

**Virginia Racing Commission**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 25, 2020**

**Colonial Downs  
Ballroom, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway  
New Kent, VA 23124**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman

Stuart Siegel, Vice Chairman

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr.

Marsha K. Hudgins

Stephanie B. Nixon

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary

Kimberly C. Mackey, Business Manager

Rhonda Davis, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Licensing Coordinator

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth B. Myers, Esquire

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At 11:01 a.m., Chairman Van Clief called the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) to order.

Chairman Van Clief welcomed Marsha K. Hudgins to the Commission and thanked Clint Miller for his service to Commission.

During the public comment period, Tad Burman gave his opinion regarding the reduction of daily average purses and the Extra Care Program.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 19, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the Final Amendments to Chapter 47 (Historical Horse Racing). Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the amended request from Colonial Downs Group, LLC 2020 License to Conduct Pari-Mutuel Wagering on Historical Horse Racing at Rosie's Richmond (Addition to Ainsworth Terminals). Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the licenses for a Satellite Wagering Facility and to Conduct Pari-Mutuel Wagering on Historical Horse Racing at Rosie's Dumfries to include the recommendations in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the amended request from Colonial Downs Group, LLC regarding its 2020 Significant Infrastructure Limited License (Reduction of Daily Average Purses) from \$500K to \$340K. Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the racing officials for Colonials Downs. Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the Thoroughbred Expenditures from the Virginia Breeders Fund (Purse Contributions to 8 Virginia-bred Stake Races). A contribution of up to \$15,000 per race from the Breeders Fund for the 2020 running of these races for a total of \$120,000 if the entire amount requested is distributed. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the VHBPA Benevolence Budget for 2020 in the amount of \$45,075. Seconded by Chairman Van Clief. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the 2020 Limited License Application submitted by the Virginia Gold Cup Association. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the racing officials for the Virginia Gold Cup Fall Races. Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the request of the Horsemen's Agreement between VGC, VHBPA, and VEA for 2020 through 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the Final Amendments to Chapter 110 (Coupling of Entries). Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the Final Amendments to Chapter 120 (Claiming Procedure). Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the Final Amendments to Chapter 180 (Prohibited Practices and NSAIDS). Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was given by J. Curtis Linnell, Executive Vice President of the Thoroughbred Racing and Protective Bureau, explaining the testing performed on HHR Wagering in Virginia and the differences in the Ainsworth terminals.

A presentation was given by John Marshall, Executive Vice President of Operations for CDG on the Extra Care Program to be implemented at Colonial Downs in response to COVID-19.

A presentation was given by Jill Byrne, Vice President of Racing Operations for CDG on the Mid-Atlantic Plan to prevent Catastrophic Injuries.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.