

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

November 14, 2017

State Corporation Commission

Tyler Building

Courtroom B

1300 East Main Street

Richmond, VA 23219

In Attendance

Commission Members:

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman

I. Clinton Miller

Charles Steger, PhD

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr.

Stuart Siegel

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary

Rhonda Davis, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Licensing Coordinator

Attorney General's Office:

J. Duncan Pitchford, Esquire

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

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 17, 2017 as amended to include Commissioner Reynolds as being present. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the Satellite Wagering Facility Application submitted by the Virginia Equine Alliance for the Quality Inn/Dutch Inn located in Collinsville, Virginia to include the four conditions recommended in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the Quality Inn/Dutch Inn Simulcast Revenue Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger provided the Commission with an update on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee and expressed his pleasure with the good discussions that have been taking place during the meetings and also thanked the committee members and Preston Bryant of McGuireWoods Consulting for their participation.

Chairman Van Clief appointed Commissioner Reynolds to replace Carol Dawson as the Chairman of the Racing Safety and Medication Committee. Carol Dawson will, however, continue to serve on this committee.

During the report from the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), Jeb Hannum and Debbie Easter gave an overview of various issues, including future OTB development and the recently concluded race meeting at Shenandoah Downs. Dr. Allison from the Virginia Gold Association also commented on the International Gold Cup Races that were held on October 28th at Great Meadow Racecourse.

During the public comment period, Tad Berman raised some concerns regarding the Strategic Planning Committee.

At 11:08 a.m., the Commission went into a closed session with counsel reading the following motion at the request of the Chairman “In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 (A) (8) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Commission go into closed meeting for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel concerning possible sale of the Colonial Downs racetrack. The Commissioners will only ask counsel questions and will not engage in deliberations or any other activity.” The motion for approval was made by Chairman Van Clief and seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Returning from closed session, at 12:11 p.m., counsel read the following motion, “**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”. The motion for approval was made by Chairman Van Clief and seconded by Commissioner Miller. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.