

Sonoma County Fair
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Racing Committee Meeting**
Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Showcase Cafe, Board Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Teejay Lowe, Chair; Rob Muelrath, Tony Gerald, Ross Liscum, Lisa Wittke Schaffner

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Marilyn Herzog

OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT: Annette O'Kelley,

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowe at 5:15p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UPDATE ON THE 2020 RACE DATES:

CEO Bartling reported that the turf track is being monitored by Mike Parks and that Golden Gate Fields consultants came out to review.

CHRB UPDATE:

CEO Bartling stated she attended the CHRB meeting on February 12 and that they had a good presentation by 3 doctors regarding research into horse condition and safety. She is hoping to begin 2021 race date conversations soon.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOX SEATS:

CEO Bartling provided a handout of current board and honorary board box seat assignments. Director Lowe will review and present at the next meeting. **No action taken.**

DISCUSSION REGARDING ALTERNATIVE RACES DURING RACE MEET:

Director Gerald presented alternative races to happen between horse races. Racing Director Lapham will coordinate with her promotion team and Director Gerald will help with planning and execution of the alternative races. Chair Lowe asked that Director Gerald come to the next meeting with a budget plan for the events. **No action taken.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Board and Honorary Box Seat assignments
Update on Alternative Races

ADJOURNMENT

Director Liscum moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:42p.m., seconded by Director Wittke Schaffner, motion passed unanimously.