

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

#### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**October 14, 2015**

**Patrick Henry Building  
West Reading Room  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219**

#### **In Attendance**

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

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman  
D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Carol G. Dawson  
I. Clinton Miller

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

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary  
C. Richard Harden, DVM, Equine Medical Director  
David S. Lermond, Jr., Deputy Executive Secretary  
Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator  
Courtney C. Reid, Program Support Technician

##### **Office of Agriculture and Forestry**

Samuel T. Towell, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

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

Joshua E. Laws, Esq.

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At 9:59 a.m., the meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Reynolds. Commissioner Steger was absent.

The minutes of the Virginia Racing Commission meeting held on September 9, 2015 were unanimously approved. Commissioner Dawson recommended having a sign in sheet for future meetings.

During the discussion regarding TwinSPIRES ADW payments, the Commission was informed that no payments have been received by the Virginia Equine Alliance and the outstanding amount of

payment to date is \$264,597. A hearing regarding this matter will take place at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

During the discussion regarding VEA/Colonial Downs negotiations, the Commission was informed that there have been numerous conversations, email and discussions however; the parties have not been able to bridge a compromise with two different visions. If a compromise cannot be reached, Colonial Downs will move on to other options. Commissioner Reynolds stated that the application for Colonial Downs is still pending. A hearing regarding the matter will take place at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

During the discussion regarding the VTA/HBPA, Debbie Easter informed the Commission that there were 2 successful days of racing: 8 races generated 2 million in handle.

Commissioner Dawson praised the VEA for the efforts put into making the races at Oak Ridge a success.

During Commissioners' Comments, Chairman Reynolds also praised the VEA for their efforts in making the races at Oak Ridge a success.

The next VRC meeting was set for Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., with the location to be determined.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.