

**West Virginia Racing Commission
Racing Committee
Organizational Meeting
June 16, 2015**

- Call to Order – Chairman Rossi
- Introduction of Committee Members & Staff
- Opening Comments – Chairman Rossi
- Purpose of Organizational Meeting
 - Appoint & Discuss operation of subcommittees
 - Assess industry Strengths, Weakness, Opportunity & Threats
 - Review potential timeline
 - Housekeeping matters
- Subcommittee Appointments & Operation
- Suggested Operational Timeline
 - July 21 – Full Committee meets to hear subcommittee briefings & discussion
 - August 3 – Subcommittee finalizes recommendations in written report
 - August 14 – Full Committee receives draft report
 - August 18 – Full Committee meets to consider report, amend and/or adopt
- SWOT Analysis – Chairman Rossi
- Closing discussion and/or comments
- Adjournment

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, Charles Town Races)
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

BILL PHILLIPS

**West Virginia Racing Commission
Racing Committee
Member Listing**

Name	Subcommittee	Phone	Email	Comments
Burdette, Sam				
Catignani, Maria				
Cavacini, John				
Dr. Albrecht, Beth				
Fulks, Carol				
Funkhouser, Joe				
Imomoh, Osi				
Johnson, Jennifer				
Lagg, Bob				
McIntoch, Charles				
Painter, Kate				
Raines, Lester				
Reale, Phil				
Rumbaugh, Barbara				
Sanchez, Jesus				
Tetrault, Jana				
Trejo, Ismael				
Walters, David				
Williams, Rose Mary				
Zimny, Erich				

Chairman, Ex-Officio & Staff

Rossi, Jack - Chairman				
McDermott, Greg				
Phillips, Bill				
Carnefix, Becky				
Carraher, Larry				
Moore, Joe				
Talbott, Kelli				

OPEN MEETINGS LAW REQUIREMENTS

- Notice of subcommittee meetings must be posted with the Secretary of State five full business days prior to the meeting. Weekends and state holidays are excluded from the calculation.
- The agenda for each subcommittee meeting has to be posted on the Racing Commission's website three full business days prior to the meeting.
- Agendas must give reasonable notice to the public of what issues will be discussed. Use of vague headings such as "old business", "new business", "marketing", "revenue enhancements", "racing calendars", etc., is insufficient.
- Minutes of each subcommittee meeting must be kept and made available to the public within a reasonable time after the meeting.

The minutes must include:

- The date, time and place of the meeting.
 - The name of each member of the subcommittee present and absent.
 - All motions, orders, resolutions, ordinances and measures proposed, as well as the name of the person proposing each action and the disposition of the matter.
 - The results of all votes, including roll call votes by member name, if such votes are conducted.
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- The Open Meetings Act does not require that the subcommittee allow members of the public in attendance to speak. It is within the discretion of the subcommittee to allow or disallow public attendees to speak.