

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR
HORSE RACING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 22, 2019
11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Board Chair Rina DiMare

Committee Members Not Present:

Director David Mallel

Staff Present:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Rick Pickering

Chief Deputy General Manager (CDGM)

Tom Martinez

Deputy General Manager-Administration (DGM)

Samantha Brown

Deputy General Manager–Business Development (DGM)

Margaret Mohr

Programs Manager

Rachelle Weir

Expo Events Director (AGM)

Marcia Shell

Ag Programs Manager

Jay Carlson

Recording Secretary

Sue O’Brien

Board Chair DiMare called the Horse Racing Committee Meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was **not** present.

GENERAL UPDATES

a. State Fair Horse Racing

CEO Pickering reported that State Fair’s Live Horse Racing application is due to the California Horse Racing Board on April 12, 2019. It will be heard on May 23, 2019 at Santa Anita Race Track. California State Fair Race Meet has had an impeccable safety record of zero horse fatalities over the past two years.

b. Watch & Wager Harness Racing

Watch & Wager continues with a successful Harness training and racing operation at Cal Expo. The current Harness Race meet began in September 2018 and will conclude by May 2019.

c. Update on Santa Anita and Related Industry Items

Santa Anita has had a number of horse fatalities since December 2018. A wide variety of equine experts continues to review specifics of each injury and fatality. California State Horse Racing Board has implemented new protocols for additional safety of the horses.

ADJOURNMENT

After discussing the agenda, no action was taken, as there was not a quorum.
The Horse Racing Committee meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.