

Resolution Establishing a WV Racing Commission Committee

(To be offered by Commissioner Bill Phillips at a special commission meeting June 2, 2015.)

Whereas, the racing industry in West Virginia is facing a changing and challenging environment; and

Whereas, the West Virginia Legislature passed legislation to form a select committee for a comprehensive study of West Virginia’s racing and gaming industries; and

Whereas, those engaged in the thoroughbred and greyhound industries have the capability to provide knowledge and assistance to the above select committee.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

The West Virginia Racing Commission establishes a committee which will be charged to develop innovative and entrepreneurial ideas to assist the select committee. A goal being to maintain and grow the contribution the racing industry is making to the economy of West Virginia. In addition, their work should include ideas and concepts to address the current challenging environment faced by the industry.

The Chairman of the West Virginia Racing Commission will chair the committee unless he designates otherwise. The other Commissioners, General Counsel and Acting Executive Director will serve as non-voting ex-officio members. The committee is authorized to expend \$10,000 for facilitator/consulting services.

The Committee is to establish sub-committees:

- Economic growth & revenue enhancement
- Marketing
- Modernizing the code
- Racing calendars & schedules

Each sub-committee should have not less than five members. Notice of meetings as required by the Open Meetings law must be followed.

The Committee should convene within 15 days after passage of this resolution.

The membership of the committee is formed to bring together a diverse range of knowledge, voices and opinions. The Commission hereby names and requests the following to serve.

Charles McIntosh	(Racing Secretary, Charles Town Races)
Rose Mary Williams	(Director of Racing, Mountaineer Race Track)
Osi Imomoh	(General Manager, Wheeling Downs)
Joe Funkhouser	(Racing United)
Carol Fulks	(WV Hospitality & Travel)
Erich Zimny	(Vice President of Racing Operations, Charles Town Races)
Ismael Trejo	(Steward, Charles Town Races)
Maria Catignani	(HBPA, Mountaineer Race Track)
Sam Burdett	(WV Greyhound & Breeders Association)

John Cavacini	(WV Racing Association)
David Walters	(Trainer Thoroughbred, Charles Town Races)
Jana Tetrault	(HBPA, Mountaineer Race Track)
Barbara Rumbaugh	(Judge, Mardi Gras Casino)
Phil Reale	(WV Kennel Owners)
Dr. Beth Albrecht	(State Veterinarian, Mountaineer Race Track)
Jesus Sanchez	(The Jockey Guild, Charles Town Races)
Bob Lagg	(General Manager, Mardi Gras Casino)
Jennifer Johnson	(Owner Thoroughbred, Mountaineer Race Track)
Kate Painter	(WV Thoroughbred Breeders Association)
Lester Raines	(WV Kennel Owners Association)

The Committee is to provide a written report to the WV Racing Commission no later than September 1, 2015.

WEST VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION

Date: _____

Signed:

JACK ROSSI

R. GREGORY MCDERMOTT

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