

VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION

January 21, 2014

10700 Horseman's Road

New Kent, VA 23124

Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

J. Sargeant Reynolds, Jr., Chairman
D.G. Van Clief, Vice Chairman (via telephone)
Carol G. Dawson
Stran L. Trout
Philip T. O'Hara

COMMISSION STAFF:

Bernard J. Hettel, Executive Secretary
David S. Lermond, Jr., Deputy Executive Secretary
Kimberly C. Mackey, Office Administrator
Joseph M. Roney, Director of Security & Operations
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1 MR. HETTEL: Good morning. We've got some
2 issues we have to resolve and some movements we've
3 got to take. This is the first meeting of the new
4 year. We've got a new commissioner. May I
5 introduce Philip T. O'Hara. Phil comes to us with a
6 superb résumé, a great background in horse racing.
7 He's a graduate of the University of Arizona
8 Racetrack Industry Program. He's worked at Tampa,
9 Arapahoe, Penn National and everything in between, I
10 think.

11 welcome, Mr. O'Hara.

12 MR. O'HARA: Thank you.

13 MR. HETTEL: Also, the former chairman was not
14 reappointed, so we'll need to appoint a chairman
15 this morning and have an election. May I seek a
16 nomination for the chair of the Virginia Racing
17 Commission?

18 MR. O'HARA: I move to nominate Sarge.

19 MR. HETTEL: May we have a second?

20 MS. DAWSON: Second.

21 MR. HETTEL: All in favor?

22 NOTE: The Commission votes aye.

23 MR. HETTEL: Mr. Chairman, take over.

24 MR. PETRAMALO: Congratulations.

25 MR. REYNOLDS: I don't know what I've gotten

1 myself in to.

2 MR. HETTEL: Let's pick a vice chairman.

3 MR. REYNOLDS: Hey, D.G., I didn't hear your
4 affirmative vote.

5 MR. VAN CLIEF: You have my affirmative vote.

6 MR. REYNOLDS: I was just playing. Thank you.
7 Thank you all very much, and let's go ahead and
8 elect a vice chairman. I'll seek a nomination for
9 vice chair.

10 MR. TROUT: Mr. Chairman, as someone here who
11 can't defend himself very well, I would nominate Mr.
12 D.G. Van Clief for vice chairman.

13 MR. REYNOLDS: Do I hear a second?

14 MR. O'HARA: I'll second.

15 MR. REYNOLDS: Without any further comment, all
16 those in favor say aye.

17 NOTE: The Commission votes aye.

18 MR. REYNOLDS: All right.

19 MR. HETTEL: We still have two appeal hearings
20 this morning, and with the weather forecast, I think
21 it would probably be necessary to go ahead and hear
22 that portion of our agenda today and then we can,
23 depending on the longevity of both these hearings,
24 we can either take up the regular business of the
25 Commission, or we can adjourn and remeet next week

1 or at a time convenient to the membership.

2 MR. REYNOLDS: I think that's a good plan.

3 NOTE: Other matters not on this record
4 are heard; thereafter, the monthly meeting
5 continues as follows:

6 MR. LAWS: Mr. Chairman, you have the floor.

7 MR. REYNOLDS: I forgot we were probably gonna
8 try to get a stay of that hearing, but that's off
9 the table now, so I talked to each of the
10 stakeholders individually about postponing this
11 meeting so everybody can get on home.

12 Do you all think you want to try to grind
13 through this meeting now or get on home? Those of
14 you who live the farthest away have the loudest
15 voice. Frank?

16 MR. PETRAMALO: I wouldn't object to going home
17 at this point.

18 MR. REYNOLDS: I've talked to all of the
19 stakeholders and they agree with that, so we will
20 adjourn in just a second.

21 Mr. Hettel, do you have anything you want to
22 say or do you want to e-mail and get a date? Maybe
23 we can go next month, but push it up and make it
24 sooner rather than later.

25 MR. HETTEL: The availability of the commission

1 members is the paramount thing.

2 MR. REYNOLDS: Right.

3 MR. HETTEL: If we could do that right now,
4 let's go ahead and establish a good time next week
5 or the first week of February for the next Racing
6 Commission meeting and we'll send out proper notice.

7 MR. REYNOLDS: The appeal hearing will be at a
8 different meeting, possibly?

9 MS. DAWSON: Separate meeting.

10 DR. HARDEN: Which week?

11 MR. HETTEL: The first week of February.

12 MR. PETRAMALO: You're thinking of something
13 next week?

14 MR. HETTEL: Commissioners, what's your
15 pleasure? What's your availability? It's up to you
16 all, not anybody else.

17 MR. O'HARA: No, ma'am. I'm not available.
18 The first week of February works for me.

19 MR. REYNOLDS: How about February 4th or 5th?

20 MR. TROUT: What day of the week is that?

21 MR. REYNOLDS: The 4th is a Tuesday. The 5th
22 is a Wednesday.

23 MR. TROUT: Either one.

24 MR. REYNOLDS: Is D.G. on the phone?

25 MR. HETTEL: D.G.?

1 MS. NIXON: Nothing yet.

2 MR. HETTEL: Let me call him real quick.

3 MR. REYNOLDS: Carol, are you good?

4 MS. DAWSON: The 4th or 5th is good for me.

5 Either one.

6 MR. REYNOLDS: Let's shoot for the 5th for now.

7 MR. HETTEL: D.G., we're shooting for the next
8 Racing Committee day. What is it, Sarge, the 5th?

9 MR. REYNOLDS: I'm shooting for the 5th.

10 MR. HETTEL: How is February 5th for you?

11 MR. PETRAMALO: I'm gonna be out of the country
12 from February 2nd through the 20th.

13 MR. REYNOLDS: Okay.

14 MR. HETTEL: D.G.'s not available.

15 MR. LAWS: Can you call in? Apparently, nobody
16 can.

17 MR. TROUT: Can we do it a week earlier?

18 MR. PETRAMALO: Unfortunately, no. I'm told
19 the phone service is not very good where I'm going.

20 MR. REYNOLDS: Frank is out until the 20th.
21 Well, we can put it off -- can you all have a stay
22 of execution on shutting down the OTBs until that
23 long? Can you do the 4th?

24 MR. PETRAMALO: No. The 2nd.

25 MR. O'HARA: Is there any date available this

1 week?

2 MR. LAWS: I'm guessing all the offices are
3 going to be closed tomorrow.

4 MR. PETRAMALO: Anytime Tuesday, Wednesday,
5 Thursday or Friday of next week is good.

6 MR. REYNOLDS: How do you all look the 28th of
7 January?

8 MR. TROUT: What day?

9 MS. DAWSON: Tuesday.

10 MR. TROUT: The 28th, that'll do.

11 MR. REYNOLDS: Want to do it Friday the 30th?
12 what about the week of the 27th?

13 MR. PETRAMALO: Any day except Monday. I'll be
14 in the hospital.

15 MR. REYNOLDS: We'll come and see you. After
16 taking over this job, I'm gonna share a room with
17 you. How about Wednesday the 29th?

18 MR. PETRAMALO: We can do that.

19 MS. DAWSON: That's fine with me.

20 MR. REYNOLDS: Is that good for you, D.G.?

21 MR. VAN CLIEF: That's good.

22 MR. REYNOLDS: Okay. Ian, does that work for
23 you?

24 MR. STEWART: Sure. That's fine.

25 MR. REYNOLDS: All right. January 29th.

1 MR. HETTEL: What about the extension of the
2 horsemen's contract through that date?

3 MR. PETRAMALO: We can do that.

4 MR. HETTEL: Okay.

5 MR. REYNOLDS: Thank you very much. I
6 apologize for the bad weather. I'm sorry. It'll be
7 wednesday, January 29th at ten o'clock.

8 MR. HETTEL: We'll have an appeal that day.

9 MR. LAWS: I'll see if Ms. Nelson is available
10 that day. We'll start a lot earlier, nine o'clock
11 at least.

12 MR. REYNOLDS: All right. Any general comments
13 that aren't too lengthy?

14 NOTE: There is no response.

15 MR. REYNOLDS: I'm sorry it's kind of a hassle
16 about how you're driving all the way back, but I
17 hope you all drive back safely, and I appreciate you
18 coming down. I look forward to seeing you all on
19 the 29th.

20 Do I need to make a motion to adjourn?

21 MR. LAWS: Yes.

22 MR. REYNOLDS: Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

23 MS. DAWSON: So moved.

24 MR. REYNOLDS: Do I hear a second?

25 MR. HETTEL: Second.

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MR. REYNOLDS: All in favor?

NOTE: The Commission votes aye.

MR. REYNOLDS: This meeting is adjourned.

NOTE: The meeting is adjourned.

CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

I, Sandra G. Spinner, hereby certify that having first been duly sworn, I was the Court Reporter at the meeting of the Virginia Racing Commission at the time of the hearing herein.

Further, that to the best of my ability, the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings herein.

Given under my hand this 31st of March, 2014.

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