

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. September 29, 2016 by Board President Dave Faulkner.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Randy Blair	Yes	Wilson Brown	No
Danny Caldwell	Yes	Kari Craddock	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	David Faulkner	Yes
Randy Oberlander	Yes	Joe Offolter	Yes
C.R. Trout	Yes	Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes
Michele Williams	Yes	Tim Williams	Yes
Robert Zoellner	Yes		

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

**Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the amended August 16, 2016 board meeting minutes, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Joe Lucas updated the board on current legislative issues, none as of right now.

Danielle Barber presented the full board with the contract committee's recommend changes to the 2017 horsemen agreements for Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows.

**Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the 2017 horsemen agreements as presented, Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber requested approval for an election director for the 2017 TRAO Trainer election process. Her recommendation was Ric Hedges, CPA, he has conducted the previous elections.

**Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve Ric Hedges, CPA as the election director for the upcoming 2017 Trainer Elections, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber reviewed the election process that was outlined in the board packet, along with needing a full board approval for the election committee members being, Bill Anderson, Van French and Joe Alexander.

Donnie K Von Hemel made a motion to approve the election process as outlined in the board packet along with approving the election committee of Bill Anderson, Van French and Joe Alexander, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed two potential meeting places to count ballots on January 5, 2017. The two potential options were the Ran Ricks room at Remington Park or the TRAO office.

CR Trout made a motion to accept the Ran Ricks room at Remington Park, Randy Blair Seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the current purse report for Remington Park showing we are \$50,000 over than where we should be. We ran 235 races in 2015 and currently we have ran 234 puts us down one race. Field size is down as well.

Danielle Barber discussed the Remington Park Handle Report, handle is down 10% as of today. Remington Park has added a new OTB on the south side which hopefully will help.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2016 Fair Meadows Purse Report which ended on a positive note.

Danielle Barber distributed the PTF update to the board and discussed each highlighted amounts of PTF money the TRAO sent to each respective tracks. These highlighted amounts were an accumulation of carry overs from the last 4 years.

#### **New Business:**

Danny Caldwell discussed increasing bottom purses at Remington Park.

As president of the TRAO Dave Faulkner appointed Danny Caldwell to the purse committee.

Danielle Barber discussed the upcoming 2017 Directive and will be setting up a meeting with the Purse Committee.

Danielle Barber let the board know that she will be meeting with the Executive Committee in regards to the 2017 TRAO Budgets and presenting the board with a proposed budget at the next board meeting on November 15, 2016.

The TRAO General Membership will be held at Heritage Place on October 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. there will be floor nominations taken for the TRAO upcoming 2017 Trainer elections. Floor nominations will also be accepted in the Track Kitchen on October 22, 2016 from 11a.m. to 12p.m., this will conclude all nominations.

Discussion regarding Stallion Stakes breeding season of 2017 foals of 2018, race year of 2021, adding a late fee after February 1, 2017 of \$1,500 and no payments accepted after April 15, 2017.

Randy Blair made a motion to add a late fee of \$1,500 after February 1, 2017 and no payments accepted after April 15, 2017 to the Stallion Stakes breeding season of 2017 foals of 2018, race year of 2021, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion to adjourn, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.



Dave Faulkner, President

11-25-16

Date