

Sonoma County Fair
APPROVED Minutes of the
Racing Committee Meeting
January 10, 2019
Administration Building, Board Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Max Mickelsen, Chair; Teejay Lowe, Vice Chair; Kevin Howe; Ross Liscum; Lisa Wittke Schaffner

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

NON-VOTING DIRECTORS PRESENT: Rob Muelrath, Marilyn Herzog

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Lorna Fox, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Michael Margetts

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mickelsen at 5:26PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Director Wittke Schaffner moved to approve the agenda; Director Lowe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MEETING WITH THE TOC TO DISCUSS STAKE RACES:

CEO Bartling stated that a representative of the TOC is suggesting a meeting with members of the Committee to discuss stake races. **Director Lowe moved to authorize a Special Meeting of the Racing Committee to discuss future stake races with members of the TOC; Director Liscum seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH TOC TO TAKE A .35 PERCENTAGE OF THE ADW HANDLE TO SUPPORT THE INCREASE IN STABLING FOR 2019. HALF WOULD COME FROM PURSES AND HALF FROM COMMISSIONS:

CFO Margetts led a discussion regarding discussions taking place with TOC regarding stabling charges for 2019. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ON COST OF UPKEEP ON THE TURF TRACK:

CEO Bartling and CFO Margetts led discussions on the cost of upkeep for the turf track as it relates to only 8 days of racing per year. No action taken.

UPDATE ON OPERATIONS FOR 2019 RACE MEET:

CEO Bartling stated she would be meeting with Stacey Lapham to discuss the Director of Racing contract. No action taken.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There being no further business, **Director Liscum moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM; Director Lowe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**