

**Pima County Fair Horseracing Commission Meeting
January 16, 2019
Rillito Clubhouse**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
Geronimo Ramirez District 5 late 5:44pm	Diane Frisch Jeanette Flores
John Ochoa District 4 absent	Jaye Wells Ben Granillo Sr.
Tim Kelly District 3	Fabiab Gomez Jesus Lopez
Chair Ronnie Reyna District 2	Ted Moore Ben Granillo Jr.
James Collins District 1	Diane Maxwell Ramon Bazurro
	Hector Pinedo Manuel Majer
	Jim Lewis Eddie Bazua
	Gilbert Caudillo Monica Ortega
	Daniel Hexudude Raula Cruz
	Jim Crotts Claudia Alvarez
	Vic Olivier Joseph Riesgo
	Wendy Oliver Norma Reyes
	Gary Duke Felix Ochoa
	Larry Ellis David Frisby
	Rober MacVittie Javier Tapia
	Joe Felipe Aravro Bernal
	Ton Richardson
	William Jaramillo
	Thoma Day
	Nikki Reck
	Joann di Filippo
	Frank De Fazio

Call to order: 5:38pm Introduction by Chairman Reyna

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of December 19, 2019 Minutes

Reviewed and approved by Tim Kelly and seconded by Jim Collins

3. County fair Racing Arizona Legislature Funding.

Commissioner Kelly: Essentially this is about involving the legislative action.. I propose to write a letter to the Senate Legislators and House Legislators to make them aware on the fact that we were shorted on the funding from Turf Paradise. If we get that, we can get about \$40k more for the County Fair Horse Racing. Asked for support from the Commission to write the letter.

Ronnie Reyna moved. Seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

4. Jaye Wells update on Barns and DOR updates. Horsemen's meeting to follow.

Jaye Wells: Good news and bad news... Continued concerns with the legislature. County has been supportive. Elimination of the dome rule, which hurt Rillito Race Track. Spoke about the signal in the local parlors and that the money is going to Turf Paradise and the Dog track. In a Bill passed last year the state set aside dollars for any counties that had live racing. Pima County has been boxed out of almost \$200,000 that had live racing; Turf Paradise added population base, which hurt Pima County. Rillito gets 8 ½% of Twin Spires and Churchill Downs. Number one thing now is Pima County has to approve all OTB parlors in the County and consider Rillito. Arizona Downs is trying to open parlors and now have no Monarch signal, only Turf Paradise will have signal. Going into a meet Rillito is in good shape. Please look for alerts and support Rillito. Mr. Huckelberry sent letter to the AZ Commission.

Roni Reyna: Has been in touch with the City Council Members to make sure these people do not back door us. Mr. Kelly and I are going to meet with these City Council Members.

5. Rillito Racing Secretary Debbie Ferguson report.

Debbie Ferguson: looking forward to a wonderful meet. Last year we had a good one hoping this year is better. Equestrians' meeting following will have details.

Roni Reyna: thank you Debbie.

6. El Moro De Cumpas Race report.

Commissioner Jerry Ramirez: We are hoping that it is another big one, we are trying to make it the biggest race in the state. We have already the added money we need the horseman to participate reasonable price and make it happen. Trials, one distance, distance of 330.

7. New Business. Audience questions on the meet: Will be addressed at Horsemen meeting to follow. Health questions addressed there.

8. Call to the Public:

9. JoAnn di Filippo: Question on free parking which is extended to soccer, should also be extended to Rillito Foundation.

Steve Noland: I've been in horse racing since 1981 in AZ since 1985. Being an agent for jockeys. A few years ago I became a lobbyist trying to support the issues and trying to get people that are doing wrong be kicked out. Has been attending all commission meeting for 30yers. Spoke about on-going lawsuits in Phoenix with Simms brothers lawsuits now in it's 9th year. Burden on the taxpayers. Trying to protect licenseholders. On January 25 will be a decision on the rendering of those fees. Actively down at the legislator. Spoke regarding the breeders of the state. Little tracks are such needed. You all need to be aware, that is time for a change. Thank this board for sending the letters to the right places. Today's morning paper calls for investigation. I'm here to support Rillito, awesome job Jaye is doing.

10. Adjournment

Next meeting is February 20, 2019 5:30pm.