

Virginia Racing Commission

MINUTES

OF THE

COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2021

**Colonial Downs
Ballroom, 4th Floor
10515 Colonial Downs Parkway
New Kent, VA 23124**

In Attendance

Commission Members:

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman
Stuart Siegel, Vice Chairman
Marsha K. Hudgins
Stephanie B. Nixon

Commission Staff:

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Director of Operations
Rhonda Davis, Director of Pari-Mutuels and Licensing
Ada K. Caruthers, DVM, Equine Medical Director

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Myers, Esquire

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

Commissioner Nixon nominated Commissioner Reynolds as the 2021 Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hudgins. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of the virtual meeting held on December 16, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Reynolds moved to approve the License to Conduct Pari-Mutuel Wagering on Historical Horse Racing at Rosie's – Collinsville submitted by Colonial Downs Group, LLC to include the two conditions recommended in the staff report. Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the 2021 Limited License submitted by the Virginia Gold Cup Association to include the two conditions recommended in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the 2021 Virginia Gold Cup racing officials and to grant the Executive Secretary authority to approve any last minute changes. Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Reynolds moved to approve the Limited License submitted by the Shenandoah County Agricultural Foundation for Racing at Shenandoah Downs to include the two recommendations included in the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Hudgins. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the 2021 Shenandoah Downs racing officials and to grant the Executive Secretary authority to approve any last minute changes. Seconded by Commissioner Hudgins. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the Horsemen's Agreement between Shenandoah County Agricultural Foundation, the Virginia Equine Alliance, and the Virginia Harness Horse Association. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the 2021 Colonial Downs racing officials and to grant the Executive Secretary authority to approve any last minute changes. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the VHBPA Benevolence Budget for 2021 in the amount of \$116,884. Seconded by Commissioner Hudgins. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the VHHA Benevolence Budget for 2021 in the amount of \$22,500. Seconded by Commissioner Nixon. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Nixon moved to approve the request for Final Amendments to Chapter 100 (Lip tattoo requirements) Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Siegel moved to approve the request for Final Amendments to Chapter 110 (Horses ineligible to start) Seconded by Commissioner Hudgins. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hudgins moved to approve the request for Final Amendments to Chapter 180 (Clenbuterol) Seconded by Vice Chairman Siegel. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Jill Byrne and John Marshall reported on plans for 2021 live racing meet at Colonial Downs.

Jeb Hannum reported on the recently completed Economic Impact Study on Virginia Racing and Breeding Industry.

Debbie Easter reported on the recent changes to the Virginia Certified Program.

A special presentation was given by Chairman Reynolds to D.G. Van Clief in recognition of excellent service to the Virginia Racing Commission.

A special presentation was given by Chairman Reynolds to Kimberly Mackey in recognition of 20 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.