

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Meeting
15January2020
Rillito Clubhouse

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Collins District 1
Ronnie Reyna, Chair District 2
Tim Kelly District 3
John Ochoa District 4
Geronimo Ramirez District 5

OTHERS PRESENT

Florina Lopez
Michelle Flanagan
Jaye Wells
Frank DeFazio
Mike Weiss
JoAnn di Filippo

1. Welcome and Introductions

Call to Order at 5:34pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

2. Approval of November 2019 Minutes

Approval of December 2019 Telephonic Meeting Minutes

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

3. Financial Report – Commissioner Tim Kelly

Have \$175 in account which has been steady for four months.

4. OTB and Racetrack Updates – Jaye Wells

Jaye Wells: Opening weekend is February 8th and 9th with County Fair Racing. The following weekend is with veterans. The Budweiser Clydesdales will at the VIP meet and greet on February 29th and March 1st. That same weekend, hosting trials for the American Quarter Horse Association regional challenge races and the Juvenile, 2-yr old trials. The following weekend, March 7th and 8th, 'Mine That Bird' the 2009 Kentucky Derby winner will be staying at the track. The stakes purses have more than doubled. The American Quarter Horse Association is matching 50k. The seating table prices were raised to \$1000. Purchased approximately 24k in new restaurant equipment for the bars and kitchen. Food should come out hotter with better variety.

Mike Weiss: Young UA students are really enthusiastic. A recent UA graduate was named Race Secretary at Aqueduct. Another is head of simulcasting. Chose Pick Six Parlors, a company in Colorado, to partner with the OTB's. Just named the nicest off-track betting parlor in Colorado. Dan Thicke, an accredited steward, offered to help with Equine Wellness program. Pre-vet students took notes on the horses last season which went into an equine database. Checks on every horse this season will include previous records. Zero equine racing fatalities last season. Program is recognized country-wide.

Chairman Reyna: How many horses were scratched?

Jaye Wells: 27

Commissioner Kelly: Any latest on Monarch as you set up parlors?

Jaye Wells: Judge ruled against Monarch. New ruling is all or nothing. Have to send signal to everyone.

5. Arizona County Fair Update – Commissioner Collins

Douglas will run April 18th and 19th and Sonoita will run May 2nd and 3rd. Duncan will probably not run until 2021. May attend Globe Council meeting to try and get them to run in 2021. Flagstaff running depends on bill.

Jaye Wells: The bill will be dropped next week. It is planned to be introduced to the Natural Resources Committee in two weeks. The bill is a million dollars a year for three years. Nine tracks are identified, three are commercial tracks: Rillito, Arizona Downs and Turf Paradise. Each County is allowed to apply for up to 100k. They have to match 40% of what they applied for.

6. State Application Pima County Fair Dates – Chairman Reyna

State kicked back application. Items 7-10 on application were not answered because they were the same answers as the 2017 application. The State requires additional information. The shareholder information provided by County (Arizona Corporation Commission web search) will be added to the application. General Manager information was requested. Provided Mike Weiss' qualification information. Will speak with Jaye Wells regarding security. Also will provide description of medical services.

7. New Business

Commissioner Kelly: Printed out list of PCFHRC Commissioners with term expiration dates. Everyone but Kelly's term is expired.

Chairman Reyna: Called Supervisor Ramon Valadez regarding his term. Advised Commissioners to call their Board Supervisor regarding their reappointment.

Chairman Reyna: Requested County to update website to remove outdated material.

Commissioner Ramirez: Trademark for the El Moro needs to be signed by brother.

8. Call to Audience

No one spoke.

9. Adjournment:

Moved to adjourn by **Commissioner Ramirez**, Seconded by **Commissioner Kelly**. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Next meeting is 19February2020 at 5:30pm