

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

March 2, 2016

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
J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr.

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Interim Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator

Attorney General's Office:

J. Duncan Pitchford, Esquire

At 10:00 a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Van Clief.

Chairman Van Clief announced the resignation of Bernie Hettel.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve minutes as amended of the regular meetings held on January 6, 2016 and January 27, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeb Hannum gave an overview of the progress regarding the VEA and other member groups.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the plan outlined by Mr. Petramalo and approve the arrangement with the Maryland Jockey Club for the running of the Virginia-

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bred stakes races on June 25th and September 24th of 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the 2016 Twinspires Account Wagering Services Agreement. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the amendments to the 2016 XpressBet Account Wagering Services Agreement in accordance with the email submitted by Mr. Petramalo. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to grant the acting executive secretary, David Lermond, the authority to approve the Gold Cup Officials at the appropriate time when requested by Dr. Allison. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

At 11:26 a.m., the Commission went into closed session with counsel reading the following motion at the request of the Chairman. “In accordance with the provisions of §2.2-3711(a)(7) of the code of Virginia, I move that the Commission go into closed meeting for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel and briefing by staff members or consultants, including the assistant Secretary of Agriculture, pertaining to assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the Commission. The commissioners will only ask counsel questions and will not engage in deliberations or any other activity”. The motion for approval was made by Vice Chairman Van Clief and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Returning from closed session, at 11:55 a.m., counsel read the following motion, “Section 2.2-3712 of the code of Virginia requires a certification by this Commission that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Virginia Racing Commission certifies that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Commission in the closed meeting”. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Miller. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting was set for April 27th 10:00 a.m.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.