# **Virginia Racing Commission**

### **MINUTES**

## OF THE

### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 5, 2016** 

State Corporation Commission
Tyler Building
Courtroom A
1300 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219

In Attendance

**Commission Members:** 

D.G. Van Clief, Jr., Chairman Carol G. Dawson, Vice Chairman Charles Steger, PhD J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr.

## **Commission Staff:**

David S. Lermond, Jr., Executive Secretary Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator

Office of Agriculture and Forestry

Basil Gooden, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Sam Towell, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

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 Miller was absent.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 27, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve the 2017 ADW license application for NYRAbets to include recommendations from the staff report. Seconded by Commissioner Steger. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve renewal of the 2017 ADW licenses for Twinspires, TVG and Xpressbet. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the NYRAbets Account Wagering Services Agreement. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the continuation of the 25% Owners' Bonus Program. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Steger moved to approve the \$400,000 Thoroughbred Year-End Breeder and \$20,000 Stallion Award Totals for 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dawson moved to approve Amendments to 11VAC10-130-10 (definition of Virginia-bred Standardbred horse) effective January 1, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the proposed breeders fund budget for 2017 for the Virginia Thoroughbred Association. Seconded by Vice Chairman Dawson. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Van Clief moved to approve the proposed breeders fund budget for 2017 for the Virginia Harness Horsemen's Association. Seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

During the report from the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA), Executive Director Jeb Hannum gave an overview of the various issues discussed at a recent VEA retreat held in Middleburg.

With no further business set forth on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.