help each race track in Douglas and Sonoita. Condition book is out for Sonoita (handed out to Commissioners). Douglas book will be out next week. Couple of big races coming up in Douglas. Participation is needed. Safford wants to run. Will go to Commission meeting in Phoenix next week to discuss the history and what to try to do in the future.

6. New Business

Commissioner Collins: Can we stretch the meetings out? Unable to make the 15May2019 meeting.

Chairman Reyna: We can make a motion to postpone the 15May2019 meeting. Moved to approval by **Commissioner Kelly**; seconded by **Commissioner Ramirez**.

7. Call to Audience

No one spoke.

8. Adjournment:

Moved to adjourn by **Commissioner Ramirez**, Seconded by **Commissioner Kelly**. Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Next meeting is TBD