

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. July 30, 2018 by TRAO Board President Dave Faulkner, located in the TRAO Board Room in Oklahoma City, OK.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

David Faulkner	Yes	Kenny Nolen	No
Randy Blair	Yes	Joe Offolter	Yes (via phone)
Mike Biehler	No	CR Trout	No
Danny Caldwell	Yes	Michele Williams	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	Robert Zoellner	Yes(via phone)
Veronica Griggs	Yes		

Also in attendance: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas and Boyd Music representing Englebach Roberts & Co., PLLC.

**Randy Blair made a motion to approve the March 27, 2018 TRAO board meeting minutes, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> TRAO Quarterly Financials with the board.

**Michele Williams made a motion to approve the TRAO 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly financials, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Boyd Music of Englebach Roberts & Co. PPLC., presented the TRAO Board with the findings of the 2017 TRAO audit and stated, the audit presented fair for all 4 companies: the Oklahoma HBPA Inc, Trust Account, Retired Horse Account and the Breeders Account.

**Michele Williams made a motion to approve the 2017 TRAO audit, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber discussed adding a category to the 2019 budget in the amount of \$7,500 from the breeders account to the Equine Special Olympics as an annual donation and donating \$7,500 for 2018.

**Danny Caldwell made a motion to send \$7,500 to the Equine Special Olympics and moving forward to include the donation in the 2019 Breeders Budget for the Equine Special Olympics, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber gave the board the TRAO Purse Committee recommendations for the 2018 Remington Park meet. The meeting was held at Will Rogers Downs on May 7, 2018.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2019 Remington Park License Application with the board. There were no distinct changes from 2018.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2019 Fair Meadows Purse Report with the board. She stated everything was right on target. Ms. Barber also reviewed the 2019 Fair Meadows License Application with the board. There were no distinct changes from 2018.

Matt Vance, Vice President of Remington Park entered the meeting at 11:47 a.m., to present the 2018 TVG proposal with the board. Mr. Vance gave the board an update on 2017 pari-mutuel totals which showed handle has had a steady increase since the program has been in place. Mr. Vance asked for continued support from the TRAO in the increased amount of \$60,000 instead of \$50,000.

Mr. Vance also discussed Remington Park's intent on adding video surveillance to each barn on the backside. Remington Park will be running the wiring to the barns on the backside during the next 30 to 60 days. Mr. Vance solicited the TRAO for a one-time Capital Investment of \$50,000 along with the OQHRA. Mr. Vance left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

**Boyd Caster made a motion to go into executive session, Michele Williams seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Danny Caldwell made a motion to come out of executive session, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Michele Williams made a motion to contribute \$50,000 out of the RPDC account to Remington Park to help with a one-time capital investment, contingent on the OQHRA matching the same contribution of \$50,000. Also, contingent upon all surveillance reports being restricted to Remington Park and the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2018 Will Rogers Down handle report and the 2018 Will Rogers Downs purse report. The report is on the TRAO website.

Danielle Barber discussed the 2019 Will Rogers Downs License Application. Below are the distinct changes from the 2018 Will Rogers Downs License Application.

1. 24-day spring thoroughbred meet (was 30 days in 2018, still runs 10 weeks);
2. The first day of spring meet moves to one week later; 216 thoroughbred races to be run (was 270 in 2018, still average 9 per day);
3. An 8% thoroughbred purse increase from 2018 across the board (more applied only to overnight races and not stakes);
4. A thoroughbred purse structure bonus of 8% for each starter more than 10 in large fields (ex: a 12 horse field pays out 16% on top of overnight purse, etc.);
5. A thoroughbred structure reduction of 8% for each starter less than 8 in short fields (ex: a 5 horse field pays out 24% less than overnight purse, etc.).

Danny Caldwell made a motion for the TRAO not support the 2019 Will Rogers Downs License Application as presented, Boyd Caster seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas updated the board on current legislative issues, none at this time.

Danielle Barber distributed the updated PTF to the board.

Danielle Barber discussed the procedures and requested approval of the upcoming 2019 election for Owner and Breeder Directors. The board was given the recommendations for the Election Director, Ric Hedges (an independent CPA) and the previous three (3) election committee members consisting of Joe Alexander, Bill Anderson and Van French. Ms. Barber requested alternates of Kris Richter or Robin Von Hemel if an election committee member would be unable to serve.

Randy Blair made a motion to approve the procedures and the 2019 Election Committee consisting of, Joe Alexander, Bill Anderson and Van French along with alternates Kris Richter or Robin Von Hemel and Election Director, Ric Hedges, CPA, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### Unforeseen Business:

Danielle Barber distributed the revised Carter Sales Ad which is scheduled to be Sunday, September 2, 2018 at the OKC State Fair Grounds.

Danielle Barber reviewed the proposed letter to the Oklahoma Horse Racing commission requesting they amend the current rule 325:25-1-32 regarding Coggins-Test allowing a copy instead of an original.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to forward the letter to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission requesting they amend the current rule 325:25-1-32 regarding Coggins-Test allowing a copy instead of an original, Veronica Griggs seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the new implementation of Jock mount fees during the 2018 Remington Park meet and all future meets in Oklahoma allowing Owners the ability to opt out of paying 10% for first and 5% for second and third to a Jockey from the Oklahoma Bred incentive award money. The Oklahoma Bred incentive award never clears an owners account prior to a Jockey being paid since the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission distributes the Oklahoma Bred incentive award money and these funds are not co-mingled with the purse account at each respective racetrack(s). The Owner cannot payout 10% for first or 5% for second and third with money that isn't in their owners account from the Oklahoma Bred incentive awards, therefore the owner will have the option to opt out with the bookkeeper at their respective racetrack(s) and not to pay that 10% or 5% of Oklahoma Bred incentive award money.

Danielle Barber informed the board of Trainer Tim Williams' resignation from the TRAO Board. The TRAO Bylaws state vacancies may be filled for the remainder of a term by a member who

meets the requirements of the vacated position on the board upon a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

The board agreed since the vacancy would be for a year, it should be filled and it should be the next highest vote getter from the previous Owner/Trainer election. That person was Randy Oberlander.

Boyd Caster made a motion to fill the vacant seat with Randy Oberlander effective immediately, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Boyd Caster made motion to adjourn, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed.

  
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Dave Faulkner, President

Date 8/28/18