PIMA COUNTY
ATTRACTIONS AND TOURISM

Pima County Fair Horse Racing Commission
Meeting October 18th,
2017
Draft Minutes

Present: **-** Zulema (Sue) Echerivel, District 1
             - Ronnie Reyna, District 2
             - Tim Kelly, District 3
             - John Ochoa, District 4
             - Geronimo Ramirez, Jr., District 5
             - Mike Holmes, Pima County Liaison

Meeting called to order by Chair Ramirez at 5:01pm.

Approval of September 20th, 2017 Minutes
After the minutes were amended to reflect that Rillito racing would pay the same fees for use of the commission's liquor license, "as in 2016", Commissioner Reyna moved to accept them, Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Status of Rillito Racing Financial Condition for 2018 Racing Season
Rillito Racing is expecting a loan from the Industrial Development Corporation whcih will give them the operating capital for the 2018 racing season.

Fair dates assigned to Pima County 2018
Rillito Racing has requested racing dates between the 10th of February, and the 18th of March, 2018, including two alternate "rain days". The Arizona Department of Racing will confirm those dates by December. Until the dates are confirmed, they cannot be advertised.

Review of Liquor License Agreements including non-racing events
Mike Holmes will request that Joe Barr of NRPR attend the next commission meeting in November to discuss how the liquor license can be used at Rillito.

El Moro de Cumpas Stakes Races for 2018
Until the Department of Racing confirms the race dates, no firm date for the El Moro de Cumpas can be set. However, the target date will be the 17th of March.

New Business
Prescott Downs will not be holding a racing season in 2018. However, it does look like they will hold one in 2019.

Call to Public
Audience member JoAnn DiFilippo reported that there are two Arizona state legislators who are interested in fully funding the Arizona Department of Racing so that it will have operating funds this Spring.

Meeting Adjournment
Chair Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Reyna seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.