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VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION

May 9, 2012

Colonial Downs

Ballroom

10515 Colonial Downs Parkway

New Kent, VA 23124

Commencing at 10:17 a.m.

In Attendance

Commission Members:

Stuart Siegel, Chairman

J. Sergeant Reynolds, Jr., Vice Chairman

Carol G. Dawson

David C. Reynolds

Commission Staff:

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary

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Attorney General's Office:

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1 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. The first item on the
2 agenda before we do that is the approval of the
3 minutes from the previous meeting, which I have
4 distributed in your packets and I guess as well by
5 e-mail. Any question, comments on the minutes?

6 MS. DAWSON: Just one.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yes.

8 MS. DAWSON: My middle initial is G, not R.

9 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Her middle initial is G, not
10 R. Just one correction to the minutes.

11 Okay. If there are no other comments, we'll
12 ask for approval of those minutes.

13 MS. DAWSON: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. Thank you.

15 All right. The next item we will take action
16 on, the application from Racing 2 Day and we've had
17 enough discussion. I guess if anyone else wants to
18 ask a question or make a comment they can do so,
19 otherwise, all in favor of this application indicate
20 by saying aye.

21 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Aye.

22 MS. DAWSON: Aye.

23 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Do we need to make a motion
24 and second and all that stuff?

25 MR. PETRAMALO: The application has been made.

1 At some point, can we get a copy of the application
2 in the file?

3 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yes. Okay. All in favor,
4 indicate by saying aye.

5 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Aye.

6 MS. DAWSON: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. All right. The ayes
8 have it. Congratulations.

9 MR. CALDWELL: Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. We'll proceed with
11 committee reports. The executive secretary's --
12 Actually, there's no committee reports as I
13 understand it, correct?

14 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Correct.

15 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. The executive
16 secretary's report, Bernie.

17 MR. HETTEL: Mr. Chairman, I seek approval on
18 the following items and if I can put them all
19 together, then I will seek a nomination --

20 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay.

21 MR. HETTEL: -- or an affirmation. The first
22 item is the racing officials' schedule to work this
23 upcoming Thoroughbred meet, submitted by Tyler
24 Picklesimer, the director of racing and racing
25 secretary. They are individually described in your

1 booklet.

2 The second is the approval of the 2012 wagering
3 simulcast format, wagering format and simulcast
4 format and approval the of the sites. They are also
5 listed and enumerated in your booklet. They were
6 submitted by Jeffrey Wingrove, director of
7 simulcasting and mutuels here at Colonial.

8 And the final item is the approval of the
9 stewards for this upcoming race meet. As everyone
10 knows, we've had some discussion. We've got
11 three new stewards coming in for this race meet.

12 Specifically, they're Clinton Pitts, who has
13 worked in Hong Kong, for the Jockey Club in New York
14 and in Maryland. Robert Herbstreet, who is a
15 steward at Keenland and currently at Churchill and
16 at Turfway Park has worked as a state steward in
17 Ohio, and Dave Lermond from our staff, who is an
18 accredited steward, who will have double duty during
19 this race coming up.

20 So I seek approval of the following items.

21 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: We can take them all as one.

22 MR. HETTEL: Yes, I wish you would, sir. Any
23 questions?

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Any questions or discussion
25 with regard to these appointments?

1 NOTE: There was no response.

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Hearing none, we'll entertain
3 a motion.

4 MR. S. REYNOLDS: So moved.

5 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. So you approve
6 approval?

7 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Any other discussion?
9 Second?

10 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. All in favor, indicate
12 by saying aye.

13 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Aye.

14 MS. DAWSON: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. The ayes have it.
16 Okay. You've got another item?

17 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir. I do. As you know,
18 this winter, we issued an invitation for bid for our
19 official testing laboratory. We were well-responded
20 to. We had -- What was it, Doc, six or seven?

21 DR. HARDEN: Six.

22 MR. HETTEL: Six laboratories throughout the
23 country made formal application to do our official
24 testing. After submission of a portfolio and
25 examination of the contents of those portfolio,

1 Dr. Harden and I with some other input have decided
2 to grant HFL Sports Science, which is located in
3 Lexington, Kentucky. They are currently doing the
4 Kentucky work, which is a pretty good notation for
5 them.

6 The primary reason we chose this lab was they
7 routinely test both the blood and the urine sample
8 to an exacting standard that's required by TOBA,
9 which is the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders
10 Association, which is the cornerstone of the Grand
11 Stakes committee in Thoroughbred racing.

12 The intense testing is done at a reasonable
13 cost, a pragmatic cost. In addition to all of that,
14 we are going to set up through working of the
15 laboratory a courier to transport our samples there
16 more quickly than they would be if we sent them
17 FedEx or some other mode of getting them to the
18 testing laboratory.

19 So I think it's a win-win. One, they will get
20 them sooner, we'll get a result quicker and the
21 testing is more intense than any other offering that
22 was made for our work.

23 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: A courier is faster than
24 FedEx?

25 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir. They're gonna pick it

1 up in a truck and move it to the laboratory.

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Where is the laboratory?

3 MR. HETTEL: The laboratory is in Lexington,
4 Kentucky and Dr. Sams who is here with us can
5 explain that portion if you care to have it
6 explained.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I'm just curious how you
8 would get it there faster.

9 MR. HETTEL: Doctor, would you explain, please?

10 DR. SAMS: Yes.

11 Mr. Hettel, members of the commission, we have
12 hired a courier service that will come to the race
13 track, pick up the samples. Wednesday and Thursday,
14 samples will be picked up. Within the wee hours of
15 the morning Friday morning, they'll be on the first
16 flight out to Covington, Kentucky.

17 A courier will pick them up in Covington and
18 deliver them to the laboratory by 11:30 on Friday
19 and the samples will be logged in and TC02
20 determinations will be done that day.

21 Your weekend samples will be picked up very
22 early Monday morning. They'll be on the first
23 flight out to Lexington. They'll be received in
24 Lexington early Monday afternoon. They will be
25 transported over to the laboratory, they'll be

1 logged in, TCO2 determinations will be done Monday.
2 So it's quicker than FedEx.

3 MR. HETTEL: The TCO2 is the milk-shaking
4 situation that I referred to you in the conversation
5 earlier.

6 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Right. It certainly doesn't
7 matter to me how you get it there. If you're more
8 reliable than FedEx, that's good.

9 MR. D. REYNOLDS: I have a question.

10 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir.

11 MR. D. REYNOLDS: What about the cost compared
12 to --

13 MR. HETTEL: The cost was very comparable given
14 the value. And part of the invitation, the final
15 determination was not the absolute cost, it's the
16 value you get for the money.

17 It's very comparable to two other labs, but
18 given the intensity of the testing, it's a better
19 value.

20 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Apparently, we weren't
21 100 percent happy with our previous lab.

22 MR. HETTEL: Well, they were all right. It's
23 an out-of-state Kentucky testing previous one. When
24 I was in Kentucky, I actually had them through an
25 RFP is what they call it in Kentucky.

1 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Right.

2 MR. HETTEL: A competitive bid. I was very
3 pleased. It was all a very good competition. They
4 were all pretty comparable, except Dr. Sams' group
5 kind of kicked it one notch up with the intensity of
6 the TOBA requirement, which I think eventually we're
7 gonna have to get to. I'll speak a little bit later
8 to this subject.

9 As we all know, all of the racing jurisdictions
10 are eventually gonna have to consider a change in
11 the race day protocol for medication --

12 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah.

13 MR. HETTEL: -- and TOBA is affiliated with the
14 Jockey Club and there will be a necessity for some
15 conformity throughout not only Virginia but in the
16 United States, so I think this is a good addition to
17 our business and puts us a little bit closer to
18 actually getting to the mainstream of Thoroughbred
19 horse racing.

20 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Were you finished with your
21 comments?

22 DR. SAMS: Yes, sir. I was.

23 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: You answered my question
24 about FedEx. It wasn't that important of a
25 question.

1 MR. HETTEL: There was no need to vote there.
2 It was a competitive bid.

3 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Right. I understand. Any
4 other questions? Frank?

5 MR. PETRAMALO: With the weekend samples
6 Friday, Saturday, Sunday, when will you have the
7 results back to Virginia? Not the TCO2.

8 DR. SAMS: Right. The requirement is to issue
9 a report no later than the third business day after
10 receipt. So the day of receipt is day zero, so no
11 later than Thursday.

12 MR. PETRAMALO: That's fine. The reason I
13 asked the question is one of the major complaints
14 that the horsemen had was the turn around time with
15 Iowa State because of the transportation, et cetera,
16 so this is a welcome change.

17 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah. Right. Okay. Other
18 questions?

19 NOTE: There was no response.

20 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Well, thanks to everyone for
21 going through this process. Dr. Harden, thank you.
22 I know you worked hard on that as well and we look
23 forward to doing business with you.
24 Congratulations. Thank you.

25 DR. SAMS: Thank you.

1 MR. HETTEL: Mr. Chairman, through that same
2 vein of thought, after some discussion with the
3 executive staff, we've decided to embrace the
4 recommendations of something called the McKenzie
5 Report. It's mimicked right now in Kentucky in
6 terms of the selection of horses to be tested and
7 the scrutiny that's followed. I have a list of
8 those recommendations that I'll just give to Frank
9 and all parties concerning, particularly, the Racing
10 Commission members.

11 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay.

12 MR. PETRAMALO: I'm not sure I understand.
13 What are these?

14 MR. HETTEL: Okay. In 1991, McKenzie wrote a
15 report on the efficacy of testing and with it is the
16 selection of the horses that go back to the
17 detention barn here -- it's called the test barn --
18 for a sample extraction.

19 MR. PETRAMALO: Right.

20 MR. HETTEL: Within that, there's also another
21 compilation or continuation of the scrutiny and
22 individual tests would be subjected to. We are
23 going to embrace that this year and follow that in
24 terms of what we eventually will call our testing
25 protocol.

1 MR. PETRAMALO: Right now --

2 MR. HETTEL: All winners will go back. There
3 will be a selection of another one rather than the
4 first two from each race.

5 MR. PETRAMALO: Right.

6 MR. HETTEL: A horse that finished last can go
7 back now. Within that, some of those samples will
8 be tested with more scrutiny than others. All will
9 be tested.

10 MR. PETRAMALO: You're taking blood and urine
11 and shipping it off to Dr. Sams?

12 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir. It works well. As you
13 know, you've been in racing as long as I have. For
14 years and years, the first three went back in some
15 jurisdictions. If somebody was doing something
16 maybe nefariously to stop a horse, you would never
17 know that.

18 MR. PETRAMALO: Right.

19 MR. HETTEL: This gives that extra added
20 scrutiny of somebody who may be doing something
21 suspicious. It comes to the direction of me, the
22 board of stewards or any of our quality
23 veterinarians.

24 MR. PETRAMALO: What about a horse that's
25 claimed? It used to be that when the horse was

1 claimed, the stewards could send that horse back as
2 one of the two.

3 MR. HETTEL: Well, I think we can say we don't
4 get a lot of claims here, I don't think. That may
5 be part of it. I wouldn't like to exclusively do
6 that though.

7 MR. PETRAMALO: The reason I ask that,
8 Commissioners, is your regulations provide for the
9 voiding of a claim if a claimed horse turns up a
10 positive test.

11 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: But at this point, the test
12 has to be requested?

13 MR. PETRAMALO: Well, it's my understanding
14 that when there was a horse claimed, it was almost
15 routinely one of the horses chosen to go back to the
16 test barn.

17 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: That's not the policy here --

18 MR. PETRAMALO: No.

19 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: -- but if I claimed a horse
20 --

21 MR. PETRAMALO: You could do that.

22 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: -- I could request that it be
23 tested to ensure that my purchase was legitimate?

24 MR. PETRAMALO: That's correct.

25 MR. HETTEL: There's not a lot of claims here

1 compared to some other racing studies.

2 MR. PETRAMALO: That's right.

3 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: We don't get very many.
4 Certainly, if you don't get very many, it shouldn't
5 be difficult to test any claim.

6 MR. HETTEL: Yeah, and going forward, as you
7 know, everybody's read all the stuff going on in New
8 York. (Inaudible) gonna be torn apart and
9 reformulated and they're gonna do different things
10 on how they test their horses and claim their
11 horses. The game is changing quicker than probably
12 all of us would like it to be, but in fact it is
13 changing and you're either gonna get in with it or
14 you're gonna be the contrarian.

15 As we go forward, I think everything we're
16 doing this morning is a positive move to improve
17 Virginia racing. Rome wasn't built in a day though,
18 so let's take tiny steps and then we'll be running.

19 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Well, I think Frank made a
20 good suggestion.

21 MR. HETTEL: He has, indeed.

22 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: It certainly wouldn't be
23 problematic or burdensome for us to test a claimed
24 horse.

25 MR. HETTEL: No, it wouldn't, with the

1 exception of the cost. We want to maximize our
2 cost.

3 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: It could be one of the
4 selected horses and the cost, therefore, would not
5 increase.

6 MR. HETTEL: Well, that's true, too.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: So it's up to you. You can
8 handle it, but I think it's a good suggestion.

9 MR. S. REYNOLDS: So are we talking about the
10 Thoroughbreds and the Standardbreds or are we just
11 talking about the Thoroughbreds right now?

12 MR. HETTEL: Well, they'll have the same
13 testing protocols when we get to the Standardbred
14 racing, but we'll have a meeting before the
15 Standardbred and I wanted to reintroduce that to our
16 Standardbred people who may or may not --

17 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Okay.

18 MR. HETTEL: We've got one representative here
19 today, but generally there's more harness people as
20 we get closer to the harness meet. I'd like to give
21 them the same courtesy I'm extending to the
22 Thoroughbred people today.

23 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay.

24 MR. HETTEL: That's all I've got for you today,
25 sir.

1 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. You don't want to talk
2 further about this drug testing?

3 MR. HETTEL: Well, again, to that point, I
4 think there's going to probably be a necessity to
5 look at our codes and our administrative regs and
6 our statutes on the use of race day medication.

7 Dr. Harden can give us a little bit of this in
8 a minute, but I was at the Kentucky Derby over the
9 weekend, talked to the chairman of the Kentucky
10 Racing Commission, the executive director of the
11 Kentucky Racing Commission and a man named Ned
12 Bonnie, who is the preeminent expert without
13 portfolio. He's a lawyer. He's not a chemist, but
14 he's done enough chemistry work.

15 MR. PETRAMALO: Lawyer's good enough.

16 MR. HETTEL: Well, yes. Anyway, he has spent a
17 lot of time of his life studying the issue and I
18 spoke with him also.

19 They're gonna have a May meeting in Kentucky
20 and as everybody may know, they kind of came to an
21 impasse at the April meeting on getting rid of Lasix
22 as a race day permitted medication.

23 With that, that subject hasn't gone away,
24 though, and both in Kentucky and in New York,
25 eventually, there will be some consideration to

1 reduce or eliminate Lasix, anti-bleeder medication,
2 from a race day permissive list.

3 I put together a bit of a packet of information
4 for the commissioners to study. There's nothing we
5 need to do this morning, but going forward by maybe
6 the fall meeting, September or October meeting, we
7 may want to start discussing what we intend to do
8 for the 2014 race meets.

9 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Is Kentucky the only state at
10 this point that's addressing this issue?

11 MR. HETTEL: To the point of anger, yes, sir.
12 But eventually, Florida will have to do it;
13 California will have to do it.

14 When the first domino falls, Frank, as you
15 know, then it'll get to be a necessity for all of us
16 to, because eventually, to have a graded stakes
17 horse through TOBA, The Owners and Breeders
18 Association, the horse is going to have to run
19 medication-free. It might not happen this year or
20 next year, but 2014, 2015, 2016, that's gonna be it.
21 Would you agree to that?

22 MR. PETRAMALO: Yeah. What I was gonna say is
23 New York currently has out for comment a proposal to
24 eliminate race day use of Lasix. The comment period
25 is running now.

1 MR. HETTEL: As well as both commissions, it's
2 a necessity.

3 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: It appears that's where the
4 trend is going?

5 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir.

6 MR. PETRAMALO: The trend is going to examine,
7 not necessarily elimination. Elimination is a very
8 controversial issue.

9 MR. HETTEL: Horsemen by necessity and through
10 some logic would have some complication or some
11 objection to the total elimination of any
12 medication.

13 MR. PETRAMALO: Well, the total elimination of
14 Lasix, yes.

15 MR. HETTEL: Now, within that, the conversation
16 then would morph into nonsteroidal inflammatories
17 being somewhat reduced on race day, too, I believe.

18 MR. PETRAMALO: Well, we are currently --
19 talking about an anti-inflammatory, phenylbutazone.
20 We are currently at two micrograms, which is the
21 lowest in the nation, but that said, there's a great
22 misconception that because the limit is two
23 micrograms, that means a horse on race day is
24 getting that medication and is running on that
25 medication. Wrong. That's not true.

1 The horse is not getting the medication on race
2 day; he's getting it at least 24 hours out. The
3 purpose of having two micrograms in there is for
4 testing. Generally speaking, if it's two micrograms
5 or below, that medication, that amount has got no
6 medicinal effect on the horse on race day.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Doesn't effect outcome?

8 MR. PETRAMALO: No. It's the regulatory scheme
9 for determining whether a test is positive or
10 negative.

11 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Right.

12 MR. PETRAMALO: You read the New York Times, it
13 sounds like these horses are all being doped on race
14 day because they say, well, they're allowed to run
15 on Bute. That's not true.

16 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay.

17 MR. PETRAMALO: The only medication you can run
18 on in Virginia is Lasix and at present, it's --
19 that's it.

20 MR. HETTEL: Dr. Harden, would you like to
21 offer any comment on this?

22 DR. HARDEN: Not really, but I will anyway.

23 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: So why'd you just stand up?
24 Just teasing you.

25 DR. HARDEN: There are three facts about Lasix

1 that we need to understand. One, it is effective in
2 mitigating the condition of bleeding. Probably
3 somewhere between one and two percent of all race
4 horses, Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds, will bleed
5 externally. Nearly 100 percent will bleed
6 internally.

7 The very minor internal bleeding is irrelevant,
8 but it qualifies a horse then to receive Lasix. So
9 Lasix does improve or mitigate the bleeding.

10 Second thing about Lasix, it is an athletic
11 enhancement to racing; otherwise, you wouldn't have
12 95 percent of our horses racing on it. It doesn't
13 effect performance.

14 Third thing, there seems to be a correlation
15 between horses that bleed and the genetic family
16 history of the horses.

17 So it's a strong case by the breeders,
18 Thoroughbred breeders, that by allowing Lasix use in
19 horses, you are weakening the breed for that one
20 trait.

21 So those are the three things you need to
22 consider and of the three things, they are on both
23 sides of the fence, pro and against Lasix.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Isn't there at least one
25 state that prohibits Lasix now?

1 DR. HARDEN: No, sir. Not to my knowledge.

2 MR. HETTEL: New York previously. You're
3 right. Years ago, New York.

4 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I remember when I was racing
5 --

6 MR. PETRAMALO: Up until 1995, I think.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah. I sort of remember
8 that from a former life.

9 DR. HARDEN: I'd like to add one other thing
10 though. We shouldn't consider Lasix in a vacuum
11 because horses that bleed, there is a strong case
12 that the usage of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories,
13 Bute, Banamine, even aspirin will contribute or
14 enhance a horse's propensity to bleed.

15 So I know if any of you ever had surgery, the
16 doctor tells you don't take aspirin, don't take
17 Ibuprofen for two weeks before you come in for
18 surgery. Why is that? They don't want you bleeding
19 on the operating table. So we need to consider the
20 whole gamut, rather than just pick on one drug.

21 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Well, interesting dialogue.

22 DR. HARDEN: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I guess the plot thickens as
24 we move forward.

25 MR. HETTEL: It will, and certainly by the end

1 of the summer after the Jockey Club has their
2 roundtable conferences and a few other notable
3 meetings coming up, we'll have a clearer
4 understanding of what the mainstream --

5 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I'm sure following Kentucky,
6 every state will look at it.

7 MR. HETTEL: Yes. They have to get the first
8 state to do it.

9 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: We don't need to be a
10 pioneer. We can certainly watch and see how it
11 falls out as well before we take any action.

12 MR. HETTEL: And the beauty of how our race
13 schedule falls, we'll open in three or four more
14 weeks. Our meet will be over before Saratoga opens
15 and by the end of Saratoga, certainly, we'll know
16 what Kentucky has done and what New York intends to
17 do.

18 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Good. Okay. Any other
19 comments or questions?

20 NOTE: There was no response.

21 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Are you finished with your
22 report?

23 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir. I am.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. The next item is
25 stakeholders. First, Colonial Downs is going to

1 talk about the upcoming meet, the 2012 meet.

2 MR. STUART: I'd like Joe Wood --

3 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Darryl is back there hiding.

4 MR. WOOD: Morning. I think the big hope this
5 coming season is that with mostly the Strawberry
6 Hill races and with the lights on the turf course
7 racing at night, that we can get a younger crowd
8 here, some of the 20, 30 somethings and maybe
9 experience something like Churchill Downs and fair
10 grounds has their twilight performances.

11 We are going to be doing a Friday night concert
12 series here every Friday and having a \$2 beer
13 special to really hopefully drive that 20, 30
14 something here and expose a whole new audience to
15 racing.

16 By the same token, we don't want to lose the
17 family aspect that we've gotten here over the years
18 and we're gonna continue a Sunday Family 4-Pack day,
19 which has been pretty successful here as well.

20 With the younger aspect, we're gonna have three
21 tailgating opportunities this year that coincide
22 with our biggest days. Strawberry Hill day
23 tailgatings outside the perimeter of the dirt track.

24 The next day would be Turf Cup Day on
25 June 16th. We're gonna have cars coming up onto the

1 green. They'll be able to tailgate right there
2 trackside and we're gonna have the state's largest
3 cornhole tournament in conjunction with that
4 tailgating.

5 Then of course on Derby Day, it's the Hoot on
6 the Hill, which has grown and pretty much doubled
7 the past several years in attendance. We do that in
8 turns one and two. You don't drive cars out there,
9 but you bring coolers and pop-up tents and grills
10 and we're hoping that we can get several. There are
11 4,000 people out there on Derby Day this year.
12 Again, try to emphasize that young persons
13 participation.

14 A few of the higher profile promotions, we've
15 got Father's Day has been a big deal here. We've
16 even taken it up another notch this year. We've got
17 a military salute to Fort Lee. We've got a boys'
18 and girls' jockey. We put jockey costumes on them
19 and let them run out of the starting gate for a
20 family-type deal.

21 We're gonna have an ostrich and a camel race
22 that day. It has been successful in the midwest and
23 Tyler's gonna get jockeys for the ostriches and we
24 have other folks looking for camel jockeys.
25 Hopefully, we succeed.

1 Ladies Night shortly follows and this has been
2 pretty good. We're doing a beauty contest with some
3 of the mares at the Thoroughbred Retirement
4 Foundation out in James River.

5 Tyler's got a fillies/mares stakes race that
6 day. We've got an all female jockey race with the
7 amateur riders and we're doing a free wedding
8 contest and Ladies Night has kind of taken on a life
9 of its own for the last few years.

10 It's our fifteenth anniversary. We're gonna
11 bring back and celebrate the jockey champions from
12 past years. Mary Ellen is gonna come back and we're
13 trying to get her along with the others and do a
14 meet-and-greet where people actually see them and
15 talk to them, instead of just watching them from a
16 distance.

17 On Derby Day, all the big names come into town
18 and you see them, not this blur run out to the track
19 and then run for the airplane, so we're trying to
20 make it a day that people can enjoy some of the past
21 stars that have competed here.

22 Experience opportunities for the customers.
23 We've got a behind-the-scenes tour again. We offer
24 tram rides between races to try to educate people in
25 a six-minute trip around the dirt track. We've

1 expanded the top of the tote infield viewing area,
2 give people a bird's-eye view with some of the races
3 on the turf.

4 If you're familiar with Groupon and Living
5 Social, when people subscribe to one of those
6 products, when they buy it out here, they get a tour
7 as well of the track. We take them into the paddock
8 area before a race, they get to see everything up
9 close.

10 We're doing a Facebook initiative. We hired a
11 firm out of Richmond to help us bring our Facebook
12 initiatives to life a little bit. We're offering a
13 contest like to be able to sky dive into the
14 winner's circle to kick off the Strawberry Hill
15 races to hopefully make an impact and get some
16 attention out here.

17 We try to do grass roots things as well. We
18 have a EZ mobile trailer that we bring to different
19 festivals and everything from Irish beer festivals
20 on St. Patrick's Day to the Southern Women's Show
21 and up to the Virginia Bowl Cup this past weekend to
22 promote EZ Horseplay and the opportunities that
23 we're doing here this summer. So that's kind of a
24 quick snapshot.

25 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: That's great.

1 MR. STUART: Tyler, would you like to talk
2 about the races?

3 MR. PINKELSIMER: As every spring, we go out to
4 try and recruit horsemen to this area. This year,
5 spent some time in Maryland on the phone with guys
6 from Ohio, Kentucky and elsewhere. Stall apps came
7 back pretty well. We're about on par with where we
8 were last year.

9 The first edition book is out. It's a list of
10 races to run on each day of the meet. That was well
11 received by the horsemen. Purse levels are pretty
12 much what they were last year. The dirt track is
13 down; adding more surface to it today to make the
14 levels right, I guess.

15 I saw we caught the turf course on fire on
16 purpose. It's green, so no fear. Stick your head
17 out the suites there and take a peek, but I think
18 he's planning on cutting here in the next couple
19 days.

20 The turf flights I think are gonna be a
21 tremendous help to help beat the heat. Darryl was
22 talking about hopefully getting some more people to
23 come out to the races.

24 I really think we'll be one of ten top
25 nighttime signals out there, especially with the

1 amount of turf we can run, and you know, field size
2 and everything holds true in the last year. I
3 really think we'll put a pretty good dent in
4 Charlestown and places like that.

5 The Kentucky Derby actually worked out pretty
6 well for us. The horses finished in the top three
7 of the stakes. We pulled horses from our Turf Cup
8 Derby Day cards. Of eleven of the top 12 trainers,
9 their horses that finished in the top three support
10 us every year, so we should hopefully get some
11 horses in the Kentucky Derby stakes to come here and
12 race with us this summer.

13 Sort of as a side note, the price of fruit is
14 down, which is gonna help the -- we got a shipment
15 in, you know, so gas might be down 20 cents a gallon
16 or something like that this summer, which does not
17 sound related, but would help offset the costs of
18 the guy shipping in. That's good news.

19 All in all, I mean we've got all of the pieces
20 of the puzzle here for a good meet. As long as the
21 weather holds up, it should be an exciting meet.

22 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Mr. Chairman, I have a
23 question for Darryl.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Darryl, a question for you.

25 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Darryl, who is the individual

1 you hired to help on the website?

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Who is the individual you
3 hired to help on the website?

4 MR. WOOD: Hodges Digital down in Shockoe
5 Bottom. They did the Richmond Convention Visitors'
6 Bureau.

7 MR. STUART: As you can see, we're excited
8 about this year. There's been a lot of effort and
9 money and we're doing good. I'm really excited. I
10 think it's gonna be a very good meet.

11 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: To me, it sounds like we are
12 taking giant steps from previous years that will
13 help enhance obviously attendance and the handle.
14 The lighting project I take it is complete?

15 MR. STUART: It is.

16 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: And its been tested and
17 you're happy with it?

18 MR. STUART: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Good.

20 MR. S. REYNOLDS: I've got a question.

21 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah.

22 MR. S. REYNOLDS: With the change in schedule
23 going to night and trying to get more handle, more
24 people watching, have you all revisited or thought
25 about maybe trying to get your signal on TVG or

1 HRTV? I know it's expensive, but are there any pros
2 there versus?

3 MR. STUART: Well, TVG is -- when you actually
4 do the math, putting our signal on TVG is
5 exorbitantly expensive, so I don't anticipate we'll
6 be on TVG.

7 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Okay.

8 MR. STUART: HRTV and dealing with those
9 people, they don't tend to make a lot of promises.
10 It's hard to get a commitment out of them because
11 their primary objective is to show the Churchill
12 Downs races because they own HRTV, so at best you're
13 behind all the rest of them.

14 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Yeah. Got you. Okay. Just
15 curious.

16 MR. PETRAMALO: Did Colonial sign up with what
17 is that, Horse Race Now to broadcast our signal to
18 them?

19 MR. STUART: We have not done so as of yet.

20 MR. PETRAMALO: There's an app out there that
21 you can put on your iPhone and your iPad. It's not
22 a wagering site, it's just a viewing site. It's
23 very, very good. You can get entries, results and
24 live video. So for example, whoever is racing this
25 afternoon, if they send their signal, I can watch it

1 right here.

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Watch it live?

3 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes. It's great and they have
4 replays, too.

5 MR. S. REYNOLDS: What is it? What's the
6 website?

7 MR. PETRAMALO: I can never get it straight.
8 It's Horses Now. Here's what it looks like and they
9 have a little button for entries, one for results
10 and then live video and replay. So you can go to
11 any track and get the entries, the results. You can
12 only get live video if the track agrees to send the
13 live video. (Indicating)

14 That's what I asked Ian about, but it's helpful
15 not only for people in the industry like our owners
16 who want to watch their horse. They may be up in
17 Warrenton, they can't watch it on TVG because TVG is
18 not showing it. HRTV isn't showing it and bingo,
19 they can go on their iPhone or iPad and there's
20 their race live.

21 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Horse Now?

22 MR. PETRAMALO: Horses Now. Horse Races Now is
23 what it's called.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Horse Races Now.

25 MR. PETRAMALO: Horse Races Now. You can go to

1 the iTunes store and download it free.

2 MR. D. REYNOLDS: You got the Derby on that?

3 MR. PETRAMALO: I'm sorry?

4 MR. D. REYNOLDS: You got the Derby on that?

5 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Its already been run.

6 MR. PETRAMALO: No. Colonial -- I mean
7 Churchill did not send the Derby.

8 MR. S. REYNOLDS: It's probably because they
9 own Twin Spires --

10 MR. PETRAMALO: Oh, sure. Of course.

11 MR. S. REYNOLDS: -- and they want them on EZ
12 Horseplay and you want to get them on your site
13 because you can watch it and then you may have a
14 chance to capture them for a bet or to sign up on an
15 account.

16 MR. PETRAMALO: Right.

17 MR. HETTEL: And NBC owns the intellectual
18 property of the Kentucky Derby. You can't even get
19 a picture unless NBC sends it.

20 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Right. Yeah.

21 MR. PETRAMALO: To me, it's a personal view. I
22 think it's short sighted not to get your product out
23 there and let everybody see it, even if it's free.

24 MR. S. REYNOLDS: I agree.

25 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: They may learn that.

1 MR. PETRAMALO: It's crazy.

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: So other than Churchill's
3 running of the Derby, do they participate otherwise?

4 MR. PETRAMALO: No, because as someone pointed
5 out, they've got their own website.

6 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: So it's not just the Derby
7 that they shy away from.

8 MR. PETRAMALO: It's not likely that Churchill
9 is gonna give the fairgrounds or Calder, et cetera,
10 the Kenny McPeck app so people can watch the race
11 free.

12 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Do other states?

13 MR. HETTEL: Yeah. I've watched it several
14 times.

15 MR. PETRAMALO: Yeah. Keeneland was on here.
16 I'm trying to think who else I watched.

17 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Just Churchill at this point?

18 MR. PETRAMALO: But it's very high quality.
19 They must have put some money in it somehow, because
20 there's no herky jerky. There's no --

21 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Plenty of power.

22 MR. PETRAMALO: Yeah.

23 MR. HETTEL: That probably will become a
24 premium site. It's like anything you sell. You
25 give it to them free for six months and then it's

1 like free HBO.

2 MR. PETRAMALO: What he told us, he was going
3 to charge \$2.99 a month. Less than three bucks a
4 month to watch the races.

5 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: And you can watch previous
6 races as well?

7 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah. Okay. Anything else
9 with regard to the 2012 meet? Covered it pretty
10 much? Good.

11 NOTE: There was no response.

12 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: All right. Frank, you're
13 gonna talk to us a little bit about benevolence?

14 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes. You should have before
15 you our budget. Let me just take a few minutes and
16 tell you about what our benevolence program is all
17 about.

18 MR. HETTEL: We didn't get it.

19 MR. PETRAMALO: Yeah. I sent it to you last
20 week.

21 MR. HETTEL: I didn't see it. That's why I
22 forwarded the e-mail I sent you last night.

23 MR. PETRAMALO: Oh, I'm sorry. I have some
24 copies here.

25 MR. HETTEL: We can make some more copies of

1 it.

2 MR. PETRAMALO: I apologize for the follow-up
3 on my part.

4 During the two-month or two-and-a-half months
5 that we're on the back side -- when I say we're on
6 the back side, our office moves from Warrenton down
7 to the horsemen's building and I'm there full-time
8 and we conduct out of that building various
9 benevolent programs.

10 Probably the most important practical thing we
11 do is we subsidize the track kitchen to the tune of
12 \$5,000 for the operator to cut down on the cost of
13 food.

14 We also give out to grooms and hot walkers and
15 other people working on the back side meal vouchers
16 to go in and this is redeemable; it's worth \$6.
17 It's redeemable in the track kitchen.

18 We do that because the help on the back side is
19 not well-paid, to put it mildly. I'm a former labor
20 lawyer, so I would say that. They make a couple
21 hundred bucks a week for working seven days a week.
22 We also throw picnics for them during the meet, et
23 cetera.

24 That accounts for the first item on the line,
25 which is 20,000.

1 Let me quickly add that the harness folks, the
2 VHHA, do a similar thing. They also subsidize the
3 track kitchen to the tune of \$5,000 because what you
4 have before you is a joint budget.

5 Now, I should have started out by telling you
6 where this money comes from. You have before you a
7 budget of \$130,000. There are two sources for that
8 \$130,000. The primary source is the breakage money.

9 When a bet is calculated, it comes out in odd
10 cents. The payback may be \$6.23. Well, the track
11 doesn't pay \$6.23, they pay an even number. Well,
12 the three cents or five cents or the seven cents,
13 that's called breakage. Thirty percent of that by
14 statute is for benevolent purposes. That's where a
15 portion -- This year I'm ball-parking, but we
16 probably get of the 130, I'd say maybe 100, 110.

17 Do you think that's close?

18 MR. STUART: I'm not sure that's right.

19 MR. PETRAMALO: In the past, it used to be
20 higher.

21 Now, the other portion of the funding comes
22 from horse owners, our members, because every horse
23 that starts pays a \$15 gate fee for benevolent
24 purposes, which on an annual basis is about 35,000
25 that weekend. So what you see before you is

1 \$130,000 drawn from those two sources.

2 Now, the other major thing that -- well, there
3 are a couple of big items.

4 Because the grooms come along and the hot
5 walkers and the exercise riders are itinerate, they
6 come along with the horses and trainers, they are
7 put here in a rural atmosphere often times with no
8 transportation.

9 So we rent a 12-person van that is available
10 every day to transport them to stores to buy food,
11 recreation, the beach, et cetera, and we employ a
12 driver who takes them. The driver speaks both
13 English and Spanish.

14 We also have a chaplain, Reverend Nick
15 Lapsovick, who is the same cleric who runs the
16 services here on Sunday for the New Kent area. Nick
17 has been with us -- this will be his second year.

18 Then we also have two types of what I would
19 call training programs. The principal training
20 program is called the Groom Elite Training Program.

21 It's sponsored and put together by our national
22 organization in Kentucky and what it is, this
23 summer, it's a six-week course for grooms taught in
24 both English and Spanish and we run it on the dark
25 days, Monday and Tuesday, and it's in our building

1 from around noontime until 3:30 or four and it's a
2 combination of classroom instruction plus hands-on
3 training in the barn.

4 We have student notebooks like this. The
5 principal instructor is Dr. Reid McLellan from
6 Lexington, who comes in and teaches the course. He
7 used to run the Equine Studies program at Louisiana
8 State. He's probably one of the best instructors I
9 have ever seen. He has been doing this for God
10 knows how long and he is always very enthusiastic
11 about it. The program is always very, very well
12 received.

13 The other thing we do is we have an intern
14 program. Each year, we have usually between three
15 to five kids who come to work on the back side and
16 learn about the industry. This year, we have two
17 girls and a boy. I say that because I'm so old.

18 The first woman is graduating from the Equine
19 Studies program at North Carolina State. She's
20 interested in working in the administrative side of
21 horseracing. She will be here and we'll have her
22 with the cooperation of Colonial run through various
23 aspects of the operation. For example, she will
24 help in the racing secretary's office to recruit
25 Virginia-bred horses to run here.

1 The second student is -- he's in his second
2 year, I believe, at a community college in Richmond.
3 We'll probably rotate him on the back side working
4 with trainers mucking stalls, et cetera.

5 Then the third student is from Las Vegas, a
6 young woman. I believe she's a senior, will be a
7 senior in high school, and she will be doing the
8 same thing and we provide a -- we rent a house for
9 them and we have a chaperone who works in the racing
10 secretary's office and we've been running this
11 program for probably at least the last ten years and
12 it gives young people an introduction to the racing
13 industry, hopefully to bring them into the industry.

14 You'll see on your list of officials that
15 Bernie put before you, Amber Carlisle, who works in
16 the racing secretary's office. Amber was one of our
17 interns probably six or seven years ago. She
18 graduated from TCU. I was gonna say Texas A&M. I'm
19 only kidding. She graduated from TCU and now she's
20 working in the industry. That's the other part of
21 our training program.

22 Then one final important part, at least in
23 terms of service to people on the back side, is we
24 provide medical and dental care; it's usually acute
25 care.

1 Now, if someone is injured on the job,
2 generally speaking, that's covered by workers'
3 compensation, but we have people come in who are ill
4 for whatever reason or need eye glasses or have a
5 prescription that needs to be filled. We have an
6 arrangement with an acute care clinic in
7 Williamsburg. We transport them there and we pay
8 for that.

9 But what we found out over the past three years
10 is the most money we spend is for dental care. The
11 level of dental services that are needed for the
12 population on the back side is astounding.

13 We have an arrangement with Dr. Rosemond down
14 in Providence Forge. We send all our people down
15 there for treatment and we pay. I think last year,
16 we spent maybe \$10,000 or \$11,000, maybe more for
17 dental care, but that principally is what we do on
18 the back side.

19 The budget that you see before you is not quite
20 identical to last year's budget; it's \$2,000 less.
21 In 2011 it was 132. This year, it's 130.

22 One other thing that I should mention. Jockey
23 insurance premium. There's a history here. Let me
24 just bore you with it for a few more minutes.

25 Up until about 2005, Colonial Downs, as did

1 virtually every other track in the country, had an
2 insurance policy for jockey accidents. Usually, the
3 limits were 50 to 100,000 and on top of that, the
4 Jockeys' Guild had another policy that usually went
5 up to \$1 million.

6 Well, in 2005, the Jockeys' Guild ran into all
7 kinds of problems because of their internal
8 leadership, et cetera. Long story short, they
9 discontinued that \$1 million coverage.

10 So in order to keep jockeys coming to Colonial
11 and not keeping them away because of the lack of
12 insurance along with the track, we agreed to buy a
13 policy to cover the difference between what used to
14 be and the \$1 million.

15 So ever since then, there's been in force a \$1
16 million policy and over the years, we've shared the
17 cost with Colonial. The sharing formula has varied,
18 but that's, you know, basically the history and we
19 expect that we are gonna continue going forward with
20 this in the future, although the Jockeys' Guild now
21 seems to be on an even keel after the problems were
22 fixed.

23 So you add them all together, that basically
24 gets us to about \$130,000.

25 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Any questions?

1 MR. S. REYNOLDS: I've got one. More curiosity
2 and learning for me.

3 You said there were two sources and if you get
4 about 35,000 for the gate fees, that means to get to
5 your 130,000, you probably get about \$95,000 from
6 the breakage?

7 MR. PETRAMALO: Correct.

8 MR. S. REYNOLDS: That means the total breakage
9 is \$317,000. Where does the other 70 percent go?

10 MR. PETRAMALO: The other 70 percent by statute
11 stays with Colonial Downs and it's for capital
12 improvements. This is all set forth in the statute.

13 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Great. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: The air conditioners are
15 \$4,000 a year. They last multiple years.

16 MR. PETRAMALO: We have 120 dormitory rooms.

17 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Right.

18 MR. PETRAMALO: I'm thinking to myself, yeah,
19 same thing. We buy these 5,000 BTU units for \$100
20 apiece and they run 24 hours a day and each year I'm
21 saying, okay, we're gonna have to buy ten or 20. We
22 usually end up buying 30 or 40 because they just die
23 and for \$100 apiece, we buy new ones.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Well, that gives you 40 new
25 ones each year.

1 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes. That's about right.

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: That's a pretty big failure
3 rate.

4 MR. PETRAMALO: That's correct. Well, if you
5 run them 24 hours a day for ten weeks, 12 weeks.

6 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: So it's a three-year life or
7 so, I guess, which is not much, but I imagine they
8 get abused as well a little bit.

9 MR. PETRAMALO: Well, they don't disappear. We
10 know that. We're kind of good there. In the past,
11 they were like many things around the race track;
12 they develop legs and disappear. That's not our
13 problem. It's a problem with just air conditioners
14 dropping dead.

15 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Well, for me, this is very
16 informative because I've been around a few years. I
17 just haven't really heard the detail of all this, so
18 I think this is a great learning experience, at
19 least for me, and I'm sure for the others as well.

20 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Absolutely.

21 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I think you guys do great
22 work, assuming all this works.

23 MR. PETRAMALO: I think if you ever have an
24 opportunity to come over here during the day on a
25 dark day, sit in one of these Groom Elite programs,

1 you'll be absolutely amazed. The high quality of
2 instruction -- we have plastic legs so that the
3 teacher can show how to properly apply a bandage. I
4 mean it is very high quality education.

5 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I imagine some fair
6 percentage of people in the back side do not speak
7 English.

8 MR. PETRAMALO: That's correct.

9 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Have you ever considered
10 having an English course, perhaps, during this
11 period?

12 MR. PETRAMALO: We have in the past. Let me
13 back up. First of all, the course is taught in both
14 English and Spanish --

15 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Right.

16 MR. PETRAMALO: -- but in the past, I think two
17 or three years ago, we had an English/Spanish class.
18 You wanted to learn to speak either language, you
19 could come to the HBPA office and we had an
20 instructor there teaching both English and Spanish.

21 To my surprise, we did not get a great turn
22 out. We may have had six or eight folks, but I
23 think something like that is very useful.

24 But what we do put out, and I don't have it
25 with me, is a little translator book with flip pages

1 geared to the horse industry so you've got English
2 and Spanish. If you want to know how to say reins
3 in Spanish, I don't know how you say it, but you
4 turn to the picture and bingo there it is and vice
5 versa is the English and we hand those out.

6 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Because I guess a few of
7 these people would seek out an English course if
8 you're Spanish-speaking. But as you pointed out,
9 it's pretty isolated out here, and you know, a
10 course would benefit some of these folks and they
11 may participate because they're sort of here anyway.

12 MR. PETRAMALO: Right.

13 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: But apparently, you don't get
14 that kind of response.

15 MR. PETRAMALO: At least not for that. We get
16 a good turnout for the Groom Elite program.

17 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Of course.

18 MR. PETRAMALO: What's interesting is the
19 demographics range from youngsters, 17, 18 year olds
20 to older people, 60 or 70, who have been working in
21 the industry for a lot of time or a little time,
22 they still come and they always learn.

23 Often times, it's learning why is it you're
24 doing something that you've always been told to do.
25 You spray the horse in the back underneath its legs.

1 Why? Because there are large veins going
2 through there carrying a lot of blood and when you
3 cool there, it cools the butt a lot quicker than
4 doing it someplace else. Those kinds of things and
5 people say, gee, I never knew that, but they've been
6 doing it. It's an excellent course. I just can't
7 speak too highly.

8 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Great. Any other comments
9 from anyone regarding this?

10 NOTE: There was no response.

11 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Well, thank you, Frank.
12 That's really very helpful. So you had two items, I
13 guess the fund and the budget and you've covered
14 both those items?

15 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes. Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: The next item would be public
17 participation. Is there anyone in the public that
18 would like to speak or a question or comments,
19 issues?

20 NOTE: There was no response.

21 MR. LERMOND: Mr. Chairman, the Commission
22 should approve that motion.

23 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: I thought we had no action to
24 take.

25 MR. PETRAMALO: I think we need formal approval

1 of the budget.

2 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Oh, we do?

3 MR. LERMOND: Yes.

4 MR. HETTEL: Well, last night in an e-mail you
5 sent me, you said what are you talking about. I'm
6 not trying to be contrarian, but I specifically sent
7 an e-mail on this subject and you said what are you
8 talking about approval.

9 MR. PETRAMALO: I thought you were talking
10 about approval by Colonial Downs.

11 MR. HETTEL: No. I don't care about that.

12 MR. PETRAMALO: No. We care very much about
13 Colonial Downs.

14 MR. HETTEL: All right. From now on, I'll call
15 you rather than e-mail you.

16 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: No, it's fine. My colleague
17 Mr. Reynolds would like to make a motion --

18 MR. D. REYNOLDS: I make a motion that we
19 approve the budget.

20 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: -- that we approve this and
21 my colleague Mr. Reynolds on my left would like to
22 second it.

23 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Second it.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Any discussion?

25 NOTE: There was no response.

1 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. All in favor say aye.

2 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Aye.

3 MS. DAWSON: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. Congratulations. The
5 ayes have it. You've been approved.

6 MR. PETRAMALO: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: The next item is the date of
8 the next meeting, which is set for July the 12th at
9 five p.m. Does that still work for everyone? It
10 was set at five, obviously, because it's a race day
11 and it would be a nice outing for everyone.

12 MS. DAWSON: Are we gonna be here?

13 MR. HETTEL: Probably have to have it over in
14 the other building because they use this on that
15 race day.

16 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah. So we'll go back to
17 the barn, so to speak, for the next meeting. I
18 think this is a good venue for meeting and
19 if Colonial would like to continue to host us, I'm
20 sure they'll provide a nice breakfast as well.

21 MR. STUART: At a very reasonable price.

22 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Just teasing.

23 MR. PETRAMALO: It was good today.

24 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Yeah. We enjoyed the
25 breakfast and the coffee. The coffee was great,

1 too.

2 Okay. We have no need for a closed meeting, as
3 I understand it, so if there's any other items to
4 bring before the commission, we will entertain that;
5 otherwise, we have a motion for adjournment.

6 MR. S. REYNOLDS: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Second?

8 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: Okay. All in favor, say aye.

10 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Aye.

11 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN SIEGEL: We are adjourned.

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14 NOTE: The meeting is adjourned at
15 11:13 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

I, Sandra G. Spinner, hereby certify that having first been duly sworn, I was the Court Reporter at the meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission at the time of the hearing herein.

Further, that to the best of my ability, the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings herein.

Given under my hand this 17th day of September, 2012.

SANDRA G. SPINNER

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