

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2014

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

In Attendance

Commission Members:

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman
D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Vice Chairman
Carol G. Dawson – via teleconference
Stran Trout
Clinton Miller

Commission Staff:

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

Attorney General's Office:

Joshua Laws

At 10:05 a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman, Reynolds.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 7, 2014 were approved.

During the Executive Secretary's Report, Mr. Hettel referred the Commission to Colonial Downs and the horsemen. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding 2014 Thoroughbred racing.

Joshua Laws, Esquire for the Commission read the following motion into the record. "Pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A) (1) (7), I move that the Commission convene a closed meeting for the purpose of the discussion and

consideration possible litigation or anticipated litigation and legal interpretation concerning the definition of recognized majority persons and the duties and responsibilities of the licensee under the code; if the licensee fails to meet its responsibility, what are the Commission's powers to remedy that failure, and what are the powers of the Commission regarding a mandated contract between the licensee and the recognized majority horsemen's group? And in addition to that, we will also recess until 1:00 p.m., at which point we'll come out of closed session and resume the normal duties of the Commission."

Returning from closed session, the following motion was read. "I hereby certify, pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3712, that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Commission.

There being no further business, a special meeting was set to be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Horsemen's Building, 10700 Horsemen's Road, New Kent, VA. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:12 p.m..