

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission
Minutes
October 15th, 2014
NRPR Offices

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In attendance:

Commissioner

Present:

- Ramon Bazarro
- Bill Matthews
- Forrest Metz
- Geronimo Ramirez, Jr.
- John K. Goodman

County Liaison

- Mike Holmes

I. Welcoming

Commission Chair Forrest Metz called the meeting of the Fair Horse Racing Commission (PCFHRC) to order at 3:33 pm in the NRPR conference room.

II. Introduction of Guests

The guest sheet is attached and included Jaye Wells from Rillito Racing Inc., and JoAnn di Filippo of SAHRA.

III. Approval of August 27th, 2014 Minutes

No comments or corrections were suggested. Geronimo Ramirez proposed passage. Ramon Bazarro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Election of Vice-Chair of Commission

An election for Vice-Chair was held, with Forrest Metz presiding. After one election cycles, Geronimo Ramirez was elected Vice-Chair with four votes. John Goodman received one vote. Following the election Chair Metz began to run the Commission meeting.

V. Overview of the 2014 Racing Season and Financials by PCHRA

No one from the PCHRA showed up to the meeting to present a report or discuss the Financials. The public audience was visibly unhappy with many negative comments about the general lack of accountability of PCHRA. Fabian Gomez and Jo Ann di Filippo made public statements asking where the property PCHRA held was kept and who had responsibility for it. Commission Chair Forrest Metz reminded them that this would be covered later in the agenda.

VI. Presentation of Upcoming Racing Season by Rillito Racing Inc.

Jaye Wells, President of Rillito Racing, Inc. gave an overview of the racing management team featuring the new racing manager, Mike Weiss and the upcoming racing season at Rillito Racetrack. Racing days requested by Rillito Racing begins on February 7 and ends on April 12 for a total of 20 live race days. The schedule will include 3 Friday racing days.

VII. Review of Rillito Race Track Inventory Items – Memorabilia and Art Works Ownership

Forrest Metz started a discussion focused on trying to identify where artwork, equipment, memorabilia and other items had gone from the end of the last season. Mike Holmes was asked about the location and ownership of specific items, but he responded that his responsibility included only the Pima County property, and was largely limited to restaurant and office material in the clubhouse. Jaye Wells questioned the location of certain artwork and other decorative items, and there was a general discussion questioning just who most of these items belonged to. Bill Matthews acknowledged that he had placed a lien on equipment held by PCHA, to repay loans he had made through the life of their contract, but that this only included industrial and agricultural hardware and goods. There was no resolution to the conversation, but Forrest Metz stated that the PCFHRC would look into the location and ownership of the missing items and pursue recovery of them.

VIII. Discussion and possible action on the State of Arizona Alcohol License of Rillito Racetrack

Forrest Metz opened the discussion by suggesting that the PCFHRC maintain the current Liquor License and allow Jaye Wells and Rillito Racing to use it in their name. This was passed and agreed to by general acclaim.

VIII. Call to the Public

Several folks thanked Pima County for working with Jaye to ensure a racing season for 2015. Jaye asked for support from SAHRA and the public for the upcoming racing season. Commissioner Metz thanked all for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 4:17

FAIR HORSE RACING COMMISSION ATTENDANCE SHEET

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	E-MAIL
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