

# **Virginia Racing Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **OF THE**

### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 6, 2017**

**James Monroe Building  
Conference Room B  
101 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond, VA 23219**

#### **In Attendance**

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

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman  
Carol G. Dawson, Vice Chairman  
I. Clinton Miller  
Charles Steger, PhD

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

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary  
Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator  
Rhonda F. Davis, Pari-Mutuel and Licensing Coordinator

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

J. Duncan Pitchford, Esquire

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At 10:00 a.m., the regular monthly meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) was called to order by Chairman Van Clief. Commissioner Reynolds was absent due to a business scheduling conflict.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 7, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the Satellite Wagering Facility License Application submitted by the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA) for Buckets Bar and Grill in Chesapeake based on the recommendations included in the staff report and conditional upon the VEA providing the Executive Secretary information confirming the authority of the property landlord's agent to execute the property lease agreement for the proposed facility on behalf of the landlord, Battlefield Consolidated Properties, L.L.C. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger moved the approval of Buckets Bar and Grill Simulcast Revenue Sharing Agreement. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve Amendments to the satellite Wagering Facility License Applications previously submitted by the Virginia Equine Alliance for Breakers and Ponies and Pints to special address outdoor events. Seconded by Chairman Van Clief. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the request by the VHHA for expenditures from the Benevolence Fund for improvements to Shenandoah Downs to fund construction of showers and changing facilities for drivers and horsemen stabled and racing at the track. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the request from the VHBPA for 27 races restricted to Virginia bred horses to be contested in Maryland and West Virginia in 2017 with a total purse contribution of \$1,140,000 from the VHBPA. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

During the report from the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), Jeb Hannum gave an overview of various issues, including the Powhatan Site for possible Thoroughbred racing, an update on TVG negotiations and future OTB development.

During a discussion of the development of a strategic plan for the Virginia racing industry and the formation of ad hoc committees to look at growing handle in Virginia and the strategic planning process; Commissioner Steger was appointed to chair the Strategic Planning Process Committee and Commissioner Reynolds was appointed to chair the Handle Development Committee.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.