

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

March 7, 2023

**Colonial Downs
Ballroom, 4th Floor
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway
New Kent, VA 23124**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

Stephanie B. Nixon, Chair
Marsha K. Hudgins, Vice Chair
Stuart C. Siegel
John F. Tanner Jr.
Bette Brand

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Director of Operations
Ada K. Caruthers, DVM, Equine Medical Director
Rhonda Davis, Director of Pari-Mutuels and Licensing

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Myers, Esquire

At 11:06 a.m., Chair Nixon called the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) to order.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

During the public comment period, Tad Burman expressed his concerns regarding the incident at Rosie's – Richmond. Henry "Hoppy" Shores expressed concerns regarding the group sales being non-responsive for the upcoming live race meet.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the Limited License for the Virginia Gold Cup Association for 2023 to include the two conditions set forth in the staff report. Seconded by

Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the Racing Officials for the 2023 Virginia Gold Cup Races. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Vice Chair Hudgins moved to approve the Limited License for Virginia Downs Foundation for 2023 to include the two conditions set forth in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Siegel and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the 2023 Shenandoah Downs racing officials and to grant the Executive Secretary authority to approve the TBD's and any other last minute changes, if necessary. Seconded by Vice Chair Hudgins and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Tanner moved to approve the VHHA's withdrawal of administrative costs from the horsemen's purse account for 2023 in the amount of \$44,639. Seconded by Commissioner Siegel and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the VHHA Benevolence Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$5,500. Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Vice Chair Hudgins moved to approve the additional expenditures from the Thoroughbred portion of the Virginia Breeders Fund for 2023 contingent on the budget bill passing, which will give the Breeders Fund additional appropriation for FY2023 and FY2024. Seconded by Commissioner Siegel and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the Furosemide (Lasix) Exemption. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Commissioner Siegel moved to approve the Policy for Remote Participation of VRC members. Seconded by Commissioner Brand and the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Vice Chair Hudgins moved to approve the independent testing laboratory (BMM Testlabs) for Historical Horse Racing (HHR) Cabinets and Software. Seconded by Commissioner Tanner and

the vote was as follows: Commissioner Siegel, aye; Vice Chair Hudgins, aye; Chair Nixon, aye; Commissioner Tanner, aye; Commissioner Brand, aye.

Jill Byrne from the VEA gave an update on plans for the 50th Anniversary of Secretariat Winning the Triple Crown.

Jack Sours, Vice President of Gaming Operations, reported on additional security measures planned for Rosie's Richmond.

Joseph Rudisill gave a presentation on Historical Horse Racing (HHR).

J. Curtis Linnell, Senior Vice President of Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau (TRPB) and Integrity Auditor for the VRC gave a report on auditing and consulting.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.