

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**July 12, 2012**

**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

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

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary  
David S. Lermond, Jr., Deputy Executive Secretary  
Kimberly M. Carter, Office Administrator  
C. Richard Harden, DVM, Equine Medical Director  
Clinton Pitts, Jr., Senior Commonwealth Steward

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

Joshua E. Laws

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At 5:00 p.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Siegel. Chairman Siegel introduced Stran Trout as a new member of the commission.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 9, 2012 were unanimously approved.

During Commissioners Comments, Chairman Siegel welcomed Joshua Laws, as our new liaison from the Attorney General's office. Chairman Siegel also thanked Amy Dilworth for her efforts with the commission.

The Commission deferred approval of the racing officials and judges for the 2012 Harness Race Meet to the Executive Secretary.

Ian Stewart, President of Colonial Downs, gave a brief overview of the first twenty (20) days of the Thoroughbred Race Meet.

Tyler Pickelseimer, Racing Secretary, informed the commission that a full make-up card will take place on Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and will run one (1) additional race on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and 2 additional races on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

The commission was informed that plans for the Harness Race Meet are still in the discussion phase.

There being no further business, Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. was set as the date and time of the next meeting to be held at Horsemen's Building, 10700 Horsemen's Road, New Kent, VA. The meeting was then adjourned.

Chairman Siegel made the following motion to go into closed session. "In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Commission go into closed meeting for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the assignment, appointment, performance or salary of a specific public officer, appointee or employee of the Commission and /or for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Commission regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel." Chairman Siegel's motion was seconded by Vice Chair Sarge Reynolds. All were in favor by saying, "Aye."

Coming out of closed meeting, Chairman Siegel adopted of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Racing Commission has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and **WHEREAS**, 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. Certified by the Commission, the vote was: C. Dawson, aye; S. Trout, aye; S. Reynolds, aye; Chairman Siegel, aye.