

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 27, 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

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At 9:58 a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman, Reynolds.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 11, 2013 were approved.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 21, 2014 were approved.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 17, 2014 were approved.

During Commissioners Comments, Commissioner Dawson stated that, “she would like to take a few minutes to recognize a number of persons who have made great contributions to the sport of horse racing in Virginia. They were leading members of the horse industry who have passed away in just the past couple of months.

- Mrs. Ann Via
- Dr. Joe Rogers
- Jack Ludwig, Jr.
- Gary Baker
- Bay Cockburn
- Robert “Bob” Powell
- Robert Pillion
- Bunny Mellon
- Tom Voss

I salute these recently deceased members of the horse community in our Commonwealth. Their passion for the sport helped create the history of the horse racing in Virginia. Please join me in recalling their dedication and in offering our condolences to their families”.

The Commission unanimously approved the VHHA Contract.

The Commission unanimously approved the Chapter 130 – Administrative Regulations Amendments.

Joshua Laws, Esquire for the Commission moved that in the matter of Mr. Eckley’s decision be continued to the next meeting of the Commission and that the stay be upheld. Seconded by Commissioner Dawson.

It was moved by Commissioner Dawson to approve Racing Officials for the Virginia Gold Cup. Seconded by Vice Chairman, S. Reynolds and unanimously approved.

Joshua Laws, Esquire for the Commission read the following motion into the record. “Pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A) (1) (7), I move that the Commission convene a closed meeting for the purpose of the discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Commission regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.”

Returning from closed session, the following motion was read. “I hereby certify, pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3712, that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Commission.

There being no further business, Friday, April 11, 2014 at 9:00 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.