

AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Arizona Racing Commission (Commission) may vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its attorney on any matter listed on the agenda. Any such Executive Session will not be open to the public.

A. Call to Order of the 671st Regular Arizona Racing Commission Meeting of July 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Rory Goreé (Telephone)
Vice Chair Thomas Lawless (Telephone)
Commissioner Jay McClintock
Commissioner Charles "Chuck" Coolidge

Also present:

Ted Vogt, Director of the Department of Gaming
Rudy Casillas, Racing Division Director
Kristian Fasching, Gaming General Counsel
Kelly Wagner, Assistant Attorney General
Greg Stiles, Racing Program Manager
Cassie Goodwin, Commission Secretary

B. New Business: Review, discussion and possible action on:

1. Rillito Park Racing, Inc. Consideration and Approval of Final Three-Year Permit Renewal (FY 2018, 2019 and 2020)

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.
Chair Goreé asked to hear from Rillito regarding its current financial situation.
Jaye Wells, Rillito Park Foundation, addressed the Commission.

Vice Chair Lawless moved to approve Rillito Park Racing's Three-Year Permit for years 2018, 2019 and 2020. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

2. TP Racing, LLLC Request to Amend 2019-2020 Race Dates

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.
Leroy Gessmann, AZHBPA, addressed the Commission.
Jerry Simms, Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission via cell phone call-in.
Director Casillas addressed the Commission.
Vincent Francia, General Manager Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Dave Johnson, Turf Paradise, addressed the Commission.
Lloyd Yother, Vice President AZ HBPA, addressed the Commission.

Chair Goreé moved to approve the date changes condition upon the outcome of the October 3, 2019, arbitration hearing between Turf Paradise and the Horsemen. Depending on the outcome, they may have to come back to the Commission for an adjustment. Commissioner Coolidge second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

3. Disposition of the Gila County Fair Association Return of County Fair Grant Funds
 - a. Carry Returned Funds Over to Next Fiscal Year's Awards Pool
 - b. Disburse Returned Funds Equally to Other Recipients (Santa Cruz County Fair & Rodeo Association and Cochise County Fair) in the Amount of \$10,000 each

Greg Stiles addressed the Commission.

Aiden Fleming, Gaming Legislative Liaison, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Coolidge moved to return the funds to the pool and use them to award to next fiscal year's applications. Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

4. Arizona Downs Request to Amend 2019 Race Dates

Chair Goreé moved to go into Executive Session for Item B.4. for legal advice. Commissioner McClintock second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

Open Session recessed at 10:39 AM.

Open Session reconvened at 10:57 AM.

Leroy Gessmann, HBPA, read a letter from President Hutton into the record as he [Mr. Hutton] was not able to make it to the meeting.

Leroy Gessmann, HBPA, addressed the Commission.

Stacy Campo, Breeder, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Coolidge moved to conditionally approve the date change based on the Department's evaluation and sign-off. Chair Goreé second. Motion carried. (Ayes: Coolidge, Goreé, Lawless, McClintock.)

C. Information Reports: Review, discussion and possible action on:

1. Budget Report – **Jason LaForest, Gaming CFO, addressed the Commission.**
2. Permittee Reports – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. American Greyhound Racing – **No report.**
 - b. Arizona Downs – **Ann McGovern, General Manager, addressed the Commission.**
 - c. County Fairs – **No report.**
 - d. Rillito Park – **No report.**
 - e. Tucson Greyhound Park – **No report.**
 - f. Turf Paradise – **No report.**
3. Optional Industry Stakeholder Association Updates (limited to officers or officially designated spokesperson) – **Not to exceed 3 minutes**
 - a. Arizona Counties Racing Association – **No report.**
 - b. Arizona Greyhound Association – **No report. (Chair Goreé advised this organization is no longer in operation and should be removed from future agendas.)**
 - c. Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Association – **No report.**
 - d. Arizona Thoroughbred Breeders Association – **No report.**
 - e. Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association – **Leroy Gessmann addressed the Commission.**
 - f. Jockey's Guild – **No report.**

D. Commission Reports

1. Summary of current events affecting the Arizona Racing Commission. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K) – Only Commission Members or the Director may report. No discussion or action may be taken on matters reported unless properly noticed for legal action or discussion.

Chair Goreé advised all communications for the Commissioners needs to be sent to the Racing Commission Secretary who will then disseminate to the Commissioners. No one should be contacting them directly.

2. Identification of Matters to be placed on future agendas – **None at this time.**

E. Call to the Public

Those members of the public wishing to address the Commission must sign the signup sheet, identify themselves and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting; each presentation will be given approximately two minutes. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or re-schedule the matter for further consideration at a later date.

- F. **Announcements:** The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting will be at **10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 20, 2019 at 1110 West Washington St., Building Conference Room 250, 2nd Floor, Phoenix, AZ, 85007** and is subject to change based on a quorum.

G. Adjournment

Commissioner Coolidge moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Goreé second. Motion Carried. (Ayes: Goreé Lawless, McClintock.) Meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.