

# Virginia Racing Commission

## MINUTES

## OF THE

## COMMISSION MEETING

April 27, 2016

### State Corporation Commission

Tyler Building

Courtroom B

1300 East Main Street

Richmond, VA 23219

#### In Attendance

##### Commission Members:

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman  
Carol G. Dawson, Vice Chairman  
I. Clinton Miller  
Charles Steger, PhD  
J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr.

##### Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Interim Executive Secretary  
Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator

##### Attorney General's Office:

J. Duncan Pitchford, Esquire

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At 10:00 a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Van Clief.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on April 27, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger gave a report on the Executive Director search. The following items have taken place thus far:

- **WEEKS OF MARCH 28 – APRIL 8:** commissioners reviewed job description supplied from previous job opening at DHRM and provided input for position.
- **WEEK OF APRIL 11-15:** Final revised position description sent to DHRM for posting. Position posted as of April 15 and accepting applications.

- **WEEK OF APRIL 18:** Posting of position with online ad finalized with links to job opening for applicants. **Working title name change** for position since preliminary review of applications shows that most think it is a secretarial position and are applying for the position. Dr. Steger approved to change the name of the position to “Executive Director” for the working title of the position. DHRM agreed to review existing applications and weed out those applying for a secretarial position so not as many applications will have to be reviewed by Commissioners once the position has closed. Print publication in trade journals etc. are in the process for the first week in May from the list provided from the previous search. Online web sites are also receiving the ad to post. Initial review of resumes will start **May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Commissioners will receive resumes and applications along with a matrix and be able to review all applicants.
- **To Discuss:** How to handle meetings where the applications are reviewed? Will it just be an extension of a regular monthly meeting with a closed session for review? Original timelines supplied will stand until it is determined how many applications are received.

Dr. Allison and Dr. Griffin gave an overview of the Virginia Gold Cup Races at Great Meadow scheduled for May 7.

Jeb Hannum gave an overview of the progress regarding two potential Off Track Betting (OTB) facilities and the possibility of Advanced Deposit Account Wagering (ADW) kiosks in Northern Virginia.

Mr. Tom Eshelman, manager of the Shenandoah County Fair, gave an update on the progress at Woodstock in preparation of racing with pari-mutuel wagering in September and October.

Dr. Woogen also gave an overview of the progress being made for the fall race meet at the racetrack in Woodstock that will be renamed Shenandoah Downs.

During the discussion of Committee Assignments, Chairman Van Clief appointed the following commissioners to serve as chairs for the following ad hoc committees:

- Legislative Strategy Committee – Commissioner Miller
- Safety and Medication – Vice Chairman Dawson
- Wagering Technology – Commissioner Reynolds
- Site Development – Chair TBA

Commissioner Miller moved to refresh committee additions for the Standing Breeders Fund Advisory Panel and its Thoroughbred and Standardbred Advisory Subcommittees. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

During the public comment period, Tom Eshelman recognized David Lermond and Commissioner Miller for their assistance thus far in the progress at Woodstock.

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Debbie Easter recognized David Lermond for his assistance with the Virginia Equine Alliance.

All commissioners thanked all parties involved in working to make racing for 2016 a success. Commissioner Steger recommended a briefing be prepared for the Governor to show progress being made to pave the way for future racing in Virginia.

The next meeting was set for June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.