

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. November 14, 2017 by Board President Dave Faulkner, located in the TRAO board room.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Randy Blair	NO	Wilson Brown	No
Danny Caldwell	Yes	Veronica Griggs	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	David Faulkner	Yes
Kenny Nolen	Yes	Joe Offolter	Yes
C.R. Trout	No	Tim Williams	Yes
Michele Williams	Yes <i>(via conference call)</i>	Mike Biehler	No
Robert Zoellner	No		

Also, in attendance, Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright and Joe Lucas.

Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the October 25, 2017 TRAO board meeting minutes, Kenny Nolen seconded, the motion passed.

Danielle Barber reviewed the Executive Committee recommendations for the 2018 TRAO Administrative, Benevolence and Breeders Budget with the board.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to approve the 2018 TRAO Administrative Budget, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to approve the 2018 TRAO Benevolence Budget, Boyd Caster seconded, the motion passed.

Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the 2018 TRAO Breeders Budget, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed.

Danielle Barber discussed the engagement letter from Engelbach Roberts & Co. PLLC, regarding the 2017 TRAO Audit, same auditor in previous years.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to approve Engelbach Roberts & Co. PLLC, to start the 2017 TRAO audit, Kenny Nolen seconded, the motion passed.

Danielle Barber distributed Gary Huddleston's proposed 2018 contract for the TRAO board to review.

**Joe Offolter made a motion to accept Gary Huddleston's 2018 contract, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed.**

Joe Lucas gave the TRAO Board an update regarding the current Directive on Commission-Sanctioned Thresholds. Mr. Lucas also stated in the future, the commission will no longer be using Directives but instead, will do so through the rule making processes. Furthermore, the OHRC will support adoption of the same thresholds levels in Oklahoma as ARCI has recommended and as such, this will be a part of the rule changes in the next Legislative Session, along with updating the Veterinarian practices in racing. The OHRC also plans to use the ARCI recommended guidelines for penalties on environmental contamination violations if they occur.

Danielle Barber gave a review of the Remington Park Purse Report stating field size was up from the previous year of 2016 with handle being up thus far, but down on track.

Danielle Barber reviewed the questions submitted by board members regarding the TRAO survey that will be distributed to the membership by the end of the month.

Danielle Barber discussed with the TRAO Board the 2018 Directive that was submitted to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

Danielle Barber distributed the proposed 2018 TRAO board meeting dates.

**Joe Offolter made a motion to accept the proposed 2018 TRAO board meeting dates, Veronica Griggs seconded, the motion passed.**

Danielle Barber distributed the 2018 OHRC approved race dates for Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows at Tulsa.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2018 TRAO committee members list, appointed by the TRAO Board President, Dave Faulkner.

**New or Unforeseen Business:**

Danny Caldwell discussed the current coggin's rule and requested the TRAO collaborate with the OHRC to review the current rule.

Veronica Griggs discussed a possible Paddock Sale at the end of the Remington Park meet for Owners and Trainers and if the TRAO can find out any information regarding this by the March 2018 TRAO board meeting.

Danielle Barber discussed the upcoming 2018 National HBPA Convention to be held in New Orleans.

Joe Offolter made a motion for the TRAO to contribute a gift card from Golf Galaxy in the amount of \$900.00 for Ed Crane, who is retiring from Remington Park after 29 years of service, Kenny Nolen seconded, the motion passed.

Kenny Nolen made a motion to adjourn, Veronica Griggs seconded, the motion passed.

Dave Faulkner  
Dave Faulkner, President

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Date