

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

#### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**July 6, 2017**

#### **State Corporation Commission**

**Tyler Building**

**Courtroom B**

**1300 East Main Street**

**Richmond, VA 23219**

#### **In Attendance**

##### **Commission Members:**

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman

Carol G. Dawson, Vice Chairman

I. Clinton Miller

Charles Steger, PhD

##### **Commission Staff:**

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary

Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator

Rhonda F. Davis, Pari-Mutuel and Licensing Coordinator

##### **Attorney General's Office:**

J. Duncan Pitchford, Esquire

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At 10:03 a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Van Clief. Commissioner Reynolds was absent due to a business scheduling conflict.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the minutes including modifications proposed by Commissioner Van Clief of the regular meeting held on June 6, 2017. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$50,000 from the Thoroughbred portion of the Virginia Breeders Fund towards Five (5) VA-bred Stake Races. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$80,000 from the Standardbred portion of the Virginia Breeders Fund towards Eight (8) VA-bred Stake Races. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between TVG, VEA, VHBPA, and VHHA related to the payment of a television fee. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the request by VHBPA for expenditures associated with a "Virginia Certified" Program up to \$1 million for 2018. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the request by VHBPA for the partial funding of the Commonwealth Derby and Oaks to be Contested at Laurel Park in the amount of \$150,000. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief announced members appointed to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee adding Jeb Hannum, Executive Director, VEA.

During the report from the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), Jeb Hannum gave an overview of various issues, including OTB development and racing at Shenandoah Downs.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.