

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

#### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 27, 2016**

**State Corporation Commission**

**Tyler Building**

**Courtroom A**

**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., 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.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2016. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the license application for a Satellite Wagering Facility – Ponies and Pints as submitted including the four recommendations of the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the Ponies and Pints Simulcast Revenue Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the Inclusion of Stake Races in the Thoroughbred Owners Bonus Program. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

During the report from the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), Jeb Hannum gave an overview on the progress of OTB Development, Shenandoah Downs and Morven Park.

Going into closed session, counsel read the following motion at the request of the Chairman. “In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Commission go into closed meeting for the purpose of discussing assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.” Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Returning from closed session, counsel read the following motion at the request of the Commissioner Reynolds. **WHEREAS**, the Virginia Racing Commission has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and **WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Commission that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Virginia Racing Commission certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Commission in the closed meeting. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to give Mr. Lermond authority to approve the list of racing officials as submitted by the Gold Cup management. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.