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1 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Good morning. We're getting
2 started a little late. I went to the wrong place.
3 If you folks sitting out in those chairs, if you
4 can't hear, feel free to move those chairs closer.
5 Just let me know. I'll try to speak up. If you
6 have trouble hearing, I'll do like my minister; come
7 on down. Pull those chairs closer. The Lord
8 doesn't bite.

9 MR. SIEGEL: The Lord doesn't bite.

10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: I'm just quoting.

11 MR. SIEGEL: You'd be a good minister.

12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Of course this is our regular
13 meeting for this month and we're gonna have a work
14 session to follow.

15 The first item on our monthly meeting agenda is
16 the approval of the minutes of the September 28th,
17 2011 meeting. Have all of you had a chance to
18 review? They were very brief, so they were easy to
19 review. Anyone have a motion?

20 MR. SIEGEL: I move they be approved.

21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Second?

22 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Second.

23 THE COURT: All in favor, say aye.

24 NOTE: All the commissioners vote aye.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLER: The minutes of

1 September 28th, 2011 are approved.

2 The next item on the agenda is committee
3 reports and the Standardbred subcommittee is listed
4 on our agenda. Mr. Sargeant Reynolds.

5 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman.
6 Thank you. After I read my report, if there are any
7 additions or corrections, you all feel free to make
8 those comments or remarks or in the work session.

9 A subcommittee of the Virginia Racing
10 Commission met on October 20th at 1:30 at the
11 Virginia Racing Commission's offices at Colonial
12 Downs to focus on the issues facing Standardbred
13 racing at Colonial Downs.

14 Representing the VHHA were Dr. Charlie
15 Dunavant, Scott Woogen and Ian Woolnough, if I
16 pronounced that correctly. Representing Colonial
17 Downs were Ian Stewart and Jim Weinberg and
18 representing the Virginia Racing Commission were
19 David Lermond, Bernie Hettel and myself, Sarge
20 Reynolds.

21 Over all, the meeting was a good and open
22 dialogue about the challenging issues facing the
23 overall health of Standardbred racing in Virginia.
24 Unfortunately, after close to a two-hour discussion,
25 very little progress, if any, was made on a cohesive

1 path forward.

2 The group did agree that we would all focus and
3 work hard to resolve these open issues in today's
4 work session.

5 The biggest issue facing Colonial Downs and the
6 VHHA is agreement on the proposed number of race
7 dates for 2012, as well as the next two years, in a
8 proposed three-year contract.

9 Colonial Downs stated in the meeting, as they
10 have been stating all year long, that the
11 Standardbred industry is contracting; that it is
12 becoming cost prohibitive to run as many live dates
13 as they are running now.

14 Colonial Downs believes that 12 days makes
15 sense because the races will be of a higher quality
16 and the purses would also be higher.

17 Colonial Downs feels the horses are over worked
18 because of so many race dates and lower purses. The
19 horsemen disagree and believe that a reduction to 24
20 days makes more sense. The horsemen feel strongly
21 that fewer than 24 would deter horsemen from
22 bringing their horses to Colonial Downs.

23 The other issues brought out at the meeting
24 include: Marketing efforts to increase live traffic
25 to Colonial Downs and to increase the handle in the

1 satellite wagering facilities. We need to analyze
2 the purse structure and discuss the purse money
3 flowing to out-of-state horses versus Virginia-bred
4 horses.

5 There was discussion on the cost- and
6 revenue-sharing opportunities between Colonial Downs
7 and the VHHA and the OTBs and kiosks.

8 We also discussed the best time to have a
9 Standardbred meet. Consensus was that Colonial
10 Downs runs in the fall after Ocean Downs and perhaps
11 before Rose Croft. The idea is to create a
12 mid-Atlantic racing circuit.

13 Both groups discussed ways to reduce operating
14 expenses at the track.

15 Now, we went into a whole lot more detail, but
16 I just wanted to highlight the things that we
17 discussed that we will discuss in more depth in the
18 working session.

19 My overall take away is that there is much work
20 to be done in order for these two groups to come up
21 with a three-year plan to get live Standardbred
22 racing on a more solid footing.

23 I am very concerned that if this group does not
24 come to a mutually beneficial agreement to take bold
25 measures to cut the expenses of a live meet and

1 increase the overall handle, then we will be doomed
2 to failure and live Standardbred racing in Virginia
3 will be a thing of the past.

4 Again, we are being told by Colonial Downs over
5 and over that the status quo is not acceptable
6 moving forward. I would think we could all agree on
7 that, so let's roll up our sleeves in this work
8 session and find a way forward together. There is
9 no other option.

10 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Reynolds.

13 Any comments from the other commissioners on
14 the subcommittee report?

15 NOTE: There is no response.

16 CHAIRMAN MILLER: We will be discussing this at
17 length in our work session following the regular
18 meeting, but if anyone cares to make any comment at
19 this time in response to the report, you may do so,
20 but just be reminded that during the work session,
21 we're gonna have to discuss this at length.

22 I believe it's a very important issue and it's
23 one that is going to -- the race dates will have to
24 be resolved and we're probably going to suggest that
25 at our next meeting of the Commission, which is yet

1 to be determined. I'm not sure we'll have a meeting
2 in November; that's an issue we'll address shortly.

3 But at our next regular meeting of the
4 Commission, we are going to set the race days for
5 harness racing for 2012, so it behooves the
6 interested parties to try to work out something they
7 can agree upon so that we don't have -- so that this
8 Commission doesn't have to set race dates that might
9 be contrary to what either or both of or all the
10 interested parties in harness racing might want.

11 So anyone have any comments at this time?

12 NOTE: There is no response.

13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. We'll discuss this
14 further at the work session, which you can attend,
15 Dr. Dunavant? You can attend the work session?

16 DR. DUNAVANT: I've got three horses racing
17 today. I have to give Lasix at 10:45.

18 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay.

19 DR. DUNAVANT: I'm in the first, third and
20 sixth race. I've got to warm up and be in the
21 paddock at 12:00 o'clock.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLER: When do you have to be there?

23 DR. DUNAVANT: Twelve o'clock.

24 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Well, if you have any
25 comments you want to make at this time, that'd be

1 fine.

2 MR. SIEGEL: Are you here until twelve?

3 DR. DUNAVANT: I've got to leave. I've got to
4 go over there to give Lasix to the horses at 10:45.

5 MR. SIEGEL: Okay.

6 DR. DUNAVANT: I'll send her to get some Lasix
7 and I'll stay a little longer.

8 MR. SIEGEL: We ought to be well in to it by
9 twelve.

10 DR. DUNAVANT: But you know, I just want to say
11 that Colonial Downs and myself and Mr. Hettel met
12 yesterday and we had some discussions about race
13 days and the Standardbred meet, some of the things
14 that we had in the subcommittee, and we're still at
15 a little bit of an impasse. You know, I don't know.
16 It may come down that the Race Commission has to
17 award dates that are not satisfactory to the
18 horsemen or Colonial Downs.

19 We are willing to continue to work with
20 Colonial Downs to try to come up with a solution.
21 We have raced -- We have enough purse money to race
22 30 days and we figured cutting back six weeks,
23 almost two weeks of racing, would help them.

24 We discussed, as we have in the past, another
25 track for harness racing, either at this location,

1 at the state fair or back up at Oak Ridge where we
2 raced nine days in 2001. I put in a call to the
3 gentleman that owns that track and he is interested
4 in discussing possibilities that we could race there
5 again.

6 The VHHA told Colonial Downs that we would
7 partner with them. They said it would take 1.2
8 million to build another race track; that we would
9 partner with that to the tune of 60,000 a year for
10 the next ten years to be half of that cost, but it
11 would be their responsibility to meet there.

12 If we could have it at the fair ground site,
13 that would be great, but we would need to race 30
14 days there, not just ten days as Colonial wants to
15 do at the fair grounds. I don't know about the
16 logistics of that, if we can get that done.

17 If we can get something that we get days at
18 that Oak Ridge facility, a new track at the state
19 fair, a couple days where you're from, Mr. Miller,
20 at Woodstock, the horsemen are willing to do that.

21 The plan that I proposed and about half of my
22 boys was on board with was not palpable to all the
23 horsemen, particularly the out-of-state horsemen
24 that come here, so we compromised and are trying to
25 come up with something that will work.

1 We have tweaked the purses for our Virginiabred
2 this year. We're gonna do something for
3 Virginia-owned horses that will make it so that it's
4 more profitable to have Virginia-owned horses and
5 feel like that will grow our industry.

6 Through last Sunday, we're up over a half
7 million dollars in our over all handle at this meet
8 over last year. Percentage-wise, we think that's
9 pretty good. We think we are doing pretty good.

10 Our racing has been outstanding. There are
11 four or five horses getting to the race track at the
12 same time.

13 The talk that our horses are over worked;
14 they're a lot different than Thoroughbred horses.
15 We're not over working our horses. They race twice
16 a week. We, in the past, have raced three heats in
17 a day. Up in Woodstock, there, all the races are
18 two heats in a day.

19 Our horses are quite a bit different than
20 Thoroughbred horses and they're not over worked and
21 they're not hurting and they're putting on
22 competitive racing here at this meet and the handle
23 is up.

24 The VHHA did a Own A Horse promotion that we
25 feel like has really worked. I don't know if that's

1 why our handle is up a half a million, but we
2 expended about 21,000 for people to have to be here
3 on Wednesday. They get drawn to own a horse for
4 Sunday's race. They have to be back here Sunday to
5 draw the horses they get. We give them a tour,
6 introduce them to their trainer, let them see their
7 horse and it has gone over real well.

8 We pay to the person that draws the winning
9 horse exactly what that horse gets on that day.

10 We feel like it has been positive as far as
11 bringing people out to the track two days.

12 Our attendance is down slightly. That was
13 due -- last year, we had good days for the New Kent
14 fair. This year, the New Kent fair was basically
15 rained out and it was unfortunate, but we're
16 encouraged that we're up over a half million dollars
17 and look forward to working with them to get this
18 thing resolved and with the Commission and see if we
19 can go forward.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you, Dr. Dunavant.
21 Anyone else have any comments relating to the
22 harness racing?

23 MR. STEWART: Well, obviously, we have a few,
24 but we'll save it for the session.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLER: You'll have some follow-up at

1 the work session?

2 MR. STEWART: Yeah.

3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Mr. Woolnough, will you be at
4 the work session?

5 MR. WOOLNOUGH: Yes, I will.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. Well, we will have
7 further discussion at the work session and work
8 through some of these issues. Some things seem very
9 positive that we hear from Dr. Dunavant.

10 Of course we know there's still a lot of
11 problems, but hopefully you can reach some resolve,
12 but if you don't, rest assured that the Commission,
13 if it comes down to the Commission making the
14 determination that doesn't fit exactly what any of
15 the interested parties want, rest assured we will
16 take into consideration every issue and every point
17 that you make in trying to determine what we think
18 might be best for the citizens and the industry
19 related to harness racing.

20 That being said, I noticed we don't have on the
21 agenda commissioner's comments, but of course
22 commissioners can make any comments at any time they
23 want anyway.

24 Do any of the commissioners have any comments
25 they wish to make relating to any matter at this

1 time?

2 MR. SIEGEL: I would just suggest to the extent
3 Dr. Dunavant, either before or after any of these
4 races you're running today, that you try to attend
5 as much of the work session as you can. I think
6 your voice is an important one to the dialogue.

7 Although Ian I'm sure represents you well and
8 understands it, but if we can reach any kind of
9 conclusions about anything, it would be helpful for
10 you to be in the room.

11 DR. DUNAVANT: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you. The third item on
13 our agenda is the executive secretary's report.
14 Mr. Hettel.

15 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir. The state legislature
16 begins in early January. At your suggestion, I put
17 together a group of interested stakeholders. I have
18 invited Glenn Petty, Frank Petramalo, Ian Woolnough,
19 a combination of people from Colonial Downs and a
20 combination of commissioners that interact with me
21 as we anticipate the beginning of the session and
22 I'll call a group together sometime in December to
23 begin work on that.

24 I think what we really need to do is kind of
25 come together and figure out what we need to do,

1 maybe change some of the legislation.

2 The original paperwork for racing has now
3 become dated. The dynamics of the game has
4 certainly changed during the last 15 to 18 years. I
5 think to serve everybody's best interest, I'll ask
6 that group that I just mentioned to come together
7 with some new ideas.

8 One of my observations -- I've been here six
9 months. One of my observations is we seem to be on
10 the treadmill and not getting anywhere, both
11 Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing. We need to do
12 something to go ahead and kick start it and we need
13 to really get on the map of horse racing in this
14 state. Its been fine. This is a beautiful
15 facility, but I don't want to opine too much on that
16 right now; I'll do that at the work session.

17 We've got to change the status quo, whatever
18 that means. I'm not sure if that means more days,
19 less days, better days or exactly where I'm going
20 with it, but I haven't seen the needle move yet.

21 We've been running here since what, 1997, has
22 it been? It's time to get on with it. If we're
23 gonna be a horse racing state, we've got to get with
24 the program. That also includes more breeder
25 incentives to keep breeder circles Thoroughbred-wise

1 and Standardbred-wise and see if we can't make this
2 a go.

3 That's my comments and I'm anxious to get to
4 the work session.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Of course we are cognizant
6 that any proposed new legislation probably should
7 have been in. If we were anticipating any great
8 legislative crusade, those items have to be worked
9 on early in the summer and they have to be really
10 almost in the hands of the legislative draftsmen and
11 women already.

12 MR. HETTEL: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: We're not anticipating as far
14 as the Commission is concerned any broad new
15 legislation. We are thinking about trying to work
16 with the stakeholders and the licensee and we'll
17 discuss this in the work session also.

18 There are some things that probably need to be
19 tweaked as we go forward if we're going to address
20 the Standardbred and Thoroughbred racing in the
21 future in the manner that Bernie has suggested, so
22 we'll discuss that further in the work session that
23 we have this afternoon.

24 I don't know how many of you got the e-mail or
25 read or get on the Internet and read Internet blogs

1 and all that sort of stuff, but I might mention
2 there's an interesting comment about our
3 Thoroughbred racing industry, in particular; not
4 just racing in particular. An Internet piece from
5 an entity called The Hook in Charlottesville.

6 Ian, have you had a chance to look at that
7 that? Frank?

8 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Anyway, I just caution
10 everyone that I don't mean to preach, but I will a
11 little bit.

12 I just caution everyone in this new age of
13 communication you have to take with a grain of salt
14 the kind of stuff you see on the Internet because
15 people make up their own facts. This is not only in
16 this article, but in politics, all the politicians
17 make up their own facts. The preachers make up
18 their own facts. Business people make up their own
19 facts and they get on the Internet and they put all
20 this stuff out there unsubstantiated.

21 The problem is that a lot of people believe
22 this stuff if it's not responded to, so we can't
23 allow people to create their own facts.

24 So I hope -- and I did see that Glenn Petty,
25 among others, responded to this article and I thank

1 Glenn for that and the other people that did
2 respond.

3 It's important to respond no matter how silly
4 it looks on its face. So anyone that has an
5 interest in responding to this sort of
6 miss-information, I encourage you to do so. You
7 have at least my blessing, if that -- I know that
8 doesn't mean anything, but anyway, I'm proud of
9 people that did respond to that article. It's a
10 misguided article to start with.

11 But as I said, that's this day and age, so we
12 can't get too excited about it, other than the fact
13 that those kinds of things need responding to,
14 because you can see examples, especially in the
15 political world, that if they don't respond to these
16 kind of made-up facts, then they become reality, so
17 I thank everyone that I noticed responded to that.

18 Another item that's really not on our agenda
19 but I think merits mentioning, because each
20 commissioner should have received and some of the
21 stakeholders should have received their report of
22 the audit of the Racing Commission. We'll discuss
23 that further at the work session also.

24 This is the mandatory annual audit that's
25 provided by the auditor of public accounts and

1 there's a few items raised in there that we'll
2 discuss at the work session also.

3 But if anyone has any comment on them right now
4 and cannot attend the work session, you may do so.
5 If anyone has any comment on the audit report of the
6 Racing Commission at this time that cannot attend
7 the work session.

8 Okay. I hear none. It's not probably the most
9 popular reading in the world anyway, so I didn't
10 expect it. I just wanted everyone to have an
11 opportunity to respond if they wished to.

12 The next item on the agenda is to hear from the
13 stakeholders. Jim or Ian, do you have -- Ian?

14 MR. STEWART: I have a couple thoughts for you
15 this morning. I'd like to report briefly on the
16 Standardbred meet.

17 As Dr. Dunavant mentioned, over all, our
18 attendance is down. Through Sunday, we had 9,249
19 people for 22 days, versus 11,433 a year ago.

20 As he mentioned, the fair was kind of a wash
21 out, but if you take the fair out of the equation,
22 you take those two days out, it's still down. It's
23 7,153 versus 8,239; an average of 358 people this
24 year, versus 412 last year.

25 As Dr. Dunavant mentioned, the VHHA is running

1 a promotion and I'm sure that's helping. I think
2 the attendance is actually being boosted more by we
3 did a big Groupon effort during the Thoroughbred
4 meet and quite a few of those were not redeemed
5 during the Thoroughbred meet, so we see a lot of
6 those coming in during the Standardbred meet because
7 they expire. Folks that buy these things are kind
8 of value people and they don't particularly want to
9 see their investment expire in the next two weeks.

10 I wouldn't be surprised if we actually have a
11 pretty good weekend the next two weekends because we
12 got all these coupons out.

13 CHAIRMAN MILLER: What do these coupons provide
14 for?

15 MR. STEWART: Darryl can explain it.

16 MR. WOOD: You get a dinner for two and a
17 couple of bets programs. The neat thing is we put
18 people on a tram and give them a tour of the
19 facility and the race track.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. Good. Thank you.

21 MR. WOOD: It's about a half price opportunity
22 for those people.

23 MR. STEWART: So as I said, there's still quite
24 a few of those left out there, so we might do well
25 over the next two weekends.

1 Over all, the live handle is down a little bit.
2 It's 442,000 versus 448,000. We are up out-of-state
3 about 433,000, but you have to keep in mind that's
4 three percent money. That's worth about \$13,000 to
5 us, which we're happy to have, but it's a little bit
6 of a drop in the bucket in the overall scheme of
7 things.

8 Over all when you look at the meet, I think it
9 looks a lot like last year. There's sort of a
10 continual deterioration in the attendance.

11 We've had several horses make their tenth start
12 on Sunday, the 22nd day of the meet. Not
13 withstanding Dr. Dunavant's comments, I think -- and
14 I am working from memory here, but if you check the
15 transcript from a few months back and check
16 Commissioner Brown's comments, I think he had a
17 little different point of view.

18 Once again, we are seeing the majority of the
19 horses come from out of state.

20 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Any questions of Mr. Stewart?

21 NOTE: There is no response.

22 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Any comments in response to
23 Mr. Stewart's comments?

24 NOTE: There is no response.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Hearing none, anything

1 further from the stakeholders at this point?

2 NOTE: There is no response.

3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: From Colonial Downs, rather.
4 Any other -- Frank, do you have anything you want to
5 comment on?

6 MR. PETRAMALO: No, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Robin?

8 MS. RICHARDS: No, sir.

9 CHAIRMAN MILLER: All right. Any member of the
10 public? Anyone attending the meeting here today
11 other than the licensee or the horsemen? Anyone
12 have any comments they wish to make to the
13 Commission? Any observations that you wish to make?

14 NOTE: There is no response.

15 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. I hear none.

16 Now, we need to set the next meeting for the
17 Commission. I discussed briefly with the executive
18 secretary prior to our meeting the status for our
19 meetings for the remainder of the year.

20 We have the holiday season coming up, of
21 course, and it's always something you have to deal
22 with before the end of the year.

23 We're going to have our work session today and
24 I think the Standardbred folks and the licensee have
25 their agenda set out for what they have to do

1 between now and our next meeting.

2 I'm gonna suggest that we not have a meeting in
3 November, if that's all right with the other
4 commissioners and the stakeholders, and that we set
5 a meeting in December to cover all the items we need
6 to cover for the balance of this calendar year and
7 preferably the first part of December, since we
8 don't want to get into the Christmas shopping season
9 too much.

10 What is Wednesday, Pearl Harbor day,
11 December 7th -- How does that appear to everyone as
12 a possible date for the next regular meeting of the
13 Commission?

14 MR. PETRAMALO: That's in the middle of the
15 University of Arizona Racing Symposium that a whole
16 bunch of folks go to.

17 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. Well, we don't want to
18 do that then.

19 MR. PETRAMALO: The 14th the following
20 Wednesday?

21 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yeah. The following
22 Wednesday, the 14th of December. Does that look
23 okay to everyone?

24 MR. HETTEL: I'll be out of town that week,
25 gentlemen. I'm not going to the symposium. Are you

1 going to the symposium?

2 MR. PETRAMALO: Either Robin or I.

3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Is that all week?

4 MR. PETRAMALO: It's usually the Thursday.

5 MR. HETTEL: It starts --

6 MR. PETRAMALO: Monday the 5th. Actually, I
7 believe Wednesday the 7th is the last day.

8 CHAIRMAN MILLER: How about Thursday, December
9 the 1st?

10 MR. HETTEL: Well, I was going to suggest that.

11 MR. PETRAMALO: Thursday, December 1st?

12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Yes.

13 MR. PETRAMALO: That's fine.

14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: That's a good halfway point
15 between the end of November and the end of December.
16 I figured that out. Thursday December the 1st at
17 9:30. Is that all right with everyone?

18 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Let's make it ten o'clock.
20 Ten o'clock worked for today. Let's make it ten
21 o'clock. It's gonna be a dark, wintery day. We
22 might have snow.

23 So we'll make the next regular meeting of the
24 Commission will be Thursday, December the 1st, 2011
25 at ten a.m.

1 MR. D. REYNOLDS: Where?

2 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Where? That's a good
3 question. Over at the -- We'll have it over at the
4 --

5 MR. HETTEL: Our usual location.

6 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Our usual location, which is
7 at the horsemen's building. That's how it's
8 referred to, isn't it?

9 MR. PETRAMALO: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. Now, at that meeting,
11 it's the intention of the Commission that we won't
12 have another meeting unless there is some real
13 emergency. We won't have another meeting in 2011,
14 so at that meeting, the 1st of December 2011, we
15 will be setting the Standardbred race days for 2012
16 and we pretty well --

17 MR. HETTEL: The Thoroughbred dates are pretty
18 much finished, I think. Is there any discussion on
19 Thoroughbred? I think we all came to an agreement
20 this year was a pretty successful one, and from what
21 I understand is that will be repeated.

22 MR. PETRAMALO: We haven't finalized it, but
23 it's 99 percent.

24 MR. HETTEL: Well, I like 99.9.

25 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Can we get that additional

1 one percent between now and December 1st?

2 MR. PETRAMALO: We can probably do it today.

3 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Okay. On that date, we need
4 to set our schedule for 2012 on all of our racing
5 dates.

6 MR. SIEGEL: And our meeting dates.

7 CHAIRMAN MILLER: And our meeting dates for
8 2012.

9 And be thinking about this. All those
10 interested parties, be thinking about this. There's
11 been some thought that perhaps we could have a
12 meeting every other month instead of every month,
13 because we can always have an emergency meeting if
14 there's something that's dire that we really need to
15 address that we can call a special meeting of the
16 Commission on a timely basis.

17 But as far as the regularly scheduled meetings
18 for 2012, we're thinking in terms of having meetings
19 every other month rather than every month, but we'll
20 make that determination on December the 1st also.
21 So be thinking about that if there's any real
22 concern.

23 We have no reason for a closed meeting. Any
24 commissioner have an opinion or reason to go into a
25 closed session?

1 MR. S. REYNOLDS: No.

2 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Does our counsel have any
3 reason to go into closed session?

4 MS. DILWORTH: I don't.

5 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you.

6 Then that completes the agenda, except for
7 adjournment. So do I hear a motion that we adjourn
8 the regular monthly meeting?

9 MR. SIEGEL: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN MILLER: Second?

11 MR. S. REYNOLDS: Moved.

12 CHAIRMAN MILLER: All in favor, say aye.

13 NOTE: All commissioners vote aye.

14 CHAIRMAN MILLER: The regular meeting of the
15 Racing Commission is thus terminated.

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17 NOTE: The meeting is adjourned at

18 10:47 a.m.

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1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

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

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

10 Given under my hand this 21st day of November, 2011.
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14 **SANDRA G. SPINNER**

15 **COURT REPORTER**
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