

Sonoma County Fair
**APPROVED Minutes of the
Racing Committee Meeting**
Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 the January 14, 2021 Sonoma County Fair Racing Committee meeting was held virtually. All actions were voted on by roll call.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Teejay Lowe, Chair; Max Mickelsen, Vice Chair; Tony Geraldi, Hugo Mata, Carole Quandt

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHER DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marcia Mickelson, Neysa Hinton, Rob Muelrath, Marilyn Herzog, Annette O’Kelly, Kevin Howe

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bartling, Kaitlyn Findley-Thorn, Debbie Townsend, Cliff Sanders, Michael Margetts, Heather Borck, Doug Gooby

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lowe at 5:02p.m., and the newly appointed directors, Hugo Mata and Carole Quandt, were introduced and welcomed as new members to the Racing committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Director Geraldi moved to approve the agenda; Director Quandt seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2021 RACE MEET DATES:

CEO Bartling gave a brief history of racing for the new committee members. Bartling reported the 2021 race meet dates are August 5-15, and permission has been given the option to run our race meet at Golden Gate if operationally and financially this is more appropriate. Bartling added that if State Fair does not take place, there is the possibility of getting a 3rd week. Bartling stated that with the rollout of the Covid vaccine, she is cautiously optimistic, however consideration of whether or not a race meet would be held at the fairgrounds would be dependent upon review of the affects capacity limits may have on food/beverage revenue. **No action taken.**

UPDATE ON JOCKEY CLUB:

CEO Bartling reported the Jockey Club continues to be closed for satellite wagering, and that the facility is still being used as a COVID-19 testing site, which is expected to continue through April 2021. **No action taken.**

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

There being no further business, Director Geraldi moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:19p.m., seconded by Director Mata; the motion passed unanimously.