

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR
HORSE RACING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 1, 2018
9:15 a.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

K. Mark Nelson, Chair
Director Rina DiMare
Director David Mallel

Staff Present:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Chief Deputy General Manager (CDGM)
Deputy General Manager-Administration (DGM)
Deputy General Manager–Business Development (DGM)
Programs Manager
Expo Events Director (AGM)
Ag Programs Manager
Recording Secretary

Rick Pickering
Tom Martinez
Samantha Brown
Margaret Mohr
Rachelle Weir
Marcia Shell
Jay Carlson
Sue O’Brien

Committee Chair Nelson called the Horse Racing Committee Meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Staff Reports

- a. Review of the results of the recently concluded 2017/18 Harness Race Meet, Watch & Wager.
DGM Brown reviewed the staff report with the committee. Christopher Schick and Ben Kenney of Watch & Wager gave a report detailing the results of the 2017/18 Harness Race Meet and their plans for the 2018/19 Harness Race Meet season. CEO Pickering thanked Watch & Wager for working with Cal Expo when Cal Expo was activated by OES as a shelter for Napa/Santa Rosa fires and again with the weather related issues.
- b. Review of the State Fair’s 2018 Racing License Application to the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB).
CEO Pickering summarized the 2018 Racing License Application that was presented to CHRB. Pickering reported that Cal Expo received many compliments about keeping the horses cool. It was also noted that the starting times for the race meets had been adjusted to further protect the horses from the heat.

- c. Update on matters impacting the future of Horse Racing in Northern California. CEO Pickering discussed and updated the committee on the future of horse racing in Northern California based on the action of the Stronach Group moving forward with their model of racing, which does not include the fairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Director Mallel made motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Director DiMare. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

The Horse Racing Committee meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.