

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

March 17, 2014

**HORSEMEN'S BUILDING
COLONIAL DOWNS
10700 HORSEMEN'S ROAD
NEW KENT, VA**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman
D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Vice Chairman – via teleconference
Carol G. Dawson – via teleconference
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Commission Staff:

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary
David S. Lermond, Jr., Deputy Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator
C. Richard Harden, DVM, Equine Medical Director
Courtney Reid, Permitting Clerk

Attorney General's Office:

Joshua Laws

At 10:08 a.m., the regular meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman, Reynolds.

The following agenda items were deferred until the next meeting of the Commission because there was not a quorum present:

- Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2013 and January 21, 2014
- VHHA Contract
- Chapter 130 – Administrative Regulations Amendments
- Gold Cup request

- Colonial Downs request

Debbie Easter gave an overview of the housekeeping changes in regards to Chapter 130.

Frank Petramalo, Executive Director for the VaHBPA recommended that the Blue Ribbon Committee be reactivated. Vice Chairman, Van Clief asked that it be decided who should be added to the committee and that Mr. Hettel poll committee members for possible dates to meet.

There ensued a discussion between Colonial Downs and the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (VaHBPA). Both parties expressed their views regarding the 2014 live race meet. Remarks were heard from horse owners and trainers regarding the parties not able to agree on a contract and the impact that it is having on horse owners as well as racing fans.

There being no further business, Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. was set as the date and time of the next meeting to be held at the Horsemen's Building, 10700 Horsemen's Road, New Kent, VA. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:21 p.m.