

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**August 20, 2008**

**9:30 a.m.**

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

#### **In Attendance**

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

Peter C. Burnett, Chairman  
Mark Brown, Vice Chairman  
William H. (Trip) Ferguson  
I. Clinton Miller  
David C. Reynolds

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

Victor I. Harrison, Executive Secretary  
Stanley K. Bowker, Executive Secretary  
Kimberly M. Carter, Office Administrator  
David Lermond, Jr., Director of Pari-mutuels  
Peggy E. Mason, Permitting Manager  
Joseph M. Roney, Director of Operations & Enforcement  
Marvin A. Sniegon, Director of Financial Management and Planning

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

Amy K. Dilworth

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At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Burnett called the regular monthly meeting of the Commission to order.

The minutes of the July 18, 2008 meeting were approved.

The Commission approved the designation of Citizens and Farmers Bank located in Providence Forge, Virginia to handle our petty cash checking account and updating the list of commissioners to reflect the current line up.

The appointment of an Alternate Director for the Racing Compact was deferred to the next meeting

Commissioner Reynolds, Chairman of the Marketing and Promotion Committee, introduced Julie McCracken of CRT/tanaka who provided an update on the marketing activities to date. The final educational materials piece entitled, "Project Hoofbeats" has been distributed to the Department of Agriculture.

Acting on the recommendation from Mr. Harrison, the Commission approved Colonial Downs' September simulcast schedule including the additions of: Laurel Park, Turfway Park, Belmont Park, Fairplex Park, Golden Gate Fields, Oak Tree at Santa Anita, Hawthorne Race Course, and The Meadowlands.

The Commission decided to postpone the approval of the Model Public Participation Guidelines (PPGs) until the September meeting.

Acting on the recommendation of Mr. Harrison, the Commission approved the following items for the 2008 Standardbred Meet:

1. Pari-mutuel pools.
2. Racing Officials subject to renewal of their USTA license.
3. Adding Jeff Remy as the Identifier.

During the discussion of the Stewards for the upcoming Standardbred Meet, the motion was seconded and the vote was as follows: Ferguson, aye, Reynolds, aye, Miller, aye, Chairman Burnett, aye and Brown, nay. The Stewards for the Standardbred Meet are as follows: Jean Chalk, George Hickman, and Philip Wentworth as Stewards; Daniel Kazmeier and David Lermond as alternates.

December 1, 2008 was set as the deadline date for submitting requests for 2009 Live Racing Dates for Thoroughbred and Standardbred.

Colonial Downs' representatives, Counsel Jim Weinberg, President Ian Stewart and Iain Woolnough, General Manager of Colonial Downs, reported on the progress of the Thoroughbred meet.

There was a discussion of convening a Working Group Session following the next monthly meeting – the Session could be a good foundation for an eventual racing Summit.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

There being no further business, the monthly meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m..

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Prior to the regular monthly meeting, an appeal In the Matter of Trainer W. Robert Bailes/Fine for Entering Ineligible horse was scheduled. Because no one was present for the appellant, a motion to dismiss because of failure to appear was unanimously approved.