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Tuesday, March 22, 2022

The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on March 22, 2022 by Board President Joe Offolter, located at Will Rogers Downs.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Randy Blair	Yes	Kenny Nolen	Yes
Mike Biehler	Zoom	Joe Offolter	Yes
Danny Caldwell	Zoom	C.R. Trout	Absent
Boyd Caster	Yes	Terry Westemeir	Yes
Bryan Hawk	Yes	Scott Young	Yes
Theresa Luneack	Yes	Robert Zoellner	Yes
Mike Major	Absent		

Also, in attendance Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas, Lori Bravo and Dave Faulkner.

Joe Offolter, TRAO Board President welcomed new board member Terry Westemeir in starting his 3-year term. Mr. Offolter also recognized out going TRAO Board President Dave Faulkner for his years of dedication to the TRAO Board.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 TRAO board meeting minutes, Randy Blair seconded, Terry Westemeir abstained, the motion passed.

Joe Lucas gave the TRAO board an industry update on the current status of HISA and how this will affect the horse industry when it goes into effect July 1, 2022.

Lori Bravo gave a recap to the TRAO board regarding the informal meeting held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at River Oaks in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Mrs. Bravo stated there was an impressive attendance by many horsemen and gave a big thank you to Kelly Cathey with the OHRC, Matt Vance with Remington Park and Joe Lucas and the TRAO for attending. The information that was presented was very helpful and led to great discussion. Mrs. Bravo requested to set-up another informal meeting something during the Will Rogers Downs Thoroughbred Meet or at another location in the near future.

Danielle Barber informed the TRAO board that Denis Blake with the American Racehorse has agreed to partner with the TRAO and Texas Thoroughbred Association to resume printing of the Stallion Register starting in 2023 for members of the TRAO and TTA and to be mailed by December 2022. There will be a new addition which will include an Oklahoma Trainer's directory in the back of the stallion register. The TRAO will make available a form of consent/participation to all Oklahoma Trainer's to sign and return back which will allow for their information to be printed.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the TRAO 2021 4th Quarter Financials, Scott Young seconded, Terry Westemeir abstained, the motion passed.

Danielle Barber discussed with the TRAO board the NHBPA's requested to potentially host the 2022 Claiming Crown at Remington Park in the fall. After reviewing the TRAO board stated that there would need to be \$500,000 of sponsorships to make it cost effective to horsemen and for Ms. Barber to further discuss with NHBPA.

Joe Offolter, TRAO Board President appointed a Bylaw Committee of Bryan Hawk, Terry Westemeir and Robert Zoellner to review and work on wording in regards to removing the required signature but keep a printed label on an election ballot to make the ballot eligible for counting and any other changes the election committee deems necessary. These changes will be brought back to the TRAO board at the next board meeting for review.

Danielle Barber reviewed the PTF report as of 3/7/2022 TRAO sent \$1mil to the Will Rogers Downs Purse account and \$500,000 to the Oklahoma Bred Account. The WPU for February was \$213 for 2022 down from 2021 at \$235.

Unforeseen/Unfinished:

Danielle Barber discussed the options in regards to the waiver claiming rule with the TRAO Board.

Scott Young made a motion requesting Fair Meadows to implement a house rule in regards to the waiver claiming rule at the start of the 2022 TB meet. Rule should read at the time of entry of a claiming race the owner or trainer may opt to declare a horse ineligible to be claimed. The horse can only be entered for a claiming price of equal to or greater than the claiming price at which it last started as an official starter and has not had an official start for 90 days or longer, Theresa Luneack seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Kenny Nolen made a motion to adjourn, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.



Joe Offolter, President

Date 4-19-22