



PIMA COUNTY
ATTRactions AND TOURISM

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission Meeting

May 18, 2017

Draft Minutes

Present:

- Zulema (Sue) Echerivel, District 1
- Tim Kelly, District 3
- Geronimo Ramirez, Jr., District 5
- Mike Holmes, Pima County Liaison

Meeting called to order by Chair Ramirez at 5:30pm.

Approval of March 8, 2017 Minutes

First order of business was to approve the March 8th minutes, motion was made by Commissioner Echerivel and seconded by Tim Kelly. Motion passed.

Introduction of new commissioner, Diane Frisch, Incoming Director of Pima County Attractions & Tourism

Establishing Bank Account for PCFHRC

The commission is awaiting the incorporation papers from AZ Corporation Commission. Pima County delivered all of the documents pertaining to the commission's incorporation that they had on file. The commission will need to request the original documents and then update them. The Chair has a check that needs to be deposited.

Update on Liquor License

The liquor license expires in September. The commission submitted a renewal but has not received anything back from the state. Pima County turned over all documents pertaining to this license that they had in their possession.

Pima County Fair Dates Pari-Mutuel update

Tim Kelly began by explaining how the payout from pari-mutuel betting was calculated and paid out to horsemen and the track, and that Rillito Racing has been paying out twice the required amount as purses, and that their expenses exceeded the earnings, requiring that Rillito Racing rely upon donations to operate. Jaye Wells of Rillito Racing reported that the average betting handle during the season was \$65,000 each day, and updated the commission on racing industry developments in other parts of Arizona. He then discussed the goals of increasing revenue through merchandising, increased special events, and fundraising. He concluded by discussing the efforts to change state legislation that the Foundation feels is discriminatory against racing in Pima County.

New Business

The commission will renegotiate the use of the liquor license with Rillito Racing.

Commissioner Echerivel moved to adjourn, Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.