

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

#### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 17, 2014**

**Office of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Forestry  
Patrick Henry Building  
East Reading Room  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia, 23219**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman  
D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Carol G. Dawson  
Stran Trout  
I. Clinton Miller

Commission Staff:

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary

Office of Agriculture and Forestry

Todd Haymore, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry  
Travis Hill, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry  
Carrie Chenery, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

Attorney General's Office:

Joshua Laws

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reynolds at 10:02 AM.

All Commissioners were in attendance and joined by the Secretary of Agriculture Todd Haymore and members of his staff.

The minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved. The June 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes amended by Commissioner Van Clief, were also unanimously approved.

A motion made by Commissioner Trout to vacate the order made by the Commission at its June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was unanimously approved. The vacated order would have required Colonial Downs and the Virginia HBPA to have entered into a contract for 2015 with certain stipulations.

The spending plans for both the Standardbred and Thoroughbred portions of the Virginia Breeders Fund for 2014 were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Miller's motion to approve pari-mutuel wagering at a charity event hosted by the International Gold Cup on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the night before the International Gold Cup, was unanimously approved by the Commission.

The VHHA's Benevolence Fund Budget for 2014 of \$22,000 was unanimously approved.

The list of Racing Officials for both the Standardbred meet at Colonial Downs and the International Gold Cup Steeplechase races at Great Meadow were unanimously approved by the Commission.

The wagering format and list of simulcast outlets for the 2014 Standardbred meet at Colonial Downs were unanimously approved by the Commission.

After a lengthy discussion between Colonial Downs, the Virginia HBPA, and Commission members, a motion made by Commissioner Van Clief to order the deadline for the submission of 2015 race day requests by all stakeholders on September 24<sup>th</sup> was approved unanimously.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:18 AM.