

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

#### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 25, 2013**

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

#### **In Attendance**

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

Stuart Siegel, Chairman  
J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Carol G. Dawson  
Stran Trout  
D.G. Van Clief, Jr.

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

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary  
David S. Lermond, Jr., Deputy Executive Secretary  
C. Richard Harden, DVM, Equine Medical Director  
Courtney Reid

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

Joshua Laws

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At 10:03 a.m., a meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Siegel.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 10, 2013 were approved as amended.

Commissioner Dawson gave a full report of the RCI conference that she attended in Saratoga, New York.

Commissioner Van Clief reported on the Racing Safety and Medication Committee's meetings and the Mid-Atlantic Uniform Medication Program. A motion was made to amend the regulations 11VAC10-180-25/35/60/70/75/80 and they were approved by the Commission as amended.

Bernard Hettel, Executive Secretary for the Virginia Racing Commission, reviewed the 2013 Harness Season racing officials and the 2013 International Gold Cup Racing Officials. They were approved by the Commission.

Frank Petramalo, representative for the HBPA, and Mr. Edward Mulligan, steeplechase trainer, spoke on the final decision of his appeal case. Mr. Mulligan expressed his concerns with the final decision of the commission on his case and the fines imposed.

Glen D. Petty, from Equisport Solutions, spoke briefly on his letter to Mr. Hettel regarding the Virginia Breeders Fund and asked the Commission on how he could move forward with this concern in the future.

Ian Stewart, President of Colonial Downs, gave a brief synopsis of the 2013 Harness race meet thus far.

Commissioner Siegel stated that the race dates for the 2014 Thoroughbred and Harness Meets will be determined at the December Commission meeting.

Michael Pearson, a consultant for the Gold Cup, spoke about the 2013 International Gold Cup wagering format and the addition of new betting machines. The wagering has been determined to be a Win/Place/Show, exacta and trifecta format.

Frank Petramalo reviewed the requested claiming regulations amendment (11VAC10-120-50) and the new regulations were approved unanimously.

Debbie Easter, Executive Director of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, requested that the Commission create a committee to focus on Legislation pertaining to horse racing in 2014. Commissioner Siegel appointed Commissioner Van Clief to the Committee and asked him to collaborate with Mr. Hettel in creating this committee.

There being no further business, Wednesday, December 11, 2013 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.

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Prior to the meeting, an appeal in the matter of Owner/Trainer Hugh McMahon resulting from Stewards ruling(s) #13-024 on July 12,2013, on the horse, "Miss Plimsoll" and the penalty imposed. The commission unanimously decided to reduce the fine to \$500 and a written ruling will be issued within 45 days of this decision.